

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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) (19/09/2021)

Home Mission Day

Dear Parishioners,

Children occupied an interesting place in the first century household (for Jews and Romans alike). They represented the future—they would carry on the family name, provide for their ageing parents, and produce the next generation. But in the present, they were a liability. Small children, especially, were more likely to contract an illness and to die. They participated in the household labor, but were not yet fully productive, and still represent another mouth to feed. Many historians of this period compare the status of children in such situation to that of a slave. However, the power dynamics were more powerful than that. On the one hand, an adult slave could be 'worth' more in the present; on the other hand, even the smallest child was a member of the 'household'—an honour to which a slave was unlikely (and in most cases *unable*) to attain.

Children were insiders left on the outside. And they are the ones Jesus commands us to welcome. On the one hand, this is just another instance of Jesus turning the expectations of the world upside down. It is a great reversal in the name of justice, the kind of which St. Luke's Gospel is famous for—read the Magnificat there. But on the other hand, here in St. Mark's Gospel we also experience something else. With children, at least, the power dynamics are not so black and white—it is not so much a question of who is great and who is not, but instead it is a question of welcome.

Put another way, Jesus isn't interested in who we say is the greatest or even in who acts like the greatest or looks to be great. Jesus is interested in who acts with the greatest Grace, Compassion, and Love. How do we welcome the child? How do we welcome our Lord?

Have a Blessed Week.

Canon Niall

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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.

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.

Fr. John Victor's Message

I miss Canon Niall and all our parishioners in St. Georges, Walthamstow. I am so grateful to you and all the parishioners for all that they have done for me. My life in Walthamstow with you has prepared me to become a parish priest. I express my heart-felt gratitude to all our Parishioners for their Prayers, care, affection and also for their generous gifts on my moving. I request you to remember me and the parishioners (St. Stephen's, Manor Park in your prayers). Thank you. Fr. John

Holy Family Open Evening 2021 Holy Family School is holding our Yr 7 Open Evening on Thursday 23rd September 2021. There will be two Head teacher talks, 6.10pm and 7pm

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.

Thomas McGoldrick, Rest in Peace We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Thomas McGoldrick, Rest in Peace. The requiem Mass for Thomas's soul will be here in Our Lady and St. George Church on Wednesday 29th September at 1:00pm.

Our Condolence to Deacon Joseph whose brother died while holidaying in Ghana. May his soul Rest in Peace.

Our Condolences also for the happy repose of the soul of Jeremiah Rodney brother of Ursula Thomas.

Every Blessing to Kristina and Jason Coeur-de-Lion on their 7th wedding anniversary Tuesday last.

Birthday Blessings to Ellen Harte.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Brian Kearney (Rest in Peace) (Harte)
Sun 19 Sept	Twenty-Fifth Day in Ordinary Time
08:30am	Ellen Harte's Intentions (Family)
10:00am	Siobhan O'Riordon (Rest in Peace) (DeSouza)
12:00noon	Choi-Yee (Rest in Peace) (Ping)
Mon 20 Sept	Saints Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
09:15 am	Wesley DeSouza (Rest in Peace) (Family)
06:00 pm	Ellen Harte Intentions (Family)
Tue 21 Sept	Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
09:15am	Ellen Mary Frances Caplehorn (Foundation)
06:00pm	Parishioners
Wed 22 Sept	FERIA
09:15am	Nicky Redmond
06:00 pm	Reade/Serra/Fusi Family Intentions (Charles)
Thu 23 Sept	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina , Priest
09:15am	Gladys Braganda (Rest in Peace) (D'Souza)
06:00pm	Holy Souls (Betty)
Fri 24 Sept	Our Lady of Walsingham
09:15 am	Vocations (Betty)
06:00pm	Alikutty Mathew (Rest in Peace) (Tomy and Family)
Sat 25 Sept	FERIA
10:00am	Michael Breslin (Rest in Peace) (De Souza Family)
06:00pm	Dan Hantson (Rest in Peace) (Moss)
Sun 26 Sept	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	John and Josephine Hayden (Rest in Peace) (Betty)
10:00 am	Quintana Cabunu (Rest in Peace) (Lourdes)
12:00noon	Thanksgiving (Suzette)

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, Bridgit Morris and Mavis Hacker, Asha Paulson

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.