

**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 School: 8520 0482/8520 3587

**Charity Number: 234092**

**Divine Mercy Sunday (24/04/2022-01/05/2022)**

(Double Edition)

Dear Parishioners,

Though Mary has already shared with them her joy in meeting Christ risen, the disciples appear unmoved by such news. Mindful of the threat from outside- and racked with regret from within- they remain enclosed in their refuge and refuse, it seems, to concede any ground to hope. It is in such a state that Jesus finds his friends.

His first words to them offer peace. This is no exercise in blaming or shaming. Far from focusing on what has been done – or undone – Jesus is concerned with going forward. He seeks nothing more than to rekindle mission within those who may feel it somewhat beyond them now. It is in forgiveness, however, that this mission is rooted- and that will make all the difference. Once freed by it, from this prison of their own making, these disciples must minister that same forgiveness among God's people.

The instinctive reaction of the disciples to their Master's death was to seek solace behind closed doors. That shouldn't surprise us. We have all known what it is to turn in on ourselves when we are fearful of what lies ahead, unsure of ourselves or unsettled by a lingering sense of failure. Thankfully the Lord does not wait for us to conquer our fears and inadequacies, no more than he would have left those forlorn disciples to languish further that first Easter evening. Rather does he come in search

of us too, rescuing us from all that might entomb- and prevent us becoming what he calls us to be.

To us does he offer, also, his forgiveness and – through that forgiveness- his peace. For whatever our efforts or resolve, we cannot create this peace for ourselves. Christ did not send his disciples forth without it. And we, in turn, need it – to find and fulfil our own mission and purpose in Christ. May that peace be yours and mine this Easter time.

Have a Blessed Week.

*Canon Niall*

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**MARRIAGES:** By appointment. At least six month's notice is required. Please speak to the priests for more information.

**Parish Baptism Preparation Course** The next parish preparation course (Session 1 ) for the Sacrament of Baptism will be on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of April at 6:30pm. Session 2 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 6:30pm due to bank holiday on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

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

If you wish to book for a particular date and time you will need to give at least 10 weeks notice

Saint Vincent de Paul Society The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is currently searching for more volunteers to represent this parish. Martyn Camilleri will speak at all Masses this weekend.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham:** The coach is now full for the parish Walsingham pilgrimage on Saturday 28th of May.. The cost will be £22. Please place your payment in an envelope with your name and contact phone number and "WALSINGHAM" written on the front of the envelope and give to either Nelly or Rosie at the Repository in the coming Sundays

**I wish to thank everybody who assisted with the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies.....the flower arrangers, the choir and musicians, the greeters and ushers, the altar servers, the rota overseer, sacristans, proclaimers of the Word, church cleaners and newsletter organiser and printer....**

**Canon Niall**

**Thank you all parishioners for your generous Easter Offerings, card and gifts.**

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** – 28th May 2022: Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham as we celebrate the Year of the Family ‘Hearing and Doing the Word of God’. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to come please contact [parish/parish rep’s contact details].(Fr. Kelly)

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

<b>06:00 pm</b>	Deceased of Flynn Family (Mary)
<b>Sun 24 April</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Prudencio Calacal (Rest in Peace) (Helen)
<b>10:00am</b>	Elizabeth Caulfield (Rest in Peace) (Brida)
<b>12noon</b>	Carol Legge (Rest in Peace) (Angela)
<b>Mon 25 April</b>	<b>Saint Mark Evangelist</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Kit Flynn (Rest in Peace) (Mary)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Tony Buston (Rest in Peace) (Mary)
<b>Tue 26 April</b>	<b>St George, Martyr , Patron of England</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Intentions of Kathleen Shelly (Mary)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Madge Maume’s Intentions (Mary)
<b>Wed 27 April</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Gerry Goldrick (Rest in Peace) (Carmel)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Thu 28 April</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Pat Maume (Rest in Peace) (mary)
<b>07:30pm</b>	Intentions of Canon Niall (Maume)
<b>Fri 29 April</b>	<b>St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Brenda Cullen (Rest in Peace) (Phillips Family)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Special Intention (Thelma)
<b>Sat 30 April</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	Betty’s Intention (Jane)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Jean Marrano’s Intentions (Keane)
<b>Sun 01 May</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter (St Joseph the Worker: Day of Prayer for Human Work)</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Intentions (Mary Watras)
<b>10:00am</b>	Eleanor Fletcher (Carey)
<b>12noon</b>	Frederick Legge (Rest in Peace) (Angela)

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<b>Mon 02 May</b>	<b>St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	Eamonn McGuinness (Rest in Peace) (Quinn)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Florence, Jack and Michael's Intentions (Angela)
<b>Tue 03 May</b>	<b>Saints Phillip and James, Apostles</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Susan O Dowd (Rest in Peace) (Maloney)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Jane and Family (Betty)
<b>Wed 04 May</b>	<b>The English Martyrs</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Special Intentions (Josephine)
<b>11:00am</b>	Requiem Mass -Margaret (Peggy) Berslin (Rest in Peace)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Thu 05 May</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Florendo Viado (Rest in Peace (Family))
<b>06:00pm</b>	Holy Souls (Peggy)
<b>Fri 06 May</b>	<b>St John Payne , Priest, Martyr</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Peace in the World (Josephine)
<b>11:30am</b>	Requiem Mass – Rosalind Denahy (Rest in Peace)
<b>06:00pm</b>	John Thomas (Rest in Peace) (Ursula)
<b>Sat 07 May</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	George and Teodora Bartolo (Rest in Peace) (Elizabeth)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Bernard and Sheila Moss (Rest in Peace)
<b>Sun 08 May</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Joyce Fernandes (Family)
<b>10:00am</b>	Frank Keavey (Rest in Peace) (Catherine)
<b>12noon</b>	Annie Theresa McDonagh (Rest in Peace) (James)

Fr Nixon Gomes who preceded Fr John Victor as hospital chaplain and priest of this parish will be celebrating his Silver Jubilee of priesthood at the end of this month of April. Fr Nixon is now parish priest of Holy Family Parish, Witham. If you wish to send Fr Nixon a card : 14 Guitaven Street, Witham, Essex CM8 1BN

We welcome Gifty into the Community of Faith on Sunday 1st of May .  
Every blessing to the family

Please note that **Monday 2nd of May is a bank holiday** and the times of Masses for that day are 10 A.M. AND 6 P.M.