

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

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (B) (15/08/2021)

Dear Parishioners,

The Clonfert Madonna dates back to the 14th century. The wooden carving is an example of local craftsmanship that flourished from the 13th to the 17th centuries. It was found when a woodcutter was cutting a tree for firewood. He discovered it in the hollow oak tree. He had cut off the left arm of the Madonna by accident. In 1932 it was carried in procession at the Eucharist Congress in Dublin. The statue is in the local parish church in Clonfert. The statue of the Mother and Son is not surrounded by gilded ornate decoration that can create a remote distance from people. No, she is within reach of all as she shares her Son.

The statue shows its centuries of presence and touch of generations of prayer. Mary is one of the *Anawim* – the poor of God: ‘ He looks on his servant in her lowliness. All generations will call me blessed’ is her prayer in today’s Gospel. A Marian Church is one that welcomes the excluded, the hurt and the alienated. Just as the statue was hidden for centuries, so now the Clonfert Madonna has something profound to say to the Church as it comes to terms with a cauldron of suffering and painful issues that were hidden for decades. Some of these include: the vulnerable who feel unheard because of past issues that were not fully addressed; discouraged people who feel Church has no place for them due to difference and diversity; people and priests who feel disheartened and women who feel offended as they experience hostility in the Church toward them due to the absence of any mutual and mature dialogue.

The scarred statue of the Clonfert Madonna reminds us all of our vulnerable wounds and scars. Here, as with Mary, we may find God looking on us and on

our bruised Church in our lowliness. Recent events, such as the pandemic as well as painful historical Church issues have revealed our poverty in different ways. Today's feast invites us to adopt the stance of Mary – which is one of humility, listening and healing.

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: The next Baptism preparation course will be on Monday 23rd of August at 6:30pm in the church.

Baptism Ceremonies: Second and Third Sunday of each month at 1.15pm. This Sunday we welcome Isabelle Sydney-Amour James.

On Saturday 21st August Sr. Milly celebrates her Silver Jubilee of her profession. Every Blessings.

This Sunday is the Solemnity Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Fr. Michael Barwick will be visiting the parish on Friday 27th August to accompany Fr. John Victor to visit Whipps Cross Hospital. He will formally arrive in the parish in the first week of September.

Envelopes with No Donor Details

The following are the envelopes that have no gift aid declaration forms. We cannot enter these donations as we need their details in order to create their account in the Giftwise database.

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If you have any of these numbers please speak to one of the priests after Mass. and complete a Gift Aid declaration with your telephone and e/mail address.

Parishioners are invited to place a gift of money inside an envelope marked 'Fr. John Victor' in thanksgiving for Fr. John Victor's time in our parish. Please return in the coming Sundays to the collection basket. Canon Niall.

Parish Holy Communion programme for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. As you recall no preparation was possible this year, consequently a lot of applications are expected for the coming year but priority will be given to families who attend Mass every Sunday, this also applies for candidates for Sacrament of Confirmation.

If you wish to join the prayer circle please email the parish office email. Details of the email address can be found on the page 1 of the newsletter.

Monday 30th of August is a bank holiday. Mass times : 10:00am and 06:00pm.

Prayer List

Jenny Richmond, Betty Ramsey, Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Lucia Zeppetelli (Mario) , Hilda Collett (Chris) Brid O Halloran, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Alma Willox, William Wyndham, Liberee, Maria Green, Anne (Christina), Agnes Fadina, Grace

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 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. Nelly and Rosie look after the Repository.

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

Birthday Blessings to Fr. Kevin Conaway Parish Priest of Our Lady and Saint Patrick Parish Blackhorse Road.

Cyril and Rose Ogidi recently celebrated 70 years of marriage. A presentation will be made to them at the 12 noon Mass this weekend.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Brian Kearey (Rest in Peace) (Harte)
Sun 15 Aug	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
08:30am	Housebound of the Parish
10:00am	NA Grace Kahkuntan -Ghanian Community (Grace Ouoloekwe)
12:00noon	Ghanaian Community Parishioners (Lorna Okoleekwe)
Mon 16 Aug	FERIA
9:15am	Nelly and Caesar's Intentions
06:00 pm	Thanksgiving (Parishioners)
Tue 17 Aug	FERIA
09:15am	Margaret and Norris's Intentions
06:00pm	Parishioners
Wed 18 Aug	FERIA
09:15am	Ted Fox (Rest in Peace) (Marie Reville)
06:00 pm	Ella Weston (Rest in Peace) (Reade)
Thu 19 Aug	Feria
09:15am	Intentions of Rakiya
06:00pm	The Geoghan Family (Reade)
Fri 20 Aug	Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
09:15 am	Families who tend the Altar Linen
06:00pm	Theresa Musso's Intentions
Sat 21 Aug	Saint Pius X, Pope
10:00am	Delphin's Intentions
06:00pm	Alice D'Arcy (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 22 Aug	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Nigel's Intentions
10:00 am	Sebastiano Miguel (Rest in Peace) (Perkins)
12:00noon	Alice D'Arcy (Rest in Peace) (Family)

A big thank you to Margaret Levine who faithfully helped run the Repository down the years. Continued Blessings. Canon Niall.