

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(05/11/2021)



Dear Parishioners,

The great people of Advent are Isaiah, Mary, Joseph and John the Baptist.

‘A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.’ –St John the Baptist.

From the beginning, there was difficulty between the followers of Jesus and those of John the Baptist; in fact, winning these latter over to being disciples of Jesus was one of the earliest challenges. And so, in the Gospels, John the Baptist underlines his role as a messenger, especially ‘He must grow greater, I must grow smaller’ (Jn 3:30). This theme is repeated over and over again in Church history: some major characters followers, but he/she forgets to insist that he/she is not the Messiah, there was only one: Jesus – which seems like quite a significant message to insist upon in this Sunday. He must grow greater and be more visible in my life; above all I must not distract from him.

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 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@olschool.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.

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)

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.

On Tuesday 7th December, 230 pupils from Holy Family Catholic School will attend the 9:15 AM Mass.

Attached to each newsletter is questionnaire – four questions to answer with your hopes and dreams for the future of the Catholic Church. The questionnaire can be returned at any Mass next weekend. Please take an extra questionnaire for other members of your family.

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

Thursday 16th December: Parish Advent Reconciliation Service at 7 PM.

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.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Simon Connolly, Rest in Peace. The funeral service for Simon's soul will be on Wednesday 15th December at 11:30 AM here at the church.

PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD

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

06:00pm	Peter Raffo (Rest in Peace) Amal
Sun 5th	Second Sunday of Advent
08:30am	Thomas and Agnes Okite (Rest in Peace) (Sr Genetrix)
10:00am	Tehmina Khiljee (Rest in Peace) (Family)
12:00noon	Quang Tran, Ngan Pham (Rest in Peace) (Hoa and Thuyet)
Mon 6th Dec	Advent Weekday
09:15 am	Betty and Family Intentions
06:00 pm	Fawzia Tobia (Rest in Peace) (Amal)
Tue 7th Dec	Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
09:15am	George and Todora Bartulo (Rest in Peace) (Elizabeth)
06:00pm	In Honour of our Lady of Perpetual Help (Betty)
Wed 8th Dec	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
09:15am	Neil Campbell (Rest in Peace) (Linda)
06:00 pm	Emile Raouf (Rest in Peace) (Amal)
Thurs 9th	Advent Weekday
09:15am	Philippa Lopez and Harry Dewsbury (Rest in Peace) (Abda)
06:00pm	Eileen Raouf (Rest in Peace) (Amal)
Fri 10th Dec	Advent Weekday
09:15 am	Margaret Trejo (Rest in Peace) (Abda)
06:00pm	Margaret Raffo (Rest in Peace) (Amal)
Sat 11th Dec	Advent Weekday
10:00am	Patrick and Family's Intentions (Betty)
06:00pm	Annie Cullen (Rest in Peace) (John Rafferty)
Sun 12ths Dec	Third Sunday of Advent
08:30	Kristina (Rest in Peace) (Eluyra)
10:00am	Timothy O Sullivan (Rest in Peace) (Mary)
12:00	Bernard Bernoy (Rest in Peace) (Kristina)

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, William Wyndham, 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.

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