

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

Holy Family Catholic College: 8520 0482/8520 3587

Charity Number: 234092

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(28/11/2021)

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus lived in turbulent times. Social divisions were everywhere. The poor were exploited by the occupying forces and let down by their so-called leaders (religious and civil). Annihilation seemed imminent. People's spirits and hopes had been coarsened by the brutality of life around them. Racism was rampant with its consequent disrespect for the preciousness of each individual person as a unique child of God. It was in such an atmosphere that Jesus came preaching by word and example, a gospel of hope, justice, generosity, care, love and worship. It was a daunting message then and now. In this Sunday's liturgy, we glimpse a critical moment in His mission. 'Watch yourselves or your hearts will be coarsened' was His stern warning. Are our hearts being coarsened today? Is the culture of our time hindering our growth in becoming sensitive to goodness and to need wherever they arise? Are our hearts being coarsened by our attitudes to status, privileges, privacy, security, money and competitiveness, independence and community service and care? In facing this Gospel challenge, we take hope in the Lord's reassurance through Jeremiah that He will fulfil His promise to be always with us. (1st reading)

Advent is an invitation to 'Stay alert, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man' (Luke 21:36)

As we strive to build a new normal in these Covid times, this Advent is a renewed invitation to each of us to be transformed into a disciple of Jesus. Have I the courage to accept?

Is the cost of friendship treasure too high?

Do I really want to be a fully committed disciple friend of Jesus?

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 29th November 6:30pm in the Church

Reception Admission- September 2022*

Our Lady & St George's Catholic Primary School is hosting a series of open days as follows Tuesday mornings from 7:30am - 9am from 12th October until 14th December 2021. Tuesday evenings from 5:30pm - 7pm from 12th October until 14th December 2021. We will also offer a visit during the half term on Tuesday 26th October from 10am-11am or 2pm-3pm. Saturday 6th November 9:30am - 10:30am Saturday 20th November 9:30am - 10:30am To book, please email the school at office@olsgschool.org or call the school office on 020 8520 8500. If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, they are due to start school in September 2022, you will need to apply for a school place for your child. The closing date for applications is 15 January 2022.

The new Mass Intention Book for 2022 has arrived. Any parishioner who wishes to book a Mass for a particular date and time in 2022 can do so now.

This Sunday we welcome Zion Gabriel Joseph Da Costa into the Community of Faith through the sacrament of Baptism. Every blessing to the family.

Mass Times for Christmas

Christmas Eve: 6PM, 8PM and Midnight.

Christmas Day: 8:30 AM, 10 AM and 12 Noon

The Brentwood Diocesan Directory for 2022 will feature on the front cover a photograph of the Madonna and Child from the parish church. Ring bound priced at £4 and soft cover at £2.80p. Extra copies have been ordered and will be available from early September in the repository

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available after all Masses (Weekdays and Sundays) – ask the Priest

There are a limited number of copies of My Day by Day for Advent 2021. These are for sale in the repository at £2.

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) and Walsingham House at Abbotswick offer retreats, pilgrimages and many other events for many thousands of young people every year; most of the work is led by volunteers, trained as young leaders in the Church. The BCYS also supports our catechists and school lay chaplains. Today a speaker will tell us more about the BCYS and there will be a collection for their vital work, or you can donate online at www.bcys.net/donate.

Many of you will remember the beautiful handmade chasuble donated to the parish by Maria Waltras in Poland. Recently she asked for the dimensions of the altar. These I posted to her. A large parcel arrived with the following....a beautiful altar cloth, 2 candle holders, a crucifix, numerous purificators, burses, palls of different colours and corporals. All these items are handmade by Maria.....and chocolate. Each month of 2022, masses will be offered for this generous soul and good use will be made of the linen clothes.

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 14th December: Holy Family Catholic School Carol Service at 7:30 PM in the Church.

Thursday 16th December: Parish Advent Reconciliation Service at 7 PM in the Church

Sunday 19th December: Parish Carol service in Our Lady and St George's church at 5 PM.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Noel Michael Callanan. The requiem Mass for Noel's soul will be on Thursday 9th December at 1:30 PM in our Lady and St George's.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Lucia Zeppetelli and Manuel Silva Furtado, Rest in Peace.

Belated birthday wishes to Joshua Das and Gabriel Turay.

Advent Theme – Prepare Ye The Way of the Lord

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George (28/11 to 05/12/2021)

06:00pm	November Dead List
Sun 28th Nov	First Sunday of Advent
08:30am	Thomas and Agnes Okite (Rest in Peace) (Sr Genetrix)
10:00am	Margaret Hicks (Rest in Peace) (Hicks Family)
12:00noon	Choi – Yee (Rest in Peace) (Ping)
Mon 29th Nov	Advent Weekday
09:15 am	Angela Chukwu (Rest in Peace) (Sr Genetrix)
06:00 pm	November Dead List
Tue 30th Nov	Saint Andrew, Apostle
09:15am	November Dead List
06:00pm	November Dead List
Wed 1st Dec	Advent Weekday
09:15am	Elizabeth Nash (Rest in Peace) (Mary Murphy)
06:00 pm	Patrick Ramsey's Intentions (Betty)
Thu 2nd Dec	Advent Weekday
09:15am	Thanksgiving (Mary Murphy)
06:00pm	Eileen Raffo (Rest in Peace) (Amal)
Fri 3rd Dec	Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
09:15 am	Tom McGoldrick (Rest in Peace) (Kay Cullen)
06:00pm	Margaret Raffo (Rest in Peace) (Amal)
Sat 4th Dec	Advent Weekday
10:00am	Wesley De Souza (Family)
06:00pm	Peter Raffo (Rest in Peace) (Amal)
Sun 5 th Dec	Second Sunday of Advent
08:30	Raouf Tolia (Rest in Peace) (Amal)
10:00am	Tehmina Khiljee (Rest in Peace) (Family)
12:00	Quang Tran, Ngot Pham (Rest in Peace) (Hoa and Thuyet)

Prayer List

Jenny Richmond, Betty Ramsey, Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Hilda Collett (Chris) Brid O Halloran, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Alma Willox, William Wyndham, Liberee, Maria Green, Anne (Christina), Agnes Fadina, Grace, Bridie Curley, Sharon Baker, Bridgit Morris and Mavis Hacker, Marjorie Singh, Pietro and Maria Marrai, Peggy McManus, Rosie Ebreo

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.