

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

Holy Family Catholic School: 8520 0482/8520 3587

Charity Number: 234092

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (16/10/2022)

Dear Parishioners,

One of our priests who worked in a certain African country once wanted to get a CofO- a Certificate of Occupancy for a piece of land he wanted to buy. The CofO is similar to Title Deeds in England. He went to the local government office to get this but every time he went the official who wanted a bribe first, was either absent or couldn't find the file! The priest went back every day for 6 months. Finally, he wore down the official with his persistence and got the CofO. This incident reminded me of today's Gospel about the widow whose persistent prayer and perseverance were eventually rewarded. She refused to give up and be discouraged.

Of course, sometime we don't seem to get what we pray for. Only God knows what is good for us in the long run. That is why the lesson of the parable is to persevere and never give up. There is, of course, an important condition, that what we ask for must be according to justice and the will of God. Do we not pray in the Our Father: 'Thy will be done'? that is why Jesus asks the question at the end of the parables. 'When the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

We need to recall that faith is not automatic, nor is it given forever if it is not nourished. Faith grows and matures through prayer and the Sacraments as well as through the practice of kindness, love, compassion and forgiveness. Faith is a gift but it is also a task.

Sadly, often we forget God when things are going well. Then there is a crisis and we cry out to God to help us. The amazing thing He does, instead of forgetting us as we forget him much of the time.

Prayer and faith are very closely connected. It's because we have faith that we pray. At the same time prayer sustains our faith. We need to pray not just when are in trouble but at all times.

Finally, prayer is no substitute for action. God wants us to do all we can in any circumstance and also to pray. Prayer is not an escape from life but a journey into the heart of life.

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.

The **Divine Mercy Healing Service** has resumes and is celebrated in the Weekday chapel on Sundays from 5-6pm. All are welcome.

Please collect Holy Communion application forms from the repository. This is the final day and all applications must be returned by next week.

Mass Intentions- Please book 10 to 12 weeks in advance if you wish a particular date and time. The 2023 Mass Intention book has arrived- if you wish to book an anniversary Mass.

Copies of Mission Today are available in the church porch for parishioners who have the Red Boxes supporting the foreign missions.

The **Tamil Mass** for this Month of October will be held on Sunday, 16 October 2022 at 5.00 pm, being the third Sunday of the Month.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will resumes on Monday after morning Mass until 5:30pm and Wednesday until 4:00pm. If you are able to commit an hour to spend with Jesus please inform Louella, so a rota can be prepared.

Relics of St Bernadette , OUR LADY OF LOURDES, WANSTEAD

Tuesday 18 October

10 am: Relics of St Bernadette arrive. 11 am - 3 pm: Time reserved for pre-booked school groups. 7.30 pm: Holy Mass, celebrated by Bishop Alan
12 midnight: Church closes.

Wednesday 19 October

6 am: Church opens.
9 am: Relics of St Bernadette depart.

BCYS Youth Mass in the Presence of the Relics of St Bernadette

Sunday 16th October, 6:30pm, Brentwood Cathedral

Please join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service, with Bishop Alan presiding and Fr Dominic Howarth preaching. Open to anyone, no need to book!

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

Guest speakers Barry and Margaret Mizen will be sharing the incredible story of how they chose to forgive the man who killed their son Jimmy the day after his 16th Birthday. The SVP will also be leading a workshop, and there will be the chance to try a brilliant range of activities from climbing, high ropes, archery and so much more! The cost is just £55 for the weekend, with coach travel and all meals included. This event is for anyone in years 9-13, and you can book NOW at www.bcys.net/events

Catechist Training and Resources Day

5th November, 10am – 3pm at Sacred Heart of Mary School, Upminster
Open to any First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists, as well as those leading Youth Groups, Children's Liturgy or similar! A range of fantastic workshops and keynote speech from David Wells. There will also be a session for any young catechists looking to develop their faith post-confirmation (16+). For all information and to book, please visit www.bcys.net/events/catechistday2022

Attached to your newsletter is the **Holy Souls envelope**. Masses will be celebrated for your Holy Souls throughout the month of November. Simply fill in the names of your deceased family and friends and place your donation and list in the envelope provided. Return the envelope in the collection basket on Sunday.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Maureen Bennett, Rest in Peace, grandmother of Fr Michael. Maureen's soul went to God on Monday last 3rd of October.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Joe Murnane (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 16 October	Twenty -Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Peter and Eileen Webster's Intentions
10:00am	Barry and Sheila's Mayo's
12noon	Sylvia Yamson's Intention (Family)
Mon 17 October	Saint Ignatus of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
09:15am	Theodora D'Souza (Rest in Peace) (Nora)
06:00 pm	Reade Family Intentions
Tue 18 October	Saint Luke, Evangelist
09:15am	Elizabeth Nash (Rest in Peace) (Mary)
06:00pm	Thanksgiving (Mathew)
Wed 19 October	FERIA
09:15am	Richard Day (Rest in Peace) (Coldrick)
06:00 pm	For those who are Sick (Betty)
Thu 20 October	FERIA
09:15am	Farr Family Intentions
06:00pm	People of Ukraine (Betty)
Fri 21 October	FERIA
09:15 am	Smith Family Intentions
06:00pm	Pat Nee Intentions (Keane)
Sat 22 October	FERIA
10:00am	Sarah Maria Augustine (Thanksgiving) (Roy)
06:00pm	Mary McGlinchey (Rest in Peace) (Maloney)
Sun 23 October	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Deceased of the Turvey Family (Paciencia)
10:00am	Special Intentions (Nelly and Cesar)
12noon	Agnes Fadina (Rest in Peace) (Family)

Prayer List

Betty Ramsey, Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Hilda Collett (Chris) Brid O Halloran, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Alma Willox, Liberee, Maria Green, Anne (Christina), Grace, Bridie Curley, Sharon Baker, Bridgit Morris, 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, Baby Jimmy, Sierra Smucker-Halls (Carol), Maureen Newland (Carol), Anna (Gawlik), Theresa (Curley), Terry Wheeler, Pdraig Maloney

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.