

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

Holy Family Catholic College: 8520 0482/8520 3587

Charity Number: 234092

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Dear Parishioners,

'And they would not accept him'(Mark 6:3). Paul Simon's song, *The Sound of Silence* was released in 1965, the same time that the Second Vatican gathered to dialogue with the world! The song ends with these haunting words: 'And the people bowed and prayed/To the neon God they made/And the sign flashed out its warning.in the words that it was forming/And the sign said ' The words of the prophets/Are written in the subway walls/And tenement halls/And whispered the sound of silence.

Meister Eckhart (1260-1328) reminds us the 'grace is never a stationary thing, it is always found in a becoming.' Today's Gospel show us Jesus in Nazareth, his own home town, being rejected and despised by his own people. They had earlier been astonished at the teaching of Jesus in the synagogue and then they were unable to accept a challenging and radically prophetic message.

To this day you often see daubed on tenement walls a prophetic message about inequality, injustice and climate change. We still don't listen! Sir David Attenborough is a prophet who chronicles for us the mysteries of the planet and the tidal and climactic influences on our eco-system. Do we listen? Have we heeded the 2015 message of *Laudato Si'* by Pope Francis on the care of our common home that we all share together?

Today's Responsorial Psalm directs us to focus our eyes on the Lord, away from the scorn, contempt, pride and disdain that blur our vision of the dream that God has for us. In our society that is both deeply individualistic on one hand and on the other is deeply conformist, the Gospel and also the Psalm remind us that the Church is always renewed from the edge, the peripheries rather than the centre.

The Coptic monastery of St. Macarius outside Cairo, in a place called *Wadi-al-Natroun* was built in the year 360 Ad and still continues to witness to a contemplative way of monastic life. The Copts call it *Shihet*, the place of the weighting of the heart-our desires, our deepest love, our willing, our weakness, our longing and our choosing.

'For it is when I am weak that I am strong' are St Paul's words to us. May we always know this 'weighing' and 'weakness' and live as a pastoral-prophetic Church of God's people.

Have a Blessed Week.

Canon Miall

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

Baptism Courses: First and last Monday of the month at 6.30 p.m. in our Church.

Baptism Ceremonies: Second and Third Sunday of each month at 1.15 p.m., we recommence Baptism Ceremony from June 2021.

Fr. Maurice Gordon Congratulations to Fr Maurice Gordon who has been made a Canon for the Brentwood Diocesan Chapter of Canons. The Mass for Fr Maurice's induction will take place in the Cathedral at Brentwood on Monday 13th of September at 7p.m.

Fr. John Victor Congratulations to Fr John Victor who has been appointed parish priest at Saint Stephen's Parish Manor Park. The diocesan moves will take place in early September..Fr John Victor's replacement will be **Fr Michael Barwick** who will ordained on Saturday July 10 at 10:30a.m. Mass in the Cathedral at Brentwood.. Limited numbers permitted.

On Wednesday we said farewell to Sr Anne Maria a true daughter of God. We wish her well in her new convent. Her postal address is: Sr. Anne Marie, 239 Warning Tongue Lane, Cantley, Doncaster DN3 3QU.

Friday 2nd of July: the Staff of Holy Family School will attend the 9:15a.m. Mass

Please note that admittance to the church means that the restrictions must be adhered to. On a number of occasions parishioners have turned up and explained that they do not need to wear a mask because of a medical condition. Assuming you have a medical condition then you will need to show a letter from your health clinic both for your safety and those at Mass. Thank you for your cooperation.

Many long time parishioners will remember Fr (now Canon) Martin O Connor who served here as Chaplain to Whipps Cross Hospital in the 1980s. Canon Martin has retired and will continue to minister in the diocese.

Thanks to Chris Finney who spent most of Monday last tending to the flower bed in front of the church.

Peter James O'Rourke, Rest in Peace We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Peter James O'Rourke Rest in peace. Our sincere condolences to Peter's Family.

"Lourdes at your Local" Talent Show!

Do you think you could be worthy of Simon Cowell's golden buzzer?! We are looking for acts to share as part of our "Lourdes at your Local" Talent Show this Summer, which will be streamed online on Friday 30th July. Whether it's singing, dancing, magic, comedy or anything in-between, if you have a talent to share with the diocese please email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org and be prepared to send a video recording no later than Friday 2nd July. For more information on "Lourdes at Your Local" this Summer, please visit www.bcys.net/events

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is inviting parishioners across the Diocese to join in with their '**Relay 100**' summer community event. This initiative is an opportunity to recommit ourselves to our work following the pandemic, to remind our community about the work we do, to reach families who may need our support and to raise some funds through sponsored walks, runs or cycles. We are looking for 100 individuals (or families within bubbles) to complete a 'leg' of our relay around the diocese; we have routes of varying distances so there is something to suit all abilities. Can you help us? To find out more, please contact Damian Dillon: ddillon@bccs.org.uk / 07912 308000 or visit <https://www.bccs.org.uk/fundraising-and-events/all-events/relay-100> to read more about this event.

Birthday Blessing to Maria Salamanowicz

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Thanksgiving (Harte)
Sun 04 July	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
08:30am	Victoria Wyndham (Rest in Peace) (William)
10:00am	Rosie's Intentions (Family)
12:00noon	Carmel Craig (Rest in Peace) (Geraldine)
Mon 05 July	FERIA
9:15am	Intention (Harte)
06:00 pm	John Paul Ramsey's Intention (Betty)
Tue 06 July	FERIA
09:15am	Sr. Anne Marie's Intentions (Nelly and Cesar)
06:00pm	Thanksgiving (Doherty)
Wed 07 July	FERIA
09:15am	Clarinda O'Gorman (Rest in Peace) (Dave Moss)
06:00 pm	Adele Bouttle (Foundation)
Thu 08 July	FERIA
09:15am	Mary Theresa Redman's Intention's (Betty)
06:00pm	Parishioners
Fri 09 July	FERIA
09:15am	Holy Souls (Betty)
06:00pm	Housebound of the Parish
Sat 10 July	FERIA
10:00am	In Honour of Saint Raphael (Betty)
06:00pm	Thanksgiving (Doherty)
Sun 11 July	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
08:30 am	Elizabeth Rosario (Rest in Peace) (Tessie Kalpee)
10:00 am	Frank Keaney (Rest in Peace) (Catherine)
12:00noon	Eric Dawson (Rest in Peace) (Susan and Family)

Prayer List

Jenny Richmond, Betty Ramsey, Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Lucia Zeppetelli (Mario), Hilda Collett (Chris) Brid O Halloran, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Akorta Fiamavle (Ingrid), Alma Willox, William Wyndham, Liberee

If you wish to add name(s) to the Prayer List please put in writing to the priest.

Adoration and Confessions: Every Saturday after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 11:30 am.

Repository Opening Times: Sundays: 9.15 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. to

12.15 a.m.

Our parish safe guarding officials are Jenny Richmond and Marina Tudda.

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