

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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Holy Family Catholic School: 8520 0482/8520 3587

Charity Number: 234092

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (15/01/2023)

(Peace Sunday)

Dear Parishioners,

John the Baptist claims our attention in today's Gospel. The narrative is from the Gospel of John, where poetry and theology are inextricably linked. In a two-phased vignette, situated in a two-day frame, the Baptist answers presumed questions about his own role in relation to Jesus. In the first phase, Day 1 (vv.19-28), the Baptist gives a negative testimony. His only importance lies in his calling to prepare the way for the One who existed before him. The ritual of baptising with water was preparatory-'to reveal him (Jesus) to Israel'. His excuse, aimed perhaps at some of his own disappointed followers, is that he 'did not know him (Jesus)'. At one level, this seems to indicate that the Baptist did not know his own cousin whom he had baptised. But John's gospel works at many levels. In John, 'knowing' is a cover word for faith, for the kind of 'knowing' which is more than mere acquaintance, more than 'knowing about' a person, more than having all the facts. It is gift of the Spirit. A new way of knowing, a new way of seeing, a new kind of divine – human relationship- the gift of faith.

Day in the narrative (vv.28-29) gives the Baptist's account of what he saw and experienced at the Baptism of Jesus. This is the event that has been foretold, the event for which baptism with water was prelude. The descent of the Spirit on Jesus after his baptism by John is moment

of revelation. Now the Baptist 'knows' in a new way, as he recognises Jesus as 'the Chosen One of God'.

The first reading, taken from one of the 'Servant Songs' in the Second Book of Isaiah, anticipates the gospel message. Here the Servant is called to a new level of relationship with God. From being the obedient servant, he is called to be light of the nations, instrument of salvation for the world. A change in divine-human relationship is announced. For us today, there is an invitation to reflect on the quality of our relationship with God. Is it merely at the level of 'knowing about' or is it something more?

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Canon Miall

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 30th January at 6:30p.m. Session 1 and Session 2 on the first Monday 6th of February. 6:30p.m.

Session 9 of the **parish Holy Communion preparation programme** will be on Saturday 28th of January 11:30 in the parish hall

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available after every parish Mass. Simply ask a priest.

We thank God for all nurses and nursing staff that they may get the just salary they so worthily deserve. If my mathematics are correct many footballers earn £300,000 a WEEK while nurses are paid in the region of £30,000 a Year.....so 10 years for a nurse to earn what a footballer earns in a week.....all nurses want is a just and honourable salary.

STUDY DAY ON THE APOSTLE PAUL

The **next Gidea Park Study Day** will be on Saturday 21st January 2023 from 11 am until 1.30 pm at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park. The speaker is Dr Sean Michael Ryan, chair of the Catholic Biblical Association of Great Britain, and research associate at the Margaret Beaufort Institute in Cambridge. Dr Ryan will speak about 'The Gospel according to St Paul'. The event is either in-person or live-stream. Coffee will be available for those attending in-person from 10.30 am. Please bring a packed lunch. Gidea Park Station (Elizabeth Line) is five minutes from the church. For those attending via live-stream simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org on the day. Recording of the talks will be made available after the event on the same website.

On **Saturday 18th of February Proclaimers of the Word** are invited to our parish hall for a morning's reflection and study for their ministry. This invitation is open to all who proclaim the Word of God in Church. Parishioners from the Waltham Forest Deanery parishes are also welcome. More details to follow.

We pray for the happy repose of Betty Ramsey a long time parishioner here in Saint George's. A devout and charitable lady. Our condolences to Patrick and the family. May she Rest in Peace Amen. The funeral arrangements for Betty Ramsey, Rest in Peace are as follows. Requiem Mass at Our Lady and Saint George on Wednesday 25th of January at 11a.m.

Birthday blessings to Jonathan who celebrated his birthday on Monday last.

Congratulations to Sunny and Shiny on the occasion of their 24th wedding anniversary.

Prayer for Nurses

My dear Lord, you are the Divine Healer. May great strength and power flow through me, and lend skill to my hands and vision. Also judgment to my mind and compassion to my heart. Grant me the strength to minister to my Patients in their hour of suffering and travail. Make me worthy, Oh Lord, of this saintly task. Amen.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Moss and Nagle Families (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 15 January	Second Sunday in ordinary Time
08:30 am	Paul Yamson's Intentions (Family)
10:00am	Victoria and William Wyndham (Rest in Peace) (Family)
12noon	Shun- Choi (Ping)
Mon 16 January	FERIA
09:15am	Thanksgiving (Conrad and Carol)
06:00pm	Anne O'Gorman (Geraldine)
Tue 17 January	Saint Anthony, Abbot
09:15am	Intentions (Conrad and Carol)
6:00pm	Holy Souls (Betty)
Wed 18 January	FERIA
09:15am	Thanksgiving (Conrad and Carol)
06:00 pm	Ramsey Family (Betty)
Thu 19 January	FERIA
09:15am	Moyra Whelan (Rest in Peace) (Pat and Mary Moss)
06:00pm	Peace in the World (Betty)
Fri 20 January	FERIA
09:15 am	Joe Monaghan (Rest in peace) (O'Gorman)
06:00pm	Betty (Rest in Peace) (Josephine)
Sat 21 January	Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
10:00am	Moyra Whelan (Rest in Peace) (O' Gorman)
06:00pm	Carmel McInerney (Rest in Peace) (O'Halloran)
Sun 22 January	Third Sunday in the ordinary Time
08:30 am	Brijit Varkey (Rest in Peace) (Roy)
10:00am	Rose Cusack (Rest in Peace) (Heneghan)
12noon	Eileen Raffo (Amal)

Prayer List

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