

**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**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent (B) (21.03.2021)**

**Year of St. Joseph**

Dear Parishioners,

*I will write it on their hearts (Jer 31:31-34).*

The prophet's message is meant to challenge us rather than comfort us. Jeremiah's words today assure us with a message about a new covenant that is deeply planted within us and is written on our hearts by a God who NEVER MORE WILL REMEMBER OUR SINS. Jeremiah offers us a message of hope in a time of uncertainty as we navigate the impact of the pandemic and what the eventual cost will be on lives, jobs, confidence, the economy, our-well-being-physical, mental and spiritual. The pandemic has overtaken us on several levels that no one had foreseen. We now live in solidarity with uncertainty and vulnerability just as Jeremiah did. Society and the Church are discovering that they are communities that are forged through weakness, rather than from positions of prestige, privilege and prominence. Lent is an invitation to open our closed hearts to God and to one another. So often we read of stories in the Gospel where closed hearts are broken open through the action and presence of Jesus. Lent invites us to open our hearts to our immediate and global neighbour – CAFOD. Today's Gospel shows Jesus seeing power and potential in a grain of wheat. He saw all life as a gift from God. He shows how we are dependent on God's gifts. He wants – despite his troubled soul – to claim God's hour, God's time for God.

Jesus offers us a vision of human life restored, renewed, rescued, re-created and reconciled. He does this by being in communion all creation. Jesus asks us: 'Who will inherit the earth?' Jesus promises it to the poor. Brazilian theologian, Leonardo Boff, once wrote that . . . 'human beings are finding their way back to their shared home, the great, good bountiful Earth' (*Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, pxi Orbis Books). May it be so through our collective, shared witness.

**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:** 9.15am. and 6.00pm

**Saturday:** 10.00am and 6.00pm

**Sunday:** 8.30am, 10.00am. and 12.00noon

(10.00 am. Mass will be live-streamed)

Link: <https://youtu.be/scrTtQqfuf8>

**This weekend sees the return of the 8.30am Sunday Mass.**

**Confession:** Priests are available after every Mass for Confession.

**Thanks:** Thanks to all who came along to clean the church on Saturday last.

**Holy Week Liturgy:**

**Palm Sunday:** 8.30am, 10.00a.m. and 12.00noon (10.00am. Mass will be live-streamed).

**Maundy Thursday:** 8.00 Mass (Last Supper Mass)

**Good Friday:** 10.00am. Divine Office, 6.00pm. Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday:** 10.00am Divine Office. 7.30pm. Vigil Mass.

**Easter Sunday:** 8.30am, 10.00am and 12.00noon.

**Last Holy Easter** – all our ceremonies were live streamed because of covid-19.

This Holy Week and Easter will be available to all parishioners with the necessary requirements.

**Palm Sunday** – no procession and simple blessing of the palms which will be available on your way out of Mass.

**Maundy Thursday** – Mass of the Last Supper – No washing of the feet permitted; Altar of Repose will be the Tabernacle in the Sanctuary. Good Friday – Veneration of the Cross with social distancing conducted with a deep bow or genuflection or kneel briefly. Neither kissing of the Cross nor touching of the Cross is allowed.

**Easter Vigil** – No Easter fire, no procession of the Candle.

**Prayer Circle:** We would like to begin a prayer circle to pray (in confidentiality) for those who are in need of prayer. Those who would like to join please email to the parish office or give your name to any of the priests.

**Fr. Joseph Anthiyakulam**, the former chaplain to the Syro-Malabar Community, wrote that he is settling in well at his new parish in Bexhill and that he wishes us all to know that he continues to pray for us all.

**Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday at 6.00pm. (also live-streamed).

**Gift AID Box:** Gift AID Box for the new tax year will be available soon. Please come and collect your Gift AID Boxes.

**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/>

**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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30 a.m 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.

**Dean Human Rest in Peace:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Dean Human, Rest in Peace. Our sincere condolence to Camelle and family.

**Cynthia Davis, Rest in Peace:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Cynthia Davis, Rest in Peace. Our sincere condolence to the family. The funeral arrangement are being finalised.

#### **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.
- 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.
- Offertory collection and donations to be placed in the baskets as you exit after Holy Mass.

Please leave the church promptly.

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

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

<b>06.00 pm</b>	Bernard and Sheila Moss (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Sun 21 Mar</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)</b>
<b>08.30 am</b>	Elamma's Intentions
<b>10.00 am</b>	Kathleen Murnane (Rest in Peace) (Carmody)
<b>12.00 pm</b>	Trevor Correya (Rest in Peace) (Sharon)
<b>Mon 22 Mar</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>9.15 am</b>	Parishioners
<b>06.00 pm</b>	Helen Sweeney (Rest in Peace) (Hurley)
<b>Tue 23 Mar</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>9.15 am</b>	Michael Murtagh (Rest in Peace) (Anne O'Donovan)
<b>06.00 pm</b>	Mary Stack (Rest in Peace) (Carmody)
<b>Wed 24 Mar</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>9.15 am</b>	Sr. Annunciata's Intentions (Sr. Anne Marie)
<b>06.00 pm</b>	Cecilia Hope McDonagh (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Thu 25 Mar</b>	<b>The Annunciation of the Lord – Solemnity</b>
<b>9.15 am</b>	Harold Sweeney (Rest in Peace) (Tom Crawley)
<b>06.00 pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Fri 26 Mar</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>9.15 am</b>	James Harte (Family) followed by stations of the cross at 6.30 p.m.
<b>06.00 pm</b>	Tom Crawley – Intentions
<b>Sat 27 Mar</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>10.00 am</b>	Tim Keenan (Rest in Peace) (Pat and Mary Moss)
<b>06.00 pm</b>	James Harte (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Sun 28 Mar</b>	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B)</b>
<b>08.30 am</b>	Parishioners
<b>10.00 am</b>	Mary Stack (Rest in Peace) (Carmody)
<b>12.00 pm</b>	Clorinda O'Gorman – Intentions (O'Gorman)

#### **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.