

**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**

**Reading 1 Genesis 12:1-14. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 2 – 2 Timothy 1: 8-10**

**Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9**

**Psalm: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

**Second Sunday of Lent (05/03/2023)**

Dear Parishioners,

The significance of the 'high mountain' is to make the connection with Moses receiving the Law on a high mountain. The mountain was the most favoured place to encounter God. Moses represents the Law and Elijah the prophets. Three most important things happen on the mountain: One, Jesus reveals that he is fully divine as well as fully human. The disciples experience him, for the first time, in his glorious divine state and they are overwhelmed. Two, transfiguration is also transition. Moses and Elijah represent the Old Testament that is now fulfilled in Jesus. A new era has dawned. They fade out while Jesus phases in! He is the new Moses, the new Elijah, the New Old Testament. Three, his Father attests that Jesus is sent by him to do what the law and the prophets could not do: save humankind. 'Listen to him' the Father tells us. His mother at Cana tells the guests the same: 'Do what he tells you.' The letter to the Hebrews tells us to 'keep your eyes fixed on Jesus.' He alone is our Saviour. He came of his own free will to save us because he loves us from all eternity. Salvation is a totally free gift. We cannot earn or merit anything. Yet many believe they must by keeping the law.

That is a Pelagian heresy that was condemned by the Church. We cannot earn or merit what we already have. John, in the first chapter, reminds us that 'Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received, yes grace upon grace, since though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.' Through his Incarnation, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension, Jesus has transfigured and transformed us into his own risen glorified body. We do not wait till we die to share in his risen life. In the Gospel of John, he tells us 'I tell you solemnly, everybody who believes, has eternal life (6:47). And, 'Anyone who does eat my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life' (6:54).

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

The **next Parish Baptism Preparation programme** will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of March in the church at 6:30p.m. for Session 2

**Stations of the Cross** will be prayed each Friday of Lent immediately after the 6p.m. Mass.

**40 hours Adoration** Commencing with the Holy Mass at 6:00pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and finish with Hoy Mass on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 10:00am.

**Bingo Night** - Friday 10th March Our Lady and St George's primary school and HCPT group 161 are holding a bingo night fundraiser on the 10th March in the upper site school hall from 7pm. See Danielle or Peter for details.

A **pre marriage course** for couples planning to marry in the next 12 months will take place on Wednesday 29th March and Thursday 30th March. The course will begin at 7:30pm in the parish hall.

A big thank you to the Nwajagu..... family who have paid for the washing and laundering of the altar servers' albs.

Thank you all for contributing to the Aid to the Church in Need appeal last weekend. The collection for Aid to the Church in Need came to £478. Please return your Cafod envelopes this weekend.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** 9th - 16th May 2023 costing £697 per person HB including flights. To be led by Fr Gerald Ezekwere. For more details please contact All Saints Travel on Tel. 01793 881166 or Sheila Moran 07973240748. To book online, please follow this link <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/MJ0786>

**Christian Kitchen** This charity does wonderful work for the homeless in the Borough of Waltham Forest , 365 nights of the year.. Catholics are playing their part in supporting this great work. Should anyone wish to help please contact Paul Dowling. Paul over 15 years has been a driving force in supporting Christian Kitchen. Quietly and with no fuss he has been very dedicated. God bless you Paul.

The **Divine Mercy Apostolate**, London is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat on Saturday 25 March 2023 from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St Mary Mother of God, 213 Hornchurch Road, Hornchurch, Essex RM12 4TF. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

The RCIA candidates Sophie Tansley and Martin Woodrow who went to the Rite of Election at the cathedral Sunday last. Blessings to you both.

Thank you to Conrad Almeida who with great dedication and goodness has been the Steward of the Gospel for this parish over many years. In that time he has managed meetings and gathered reports with great ability to pass on to the diocese. Now Conrad after all those years has decided to take time away from his stewardship. Once again thank you Conrad.

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

<b>06:00pm</b>	Nora and Richard Keane (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Sun 5 March</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Joyce Fernandes and Family (Family)
<b>10:00am</b>	Therese Coleman (Rest in Peace) (Margaret)
<b>12noon</b>	Ekbal Raouf Tobia (Amal)
<b>Mon 6 March</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Tina Horn (Rest in Peace)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Intentions (Thomas McDonagh)
<b>Tue 7 March</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	George and Teodora Bartola (Rest in Peace) (Elizabeth)
<b>6:00pm</b>	Antonio Rossi (Rest in Peace)(Family)
<b>Wed 8 March</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Parishioners
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Mary Callanan (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Thu 9 March</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Intentions (Sean and Byrne)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Ram and Betty Ramsey (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Fri 10 March</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Moyra Whelan (Rest in Peace) (Mary Murphy)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Special Intention (Johnson and Family)
<b>Sat 11 March</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	Judith Hilton (Rest in Peace)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Intentions (Kristina)
<b>Sun12 March</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Michael Cosgrove
<b>10:00am</b>	Patrick Monaghan (Rest in Peace) (Mary and Joe Bond)
<b>12noon</b>	Rodgen Gomez (Rest in Peace) (Teresita )

### 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, Bridie Cronin, Baby Jimmy, Sierra Smucker-Halls (Carol), Maureen Newland (Carol), Anna (Gawlik), Theresa (Curley), Terry Wheeler, Pdraic Maloney , Pauline Brookman, Damon, Fatimata, Sherry Family, Bridie Curley, Jason Leonard Hamilton Barber (Tracy), Cyril and Rose Ogidi, Barry and Sheila Mayo,