

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

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (13/11/2022)

World Day of Poor

Dear Parishioners,

As Jesus predicted in today's Gospel, many false prophets have appeared through the ages declaring that the end of the world was nigh, some of them even giving precise dates and times when it was to happen and gaining large amounts of followers in the process. Jesus speaks as well of earthquakes and plagues and of nations rising against nations and this seems all too real in our world today. Is it a sign that the world is about to end? Who knows?

Jesus also warns that the cost of discipleship can be high, leading to betrayal or even death. This probably seems a bit extreme to most of us. So too the fate awaiting the 'evil-doers' according to Malachi: getting burnt up! If we believe in a God of love and mercy and compassion can we really envisage some people being burnt up at the final reckoning? Again, who knows? As we draw near to the Season of Advent, all we can do perhaps is to be ready and awake and prepared for we truly do not know the day or the hour. And as a later verse in that passage from Thessalonians tells us, 'Never grow tired of doing what is right.' The second reading is almost as stark as the first, admonishing us not to idle and to work for our food! It may appear rather harsh but sometimes we need a good jolt to rouse us from our sleep!

On this World Day of the Poor we remember those in our societies who are economically poor or poor in other ways; and may we take to heart the oft-repeated words of Henri Nouwen, the Dutch priest who was a member of the L'Arche community in Toronto. 'Stay close to the poor.' In so doing we'll not just be helping others, we'll be helping ourselves too.

Have a Blessed Week.

Canon Niall

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

The **next parish Baptism preparation programme** will be on Monday 28th November at 6:30p.m. Session 1.

Please pray for the children and their families as they begin their preparation programme for Holy Communion.

At the end of November I shall go on pilgrimage to Assisi in thanksgiving for my recovery from Covid, in thanksgiving to God for the NHS and Fr. John Victor and for all who prayed for me. Canon Niall.

Former parishioner and server at St George's, Russell Rodrigues is being ordained as a deacon for the London Oratory next month. Please keep him your prayer.

BCYS Summer Lourdes 2023

Applications are now open for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 23rd – 30th July 2023!

The week is spent travelling alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage to assist the elderly and infirm, and for those travelling with the BCYS, the week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, the chance to visit the baths, a trip to a UNESCO World Heritage site, social nights and party as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Open to anyone in school year 10 and above, all information and details on how to apply can be found at www.bcys.net/events/sl23

Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch; After a 3 year break due to Covid the lunch will take place on Sunday 4th December 2 to 5pm. Location as usual will be in Our Lady and St George lower site School. This year we will call it Jenny Richmond's Memorial Senior Citizens Lunch in her memory having organized the lunch for over 17 years. We look forward to seeing you there. See noticeboard by hymn book shelf for details. Please write your name clearly.

Bible study: We will be starting after enforced Covid break "reflecting on following Sunday readings on Monday 21st November 8pm in weekday chapel.

The purpose of the group is to look, discern and pray on scripture reading then go out and live it! To prepare space and resources we would like to know if you will be interested you do not have to come regularly just when you are able. Please talk to Cliff in church porch after Sunday masses.

"My Day by Day" Advent booklets are available at the Repository at a cost of £2 . The Advent booklet is a helpful companion for the season of Advent right up to the Christmas Season.

Our Lady and Saint George Primary School Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 10th of December 11a.m. to 4 p.m Stalls cost £30 plus a prize for the raffle. Stall holders will be presented with a table, chair and a assembled gazebo. A volunteer sign up sheet for helpers is available in the church porch.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023: The annual diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bp Alan, will take place from Monday 24 – Saturday 29 July. All are welcome, including those of us who need assistance. Details regarding booking and costs will follow soon.

THE ADVENT LECTIONARY On Wednesday 23rd November from 7 pm there will be an in-person Faith Talk at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Fr Adrian Graffy will speak about the Advent lectionary, and present the website pages on www.whatgoodnews.org which give the text of all the readings, accompanied by a short commentary. The event is free of charge and there is no need to register. Refreshments in the hall from 6.30. The event will also be live-streamed – simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org on the day or visit the website later once the programme has been uploaded.

Georgina Koduah, Rest in Peace We pray for the happy Repose of the Soul of Georgina Koduah, wife of Andrew. May God comfort the family. The Requiem Mass for Georgina's soul will be on Tuesday 6th December at 11am. Georgina's body will be brought to the Church on Monday 5th December at 4:30pm. Burial service will be at Saint Patrick Cemetery following the requiem Mass.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Pat and Josie Maloney (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 13 November	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	November Dead List
10:00am	Gene Horgan (Rest in Peace) (Family)
12noon	Elizabeth Amakye (Rest in Peace) (Boahene)
Mon 14 November	FERIA
09:15am	Nentila Calacal's Intentions (Nelly and Mary Jane)
06:00pm	November Dead List
Tue 15 November	FERIA
09:15am	Felicio D'Souza (Rest in Peace) (Norah)
6:00pm	November Dead List
Wed 16 November	Saint Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop Secondary Co-Patron of the Diocese
09:15am	November Dead List
06:00 pm	Prudencia Calacal (Rest in peace) (Helen and Mary Jane)
Thu 17 November	Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
09:15am	November Dead List
06:00pm	November Dead List
Fri 18 November	FERIA
09:15 am	November Dead List
06:00pm	Laura and William Meredith (Mavis Hacker)
Sat 19 November	FERIA
10:00am	Thi Quy Tran (Family)
06:00pm	Family Intentions (Seamus and Evelyn Sherry)
Sun 20 November	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
08:30 am	November Dead List
10:00am	Ellen Fletcher (Carey)
12noon	Peggy Halpenny (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, Fr. Francis Coveney, Bridie Cronin, Baby Jimmy, Sierra Smucker-Halls (Carol), Maureen Newland (Carol), Anna (Gawlik), Theresa (Curley), Terry Wheeler, Pdraig Maloney, Pauline Brookman, Damon, Fatimata, Peter Norman

Birthday Blessings to Nelly and Bridie Cronin.