

**Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George**

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Our Lady and St George's Primary School:

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**Charity Number: 234092**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (30/01/2022)**

Dear Parishioners,

Today's Gospel brings us back to the scene described last Sunday. Jesus in the synagogue in his hometown of Nazareth. People are familiar with those words he has just read from the prophet Isaiah, and they wait for commentary to be given by one of their own, the carpenter's son! Expectations are high and, initially at least, those expectations are met, even surpassed. We are told that people are 'astonished at the gracious words that come from his lips'. A proud moment for Nazareth! One of their own has made it.

Then Jesus notices a dramatic change of mood in the synagogue. He senses hostility growing in the ominous silence and calls it out by citing a well-known proverb: 'Doctor, cure yourself!' These people are now looking for more. Their expectations have changed. They want their local prophet to prove his identity by working miracles, 'just as in Capernaum', the neighbouring town. Nazareth must not be outdone!

Jesus does not meet the crowd's expectations by working a miracle. Instead, he seizes the opportunity to choose two examples from the Books of King, both showing how God can spring surprises. God's plan is bigger and wider than expected. It goes beyond expected boundaries. On hearing this, the synagogue in Nazareth erupts into rage. Who dares suggest that they broaden the tent of their

expectations? They are, after all, God's chosen people and the prophetic message is for Jews not Gentiles! In fury, they proceed to hurl Jesus over a cliff, but he escapes.

The role of the prophet in any age involves seeing things with a divine lens and speaking courageously out of that vision. Prophesying is a costly business, never chosen by the prophet, always in answer to a call from God. Prophecy will challenge public and popular expectations and will often deliver an unpopular message. Jesus, prophet supreme, and fulfilment of Israel's prophecy, pays a price in his own hometown. Luke, along among the synoptic writers, places this event at the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus, as if to say, 'to be continued'?

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 6<sup>th</sup> February 6.30pm.

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 at all the weekend Masses from the beginning of Lent.

Proclaimers of the Word of God: a new rota is being assembled 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.

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

Congratulation to Patrick Flynn and Maria Ann Connors who married in Our Lady and Saint George on Friday last.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

**Thresholds of Hope Question: *What do the Martyrs teach us about the life of faith?*** Input will be given by Fr Paul Keane, Vice Rector at Oscott seminary, Birmingham on 30th January 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. To join this Zoom meeting simply forward a contact email to [adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org). For more information go to [www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk](http://www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk)

**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](mailto:bishopscertificate@dioceseofbrentwood.org) by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Thanks to all who filled in the questionnaires on the synodal process. Conrad Almeida has collated all the replies together with the responses from the schools. The results will be forwarded to the synodal committee of the diocese.

**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 11:30 a.m at Our Lady and St George.

**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. Requiem Mass for Tony's soul will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 10:30am at Our Lady and St George.

## Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

<b>06:00 pm</b>	Roy Bandhu (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Sun 30 Jan</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Lydia and Don (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>10:00am</b>	Noel Michael Callinan (Rest in Peace) (Dave Moss)
<b>12noon</b>	Anthony Katuramu (Rest in Peace)
<b>Mon 31 Jan</b>	<b>Saint John Bosco, Priest and Religious Founder</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Pamela Wanless (Rest in Peace) (Tudda)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Tudda Family's Intention (Klara)
<b>Tue 01 Feb</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Fr. Jim McCormack (Rest in Peace) (Diggins)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Maria Watras' Intentions (Family)
<b>Wed 02 Feb</b>	<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Thanksgiving (Diggins)
<b>11:30 am</b>	Requiem Mass- Mary Mayo (Rest in Peace)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Hughes Hagemeer and Clark Families (Rest in Peace) (Thelma Lewis)
<b>Thu 03 Feb</b>	<b>Saint Anne Line</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Richard Day (Rest in Peace) (Gillings)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Fr. Jim McCormack (Rest in Peace) (Diggins)
<b>Fri 04 Feb</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Special Intentions (Diggins)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Eileen and Patrick Fouhy (Rest in Peace) (Jeff)
<b>Sat 05 Feb</b>	<b>Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	Thanksgiving (Mayo)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Fr. Jim McCormack (Rest in Peace) (Diggins)
<b>Sun 06 Feb</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>08:30</b>	Intentions of Betty (Jane)
<b>10:00am</b>	Gillings Family Intentions (Carmel)
<b>12noon</b>	Brian Burns (Rest in Peace) (Renata)

### 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.