

**Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George**

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Our Lady and St George's Primary School:

Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

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**Charity Number: 234092**

**First Sunday of Lent (B)**

**Year of St. Joseph (21.02.2021)**

Dear Parishioners,

The first reading tells us how man irrevocably broke the *original covenant* God had made with Adam and Eve, and how the merciful God selected Noah and his family to renew the covenant. Noah's rescue from the flood symbolizes how we are saved through the water of Baptism which cleanses us of sin and makes us one with Christ. In the second reading, St. Peter shows us how Noah's episode prefigured Baptism. He reminds us that, as Noah and his family were saved from the waters of the deluge, so we are saved through the waters of Baptism. Baptism is an outward sign of the New Covenant that God has made with His people. It makes us adopted children of God, heirs of Heaven, and temples of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, we are told that Jesus faced and defeated the tempter by his forty days of prayer and penance in the desert immediately following his baptism. It also tells us how Jesus started preaching his Messianic mission: "*The time is fulfilled. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent. Believe in the Gospel.*"

**Have a Blessed Week**

**Canon Niall**

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**MARRIAGES:** By appointment. At least six months' notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests for more information.

**Reopening of the Church:** Our Church is reopened for liturgical services from today.

**Mass Times:**

Weekdays: 9.15 am

Saturday: 10.00 am

Sunday: 10.00 am (also live-streamed) Link: <https://youtu.be/scrTtQqfuf8>

**Thanks:** Thank you to Joseph and Biju for helping with the live-streaming Holy Mass since the lockdown began.

**Roy Bandhu, Rest in Peace:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Roy Bandhu, Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for Roy Bandhu's soul will be on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 at 2.30 p.m. in Our Lady and St. George Church.

**Delphina Glah, Rest in Peace:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Delphina Glah, Rest in Peace. Our sincere condolence to the family. The funeral arrangements are being finalized.

**Dean Yaw Offori, Rest in Peace:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Dean Yaw Offori (Ossi), Rest in Peace. Our sincere condolence to the family. The funeral arrangements are being finalized.

**Philomena Spranklen, Rest in Peace:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Philomena Spranklen, Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for Roy Bandhu's soul will be on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 10.45 a.m in Our Lady and St. George Church.

**Angela Sarah Alice Veronica Heffernan:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Angela Sarah Alice Veronica Heffernan, Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for Angela's soul will be on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30 p.m in Our Lady and St. George Church.

**CAFOD Appeal:** Here are online resources specifically for parish use to promote CAFOD's Lent Appeal in these challenging times. A short guide can be found at this link<" rel="noopener" target=" blank" data-mce-href="https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/55011/761982/version/3/file/Lent+in+parishes\_Online+resources+guide.pdf">https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/55011/761982/version/3/file/Lent+in+parishes\_Online+resources+guide.pdf>, with suggested posts, downloadable images and short videos for use in:

- \* parish Facebook or Twitter pages;
- \* WhatsApp groups;
- \* electronic versions of parish newsletters; and
- \* livestream Mass platforms.

More information about our Lent Appeal can be found here<" rel="noopener" target=" blank" data-mce-href="https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day">https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>.

**LEARNING FROM COVID:** Sr Gemma Simmonds CJ of Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge, will lead a livestreamed study day on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March from 11 am, on the topic 'Learning from Covid: church, state and a better future'. The study day is organised by Gidea Park parish. Free access to the live event will be available on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) and a recording subsequently on the same website.

## **Guidelines on reopening of the Church**

- Please follow one way system, social distancing and the guidance by the volunteers.
- If you have an illness/feeling unwell, please remain at home until you are fully recovered.
- Entrance only through the front door and exit only through the farther right side door near the sanctuary.
- You will be signed into Mass – Name and Telephone.
- Use Sanitizers, gloves and face coverings/masks.
- Please observe all the signs of social distancing regarding where to sit/kneel in the church.
- Keep social distancing.
- No Altar-servers, readers and deacon for the liturgy.
- Very brief homily.
- There will be no offertory procession of gifts and collection during Holy Mass; instead you may drop your contribution at the basket kept at the entrance and exit as well.
- There is no exchange of the sign of peace.
- After the prayer “*Behold the Lamb of God . . . Lord I am not worthy,*” when the priest holds up the host and says “*The Body of Christ*” the congregation respond “*Amen*”. In the same way, when the priest elevates the chalice and says “*The Blood of Christ*” the congregation respond “*Amen*”. The Communion will be distributed in silence.
- Communicants may receive Holy Communion, in their hands, palms upwards, one on the top of the other, should be extended as flatly as possible.
- No Extra ordinary Lay ministers of Holy Communion.
- Come to receive Holy Communion only under the guidance of the stewards.
- Come early for weekend Masses - church capacity is only 150.
- It is not a known fact on how many people will attend mass. Consequently one way of managing this is for people to come to the weekday masses in the church.
- Offertory collection and donations to be placed in the baskets as you exit after Holy Mass.
- Priests are told to go directly to the sacristy after Mass.
- There will be no hand outs (Mass sheets, News Letters, hymn books etc.,) for the masses for the foreseeable future.
- Choir return will be announced.
- Families or individuals please sit and kneel at the places assigned.
- Neither holy water nor votive candles are available at present.
- Please refrain from touching statues.
- No access to the toilets, but only in emergency.  
Please leave the church promptly.

