

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 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (26/12/2021)

Dear Parishioners,

It's a pity we're not celebrating the feast of St. Stephen this year; he's such a favourite saint. We may no longer have as many traditional celebrations on the day after Christmas, but we remain proud that this day has its own unique characteristics for us. Though the Church celebrates the Holy Family today, St Stephen might also have some lessons for our family life.

The great story of St Stephen in the Acts of the Apostles is of his defence of the faith and then his martyrdom. As he died, he asked for forgiveness for those who had brought about his death. Forgiveness could be a value that would enhance family life. On Christmas Day, families spent longer together than they normally would. Doubtless everyone made an effort to be patient and tolerant, but cracks may have shown through and there may have been angry moments, now regretted. A family without forgiveness would be a harsh place.

Forgiveness doesn't mean ignoring what annoys, it means accepting with grace the difference between us. St Stephen managed to accept with grace the executioners who were stoning him to death, and ask that this sin 'not be held against them', as he put it. Maybe his example would help us to forgive lesser sins and transgressions committed against us by members of our own families.

No doubt the Holy Family had its own tensions. Today's Gospel records that difficult moment when Jesus went missing during the visit to Jerusalem. Mary and Joseph were worried, and told Jesus this. His answer made no sense to

them, but they learned to accept him and tolerate him in his different-ness: as we in our families are also called to do. St Stephen, teach us to forgive!

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 begins on Monday 31 January 2022 at 6:30pm in the Church for session one . Session 2 will be on Monday 6th February 6.30pm.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available after all Masses (Weekdays and Sundays).

Parish Preparation course for the sacrament of Baptism: From January 2022, the preparation course for parents will consist of two sessions. Both sessions (the first session on the last Monday of the month at 6:30 PM in the church and the second session on the next Monday). Both sessions are part of the preparation course. The next preparation course begins (session one) on Monday 31st January 2022.

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.

GIDEA PARK STUDY DAY: THE EVOLUTION OF THE MASS On Saturday 15th January 2022 Professor John Morrill will lead a Study Day on 'The Evolution of the Mass', tracing the development of the Eucharistic liturgy from the earliest centuries to the present day. He will explore in particular the teaching of Trent and Vatican II, and the latest papal instructions on the celebration of Mass. To access this free live stream event simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org The event begins at 11.00 GMT and ends by 13.30. No prior registration is needed. To be added to our mailing list simply follow the instructions on the home page of the website.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George (26/12-02/01/2022)

Sun 26 Dec	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
08:30am	Geraldine Cecilia Leatham (Rest in Peace) (Family)
10:00am	Francisco and Francisca Avelino (Rest in Peace) (Emmanuel)
12noon	Elizabeth Nash (Rest in Peace) (Whelan)
Mon 27 Dec	Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
10:00 am	Special Intentions (Liberee))
06:00 pm	Joe Bannon's Intentions (Keane)
Tue 28 Dec	The Holy Innocents Martyrs
10:00am	Colonel Tommy Ryan (Rest in Peace) (Roselene)
06:00pm	Peggy and Berny Higgins (Rest in Peace) (Ann)
Wed 29 Dec	Fifth Day within the Octave of Nativity of the Lord
10:00am	Intentions of Jenifer Phillips (Linda)
06:00 pm	Fr. Dominic Byrne (Rest in Peace) (Pact)
Thu 30 Dec	Sixth Day within the Octave of Nativity of the Lord
10:00am	Russell Phillip's Intentions (Linda)
06:00pm	Fr. David Irwin (Rest in Peace) (Pact)
Fri 31 Dec	Seventh Day within the Octave of Nativity of the Lord
10:00 am	Olivier Ellul (Rest in Peace) (Dellapina)
06:00pm	Fr. Hugh Doherty (Rest in Peace) (Pact)
Sat 01 Jan	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
10:00	Pamela Wanless (Rest in Peace) (Tudda)
06:00pm	Ken Percival (Rest in Peace (Finney)
Sun 02 Jan	Second Sunday After The Nativity
08:30	Maria Watlas
10:00am	John Moore (Rest in Peace) (Margaret)
12:00	Maria and Emanuel Tudda (Tudda)

Marie Veronica Rose Aldworth, Rest in Peace We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Marie Veronica Rose Aldworth, Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for Marie's soul will be on Thursday 6th January 12 noon in Our Lady and St George.

Susanna Morris, Rest in Peace We also pray for the happy repose of the soul of Susanna Morris, Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for Susanna's soul will be on Friday 7th January at 2:15pm in Our Lady and St George.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George (03/1/-09/1/2022)

Mon 03 Jan	FERIA
09:15 am	Miyah Kelly (Carmody)
06:00 pm	Thanksgiving (Jane)
Tue 04 Jan	FERIA
09:15am	Miyah Kelly(O’Gorman)
06:00pm	Anne Harte (Rest in Peace) (Carey)
Wed 05 Jan	FERIA
09:15am	Intentions of Theresa Cunningham (Linda)
7:30 pm	Noel Callinan (Rest in Peace) (O’Gorman)
Thu 06 Jan	The Epiphany Of The Lord
09:15am	John Moore (Rest in Peace) (Margaret)
12 noon	Requiem Mass- Marie Veronica Rose Aldworth, (Rest in Peace)
07:30pm	Noel Callinan (Rest in Peace) (Carmody)
Fri 07 Jan	FERIA
09:15 am	George and Theodora Bartolo (Rest in Peace) (Elizabeth)
02:15 pm	Requiem Mass-Susanna Morris (Rest in Peace)
06:00pm	Curley Family Intentions (Christina)
Sat 8 Jan	FERIA
10:00	Patricia Harte (O’Gorman)
06:00pm	Kelly Moss (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 09 Jan	The Baptism Of The Lord
08:30	John and Josephine Hayden (Rest in Peace) (Betty)
10:00am	David Brickley (De Souza)
12:00	Ellen Cassell (Rest in Peace) (Crawley)

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, Kathleen Lloyd, Johanna Whitley.

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.

Wishing all parishioners and your families Peace and Joy and many Blessings for 2022 Fr. Niall , Fr. Michael and Fr. Joseph and Deacon Joseph.