

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

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Charity Number: 234092

Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothers' Day (B) (14.03.2021)

Year of St. Joseph

Dear Parishioners,

GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO MUCH THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON. . . John 3:14-21.

The first reading today is like an aftermath account by a reporter of the lowest point in the history of the Jewish people. It records destruction, massacres, enforced exile to Babylon and the levelling ruination of the temple. Why did God allow this? Why did God not intervene? How could God let this happen? Similar questions were asked about covid-19 which gripped the entire world. Why did God not stop the pandemic? What does God allow terrorists to maim and kill innocent people? Why did these young people die in a car crash? Why was I victim of horrendous, domestic abuse? Why is there famine in many parts of the world? Why did the 'temple of my family' have to be the one destroyed by addiction? Why do we have to die? Endless questions . . .

No one has any convincing answers to these profound questions. The reading from Ephesians and the Gospel today give us an image of God who 'loved us so much love that he was generous with his mercy and brought us to life in Christ' (Eph 2:4). Today's Gospel is not about a God who is vengeful and spiteful. 'GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO MUCH THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON' is an expression of God's true nature. Our church has faced low points in its history and in recent years has had to be confronted with a dismal, shameful past. As a church, we failed to preach that GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO MUCH and that each and every one of us is 'God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life from the beginning he had meant us to live it' (Eph 2:10).

Lent is a spring time of new life and growth. It is a time that helps us to ask different questions about glaring injustice and the fragile uncertainty of life. Lent offers us the light, love and compassion of Christ to guide us through personal deserts of darkness and doubts. 'By the rivers of Babylon' was a Rastafarian song composed in Jamaica in 1970. It is based on today's psalm. It was later popularized by Boney M in 1978. The psalm and the song are full of lament and yet kindled with hope-because no-one can ever stifle or silence the singing of the Lord's song – which is – an unchained melody of eternal love for us all.

Have a Blessed Week

Canon Niall

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.

Mass Times:

Weekdays: 9.15 a.m.

Saturday: 10.00 a.m. and **6.00 pm (Vigil Mass Returns)**

Sunday: 8.30 am, 10.00 a.m. and **12.00 pm** (10.00 a.m. Mass will be live-streamed) Link: <https://youtu.be/scrTtQqfuf8>

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday at 6pm (also live-streamed)

Prayers and Blessings for Mary Bifulio who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during the 10am live-streaming mass on Sunday (7th March).

ACN Virtual Sunday Lunch will stream live on YouTube from 1pm - 3pm on Sunday 21 March 2021: Entrance is free, and **no advance registration is necessary:** Just get your Sunday lunch in the oven and click the link on this

webpage to join us: <https://acnuk.org/event/acn-virtual-sunday-lunch/>

Free Online event: The Catholic Biblical Association of Great Britain releases *What is Man?* With Nuria Calduch-Benages on Saturday 20th March 2021 at 1100 – 1230 GM. Link: www.whatgoodnews.org

Helen Holloway, Rest in Peace: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Helen Holloway, Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for Helen's soul will be on Saturday 20th March at 10.45 a. m in Our Lady and St. George Church.

Angela Sarah Alice Veronica Heffernan, Rest in Peace: 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 29th March at 1.30 p. m in Our Lady and St. George Church.

Dean Yaw Offori, Rest in Peace: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Dean Yaw Offori (Ossi), Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for Ossi's soul will be on Thursday 8th April at 11.30 am in Our Lady and St. George Church.

Nana Nyarko Adu Baffour, Rest in Peace: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Nana Nyarko Adu Baffour, Rest in Peace. Our sincere condolence to the family.

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 Extraordinary 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, Newsletters, 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.

**We pray for all mothers
living and dead**

**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

06.00 pm	Richard and Nora Keane (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 14 Mar	Fourth Sunday of Lent (B) (Mother's Day)
10.00 am	Brendan Hickey (Rest in Peace) (Hickey)
	Mary Callanan (Rest in Peace)
Mon 15 Mar	Feria
9.15 am	Patricia G Bondo (Rest in Peace) (Gertrude)
	Patrick Ramsey - Intentions (Jane)
Tue 16 Mar	Feria
9.15 am	Rose Morley (Rest in Peace) (Anne O'Donovan)
	Tim Keenan (Rest in Peace) (Dave Moss)
Wed 17 Mar	St. Patrick, Bp, PATRON OF Ireland – National Feast
9.15 am	Theresa Spence (Rest in Peace) (Aidan)
	Elizabeth Mc Gann (Foundation)
Thu 18 Mar	Feria
9.15 am	Kevin Mc Neill (Rest in Peace) (Aidan)
	Theodorus Vander Bougard (Rest in Peace) (Gloria)
Fri 19 Mar	St. Joseph, Husband of Blessed Virgin Mary – Solemnity
9.15 am	Osie Family Intentions (Louella)
	Mary Stack (Rest in Peace) (Dave Moss)
Sat 20 Mar	Feria
10.00 am	John Moore (Rest in Peace) (Grazyna and Sylwestor)
06.00 pm	Bernard and Sheila Moss (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 21 Mar	Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)
08.300 am	Sr. Veronica's Intentions (Sr. Peggy)
10.00 am	Kathleen Murnano (Rest in Peace) (Carmody)
12.00 pm	Trevor Correya (Rest in Peace) (Sharon)

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), Lindsey, Ellen, Clarice and Jack, Richard and Christine Martin, Marie.