

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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (20/02/2022)

Dear Parishioners,

We can learn a lot from Ryanair. The minimum of luggage! Forgiveness means throwing the excess baggage overboard! It can be such a relief when we let go. Just think of examples of hurts or injustices done to us. The more we hang on to them, the greater they become.

Did Jesus really mean it when he said, 'Love your enemies' and 'forgive seventy times seven'? He not only meant it, but he carried it out in his own life and especially on the Cross. This example of supreme forgiveness is at the heart of Jesus own life and death.

This is the reason why we too need to be forgiving to each other. We need to let go of anger, resentment, revenge and grudges. Because God forgives us; Jesus has taken our sins and failing on himself, so that we can be reconciled to God and one another. It is in forgiving others that we are forgiven by God. By embracing mercy and forgiveness, we can in fact embrace peace, joy, gratitude and well-being. By letting go of hurt, resentment and nasty thoughts of revenge that we can make space for compassion, understanding and peace of mind.

Resentment and harbouring grudges can eat into the very core of our being. It colours how we live and can remove the joys of life. As we saw in the scriptures last week- 'we have no eyes for goodness when it comes our way'. It is not a question of forgetting the hurt done to us but dealing with it.... Letting

go...getting rid of the baggage that holds us down. God presses his delete button; we need to do the same!

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.

Requests for Masses: Please be aware that if you wish to have a Mass celebrated on a particular date and time, then at least 8 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 now available 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. Thanks to Christine for collating the rota.

Your blessed palms can be returned to the basket in the church porch for burning in preparation for Ash Wednesday.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available after all Masses weekdays and weekends. Ask one of the priests.

Vacancy Holy Family Catholic School (Walthamstow, E17) is seeking to appoint a Deputy Head teacher for September 2022 to play a key role in building on the success of our friendly school. More information can be found on our website:

<https://www.holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk/home/vacancies/current-vacancies/>?

WANT TO GIVE YOUR MARRIAGE A BOOST ?

Treat yourselves to a life changing Marriage Encounter Experience
Our next experiences are 4-6th March, 14th & 21st May, 11-12th June.....
Visit <https://wwme.org.uk/> for more details and booking.

BCYS Youth Mass, Thursday 3rd March, Brentwood cathedral.

Come along from 6pm for pizza, followed by Sophie from the Walsingham House team and CAFOD, who will talk about her experiences, inspiring us to get involved and how we can take action! Mass will begin in the cathedral from 7:30pm, joined by Fr Gary Dench who will preach the Gospel. Open to all those in years 9 and above, no booking necessary.

(YOUTH MASS takes place on the First Thursday of EVERY MONTH and groups are always welcome! Please let us know in advance if you wish to bring a group, if you are able, so that we can have an idea how much pizza to order! Any groups are always welcome!)

BCYS Lenten Revision Retreat, 2nd - 3rd April, Walsingham House

In years 11 -13 and preparing for exams this year? Get a change of scenery and a fresh perspective at Walsingham House at Abbotswick this lent for times of prayer, socialising and activities, but mostly to revise, alongside friends and the Walsingham House team members. As always the chapel is here for times of quiet reflection throughout the day. Book online NOW at www.bcys.net/events

Sponsored Sleepout 8th - 9th April, 8pm - 8am

Wherever you are in the Diocese, take part in your gardens, schools or parishes, on your own or as part of a group and spend 12 hours sleeping rough outdoors to raise money for a local charity supporting the homeless.

Email sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org for more information and to take part.

BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage 23rd - 30th July 2022

Assist pilgrims going to Masses and services, shops and cafes of the beautiful French town, join in social time together, take part in retreats, reconciliation service, visit the baths, the stunning mountain town of Gavarnie, enjoy social nights, party and experience the amazing Lourdes processions. Open to all those in year 11 and above, for more information and to book you can visit www.bcys.net/events/sl22 – applications close SUNDAY 20TH FEBRUARY.

BCYS Youth Gather 22nd - 23rd October, Mersea Island

Stay in cabins and try a brilliant range of outward bound activities from climbing high ropes, archery, zip wires and much more to keep you challenged and entertained, with guest speakers and workshops which will give you fresh insights into yourself, and your faith, by telling their stories. Open to all those in years 9 and above, book NOW at www.bcys.net/events

Birthday Blessings to Pietro

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00 pm	John Elms (Rest in Peace) (Famiy)
Sun 20 Feb	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30am	Special Intentions (Tudda)
10:00am	Sean Glynn (Rest in Peace) (Hodge)
12noon	Alice Isaac (Rest in Peace) (Roy)
Mon 21 Feb	FERIA
09:15 am	Jayne and Family (Betty)
06:00 pm	Thanksgiving (Mary Murphy)
Tue 22 Feb	The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
09:15am	D.J. Kelleher (Rest in Peace) (Mary Murphy)
06:00pm	Deceased of the Kelleher Family (Mary Murphy)
Wed 23 Feb	Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
09:15am	Deceased of the Murphy Family (Mary Murphy)
06:00 pm	Aguido Eddie's Lazanas (Rest in Peace) (Irma)
Thu 24 Feb	FERIA
09:15am	John Elms (Rest in Peace) (Eileen)
06:00pm	Special Intention (Murphy)
Fri 25 Feb	FERIA
09:15 am	Intentions of Cesar (Nelly)
06:00pm	Matthew (Rest in Peace) (Diggins)
Sat 26 Feb	FERIA
10:00am	Brijit Varkey (Rest in Peace) (Roy)
06:00pm	Tim Keenan (Rest in Peace) (Keane)
Sun 27 Feb	Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Intentions of Jenny and Cliff
10:00am	Marichelle Ebreo (Rest in Peace) (Rosie)
12noon	Maureen Mayo (Rest in Peace) (Christine)

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, Linda Campbell, Pauline Brookman, Fr. Francis Coveney, Bridie Cronin

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.