

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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) (12/09/2021) **(Education Day)**

Dear Parishioners,

When Jesus first asks his disciples: 'Who do men say that I am?' (Mk 8:27) they give very different answers: John the Baptist, Elijah, one of the prophets! Today, as down the centuries, those who encounter Jesus along their own way give their own answers. These are approaches which can be helpful in finding the way to truth. But while not necessarily false, they remain insufficient, for they do not go to the heart of who Jesus is. Only those willing to follow him on his path, to live in fellowship with him in the community of his disciples, can truly know who he is.

By telling his disciples that he must suffer and be put to death, and then rise again, Jesus wants to make them understand his true identity. He is a Messiah who suffers, a Messiah who serves, and not some triumphant political saviour. He is the Servant who obeys his Father's will, even to giving up his life. This had already been foretold by the prophet Isaiah in today's first reading. Jesus thus contradicts the expectations of many. What he says is shocking and disturbing. We can understand the reaction of Peter who rebukes him, refusing to accept that his Master should suffer and die! Jesus is stern with Peter; he makes him realize that anyone who would be his disciple must become a servant, just as he became Servant.

Following Jesus means taking up one's cross and walking in his footsteps, along a difficult path which leads not to earthly power or glory but, if

necessary, to self-abandonment, to losing one's life for Christ and the Gospel in order to save it. We are assured that this is the way to resurrection, to true and definitive life with God. Choosing to walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, who made himself the Servant of all, requires drawing ever closer to him, attentively listening to his word and drawing from it the inspiration for all that we do.

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 Ceremonies: Second and Third Sunday of each month at 1.15pm. The next Baptism preparation course will be on Monday 27th September 6:30pm in the Church.

This weekend we welcome into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism Justyn Lacko. Every Blessing to the family.

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.

Fr Maurice Gordon will be inducted into the Cathedral Chapter of Canons on Monday 13th of September at a Mass in Brentwood Cathedral at 7p.m. Fr Maurice would love to see parishioners from Our Lady and Saint George Parish at this special occasion. Keep Fr Maurice, Fr John Victor and Fr Michael Barwick in your prayers.

Cafod Family Fast Day is Friday first of October.

On Saturday 16th of October Sister Mary Olivia will make her final Religious Profession. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alan at Brentwood Cathedral. Full details can be found on the church notice

board in the porch. Please keep Sr Olivia in your prayers on this important stage of her faith journey.

BCYS AUTUMN YOUTH GATHER – Saturday 23rd October, Walsingham House at Abbotswick The BCYS invite all young people from school year 9 and above to join us at Walsingham House at Abbotswick for a one day event on Saturday 23rd October, with outdoor activities and inflatables and 2 fantastic speakers - John Pridmore will speak about his conversion from a life of organised crime in the East End of London, to teach us that we are all capable of changing our futures and Leila Bousbaa will inspire and educate us on the Catholic response to climate change. We are asking £20 for the day and you can book online NOW at <https://bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2021/>

CATECHIST TRAINING AND RESOURCES DAY – Saturday 6th November, Sacred Heart of Mary School, Upminster. This training and resources day is open to all First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists, as well as those who look after the children's liturgy in the Diocese of Brentwood. It will be an opportunity to hear about fresh resources, as well as receiving input to assist you in your First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes. There will be keynote speakers and updates from the BCYS in the morning, with a variety of inspiring and exciting workshops for you to choose from in the afternoon. We would particularly like to welcome any young catechists or young people in your parish (16+) who may be interested in working as or with catechists, and wish to develop their faith further post-confirmation.

Please take a newsletter home with you...one per family.

As you can see, we have taken down the white ribbons to allow access to the blocked off pews. We will maintain the one metre social distancing as well as registration and gel and temperature checks. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

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

06:00pm	John and Josie Keenan (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 12 Sept	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30am	Religious Communities in the Parish
10:00am	Mary Cunningham (Rest in Peace) (De Souza Family)
12:00noon	Thanksgiving (Suzette)
Mon 13 Sept	Saint John Chysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
09:15 am	Private Intentions
06:00 pm	Bridgit Shea's Intentions (Harpenny)
Tue 14 Sept	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
09:15am	Mary and Joe Conboy (Rest in Peace) (Maura)
06:00pm	Athira and Ronald Thanksgiving (Roy Family)
Wed 15 Sept	Our Lady of Sorrows
09:15am	Intentions of Mary McGlinchey (Bernie)
06:00 pm	Fr. Colin Watling (Rest in Peace) (Pact)
Thu 16 Sept	Saints Comelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
09:15am	Parishioners
06:00pm	Amal and Aagin Thanksgiving (Roy Family)
Fri 17 Sept	FERIA
09:15 am	Thanksgiving (Johnson and Family)
06:00pm	Hayden's Intentions (Smith)
Sat 18 Sept	Feria
10:00am	Evelyn O'Connor's Intentions (Mary O' Connor)
06:00pm	Brian Kearney (Rest in Peace)
Sun 19 Sept	Twenty-Fifth Day in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Ellen Harte's Intentions (Family)
10:00 am	Siobhan O'Riordon (Rest in Peace) (DeSouza)
12:00noon	Choi-Yee (Rest in Peace) (Ping)

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, Bridie Curley, Sharon Burke

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions: Every Saturday after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 11:15 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.