

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

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Charity Number: 234092

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (23/01/2022)

(Sunday of the Word of God)

Dear Parishioners,

While it is always desirable to be spiritually nourished by reading passages from the Bible in private, a different dynamic is at work when there is communal listening in a liturgical setting. The Spirit of God is at work in the communal listening. We listen together, we listen as one, ready to be touched by Spirit of God.

According to Nehemiah, people in Ezra's time did not object to lengthy sermons! Ezra preached from early morning until noon, about half a day. He was obviously good at proclaiming and explaining the Law (the first five books of the Bible), 'translating and giving the sense, so that people could understand'. And the ceremony ended in celebration and in joy, with an outreach to the poor who could not attend.

One may rightly ask: what is happening here? The answer comes in the Gospel, where something similar, on a smaller scale, is happening. Jesus, 'with the power of the Spirit in him', is preaching in the synagogue in his native Nazareth. All eyes are on him as he is handed the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Carefully and deliberately he selects passages from Chapters 58 and 61: 'The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor....liberty to captives....sight to the blind....' The people gaze in expectation as one of their own rolls up that scroll and observing synagogue practice, sits down to preach.

What will he say? 'This text is being fulfilled even as you listen'. 'Even as you listen 'communally to the ancient story! 'Even as you listen' today to a prophecy being fulfilled! Jesus situates himself within the sacred story, within the communal story. That story finds its meaning in him. As for Ezra's audience, as for Jesus and the congregation in Nazareth, today we 'read' ourselves into the sacred story, 'even as we listen'. Sacred storytelling is revelatory, most especially when it happens in sacred assembly where the listening is communal. As we listen together, in synodal mode, God speaks to each.

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.

This weekend we welcome Fr Royston to the parish. Fr Royston is a Redemptorist priest and will speak at all the Masses on vocations.

This Sunday e welcome into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism Ashade Abolade Abimbola and Ashade Itunnu Oluwaseun. Every Blessing to the family.

Requests for Masses: Please be aware that if you wish to have a Mass celebrated on a particular date and time, then at least 6 weeks notice is required.

Altar Servers: The plan is to have altar servers at all the weekend Masses from the beginning of Lent.

Proclaimers of the Word of God: A new rota is being prepared for all Masses. If you wish to resume proclaiming the Word of God at Mass please write your name and contact details and hand to the priests. Alternatively e/mail the parish office.

Next Sunday there will be a mission appeal given by Missionary Society of Saint Columban.

Our Lady and St George's Catholic Primary and Nursery School invite the parishioners if they have statues and other religious articles to donate for our classroom Altars and other areas of the school. Also, if you have weather proof Statues to donate, for us to put in the playgrounds, so we can have a Prayer Garden on both sites, we would be very grateful.

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.

Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis and Youth Ministry: The Bishop's Certificate is designed to be an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of adults involved in sacramental preparation or youth ministry in the Diocese of Brentwood. It includes both the development of practical skills & the deepening of theological knowledge. The course is online and taught through engaging, short videos with expert interviews. The course will begin on the evening of 24th February, with an introduction and welcome evening, held at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. For more information please see our website: <https://bcys.net/bishops-cert/> or email your expression of interest to bishopscertificate@dioceseofbrentwood.org by Monday 22nd February.

Teon Sheldon, Rest in Peace We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Teon Sheldon Alexander. The funeral service for Teon's soul will be on Wednesday 26th of January at 1:15 p.m. at Manor Park Cemetery. Our prayers are offered for the family.

Mary Mayo, Rest in Peace We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mary Mayo Rest in Peace. The Requiem mass for Mary's soul will be on Wednesday 2nd of February at 11:30a.m. May Mary Rest in Peace. Amen.

Tony Rath, Rest in Peace We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Tony Rath, husband of Tina who died suddenly. May God comfort you Tina. Funeral details are being arranged.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00 pm	Intentions of James O’Gorman (Bernie)
Sun 23 Jan	Third Sunday in ordinary Time
08:30am	Parishioners
10:00am	Riordan Family Intention (Mary)
12noon	Anthony Katuramu (Rest in Peace)
Mon 24 Jan	Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
09:15 am	Margaret McGoldrick’s Intentions (Mary Murphy)
06:00 pm	Primala Inhume
Tue 25 Jan	The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle
09:15am	Anne Hart (Rest in Peace) (Carmody)
06:00pm	Whereria Inhume
Wed 26 Jan	Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops
09:15am	Joao Siteo
06:00 pm	Violet Felton (Rest in Peace) (Terry)
Thu 27 Jan	FERIA
09:15am	Denis Connelly (Keane)
06:00pm	Carlota Siteo
Fri 28 Jan	St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious and Doctor of the Church
09:15 am	Gabriel Primala
06:00pm	Andrew O’Gorman (Rest in Peace) (Reade)
Sat 29 Jan	FERIA
10:00am	Bonila De Souza (Rest in Peace) (Nora)
06:00pm	Roy Bandhu (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 30 Jan	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30	Lydia and Don (Rest in Peace) (Family)
10:00am	Noel Michael Callinan (Rest in Peace) (Dave Moss)
12noon	Anthony Katuramu (Rest in Peace)

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.