**Our parish safe guarding officials are Jenny Richmond and Marina Tudda.  
Samaritans 020 8520 9191.**

## Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

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| <b>Sun 21 Feb</b> | <b>First Sunday of Lent (B)</b>  |
| <b>10.00 am</b>   | Marc Wilson (Rest in Peace) (Nelly and Cesar)                                      |
|                   | Eamon and Rita Staunton's Intentions (Golden Wedding Anniversary) (Sr. Anne Marie) |
| <b>Mon 22 Feb</b> | <b>The Chair of St. Peter, Ap – Feast</b>  |
| <b>9.15 am</b>    | Victor and Olga's Intentions   |
|                   | Alice Isaac (Rest in Peace) (Ron)  |
| <b>Tue 23 Feb</b> | <b>Feria</b>   |
| <b>9.15 am</b>    | Victor and Olga's Intentions   |
|                   | Aguida Lazarus (Rest in Peace) (Irma)  |
| <b>Wed 24 Feb</b> | <b>Feria</b>   |
| <b>9.15 am</b>    | John Elms (Rest in Peace) (Family)   |
|                   | Maume Family Intentions  |
| <b>Thu 25 Feb</b> | <b>Feria</b>   |
| <b>9.15 am</b>    | Maume Family Intentions (Mary)   |
|                   | Tom McEntoaggert (O' Halloran)   |
| <b>Fri 26 Feb</b> | <b>Feria (lent Fast Day)</b>   |
| <b>9.15 am</b>    | Maume Family Intentions  |
|                   | Amado Huerda (Rest in Peace) (Teresa)  |
| <b>Sat 27 Feb</b> | <b>Feria</b>   |
| <b>10.00 am</b>   | Alan Beer (Rest in Peace) (Phyllis)  |
|                   | Kelly Moss (Rest in Peace) (Family)  |
| <b>Sun 28 Feb</b> | <b>Second Sunday of Lent (B)</b>   |
| <b>10.00 am</b>   | Fr. Michael Heagney (Rest in Peace) (Sr. Anne Marie)                               |
|                   | Clandette Blackman - Intentions (Margaret and Norris)                              |

### Prayer List

Christopher Browne, Rose Dennehy, Carol Hogermeer, Brian Keane, Ignatius Keane, Tony McCarthy, Rose O'Neill, Andrea Roberts, Promise Shinondo, Christine Conway, Nora Meades, Veronica Nolan, Mr and Mrs Charles, Esperanza Buenaventura, Joyce Ross, Christine Raymond, Jacky Boyrow, Thelma Lewis, Tasmin Sparks, Eileen Karim, Sandra Gibson, Archie Garrod, Martin Keane, Alix Charlery, Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati, Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Bridget Lyons, Jeffrey Mitchell, Michelle Boyle, Carla Cornelius, Cecelia Gibbs, Arthur Gibbs, Ural Gibbs, Gilbert Gibbs, Archie, George and Issac, Luis and Lukas, Comfort Kwawu, Judith Hilton, Gloria and Tracy Joseph, Regina Jose, Kojo Gyebi-Ababio, Thampirajah Baskaran, Brid O'Halloran, Tina Henriques, Neill, Alan and Ross Smith, Stefan, Monica Baugh, Eileen O Kane, Grace McCaley, Jadwiga, Matthias Fredberg, Michael White, Fr. Jean Laurent Marie, Margaret Bandhu, Alma Willox, Chantale Wildman, Christopher Almeida, Aileen Mensah, Sr. Helen, Sebastian, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Jennie Richmond, Terry Coe, Brendan Mc Donagh (aged 6), Liberee Uwimana, Violet Alahendran, Bernedette Doherty, Patricia (Bondo), Sadie, Majella (Jo), Tim, Lindsey, Ellen, Clarice and Jack, Richard and Christine Martin.