

**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 Acts 2: 42-47**

**Response to the Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 1 Pt 1:3-9**

**Gospel: Jn 20: 19-31**

**Second Sunday of Easter (16/04/2023)**

**(Divine Mercy Sunday)**

The reading for this Sunday are about God's mercy, the necessity for trusting Faith and our needs for God's forgiveness of our sins. The opening prayer addresses the Father as 'God of Mercy.' In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 118), we repeat several times, '*Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for his mercy endures forever!*' God revealed His mercy first and foremost by sending His only-begotten Son to become our Saviour and Lord by his suffering, death and Resurrection. Divine Mercy is given to us also in each celebration of the Sacraments. The first reading stresses the corporal acts of mercy practiced by the early Christian community and mercy of God as Jesus taught, this witnessing community derived its strength from community prayer, 'the Breaking of the Bread' and the apostles' teaching, reading at the worship service. The second reading: After focusing on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, John reminds us that we practice spiritual works of mercy by obeying God's commandments given in the Old Testament and especially Jesus' commandment of loving others as He love us- with selfless, sacrificial, agape love. Loving others as Jesus

loves us also demands that we treat others with God's mercy and compassion. In today's Gospel, as we recall Jesus' appearance to the Apostles on that first Easter evening, we are vividly reminded of the Sacrament of Reconciliation- the power to forgive sins which Our Lord gave to His Apostles –'Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sin you retain are retained' (Jn 20:23). Today's Gospel also emphasises the importance of Faith in the all-pervading presence of the Risen Lord of Mercy. To believe without having seen in every later Christian's experience. We are invited to receive liberation from doubts and hesitation by surrendering our lives to the Risen Lord of Mercy. Let us ask God our Father to open our hearts so that we may receive His Mercy in the form of Holy Spirit.

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 **next Parish Baptism Preparation programme** will be on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 6:30 pm in the Church. Session 1.

**Bible Study:** We have restarted "reflecting" on the Sunday Scripture readings each Monday in the day Chapel at 8pm. 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.

**Our Lady and St George SVP Conference-Walthamstow** is organising a Fundraising Cake Sale after the Weekend Masses Saturday 17 June and Sunday 18 June 2023 in the church porch and front garden weather permitting.

We will be relying on the generosity of Parishioners, their families, and friends to achieve the following:

1. Donations of Cakes, Sausage rolls, Savoury items homemade and shop bought, as well as Cake for Raffle.
2. Volunteers who have a couple of hours to spare to assist conference members on the day e.g., help on stalls, handout leaflets or raffle.

It is hoped that we can raise enough funds to continue to support the most vulnerable and disadvantaged families and individuals in our community.

**SAVE THE DATE and COME ALONG** on Sunday 23 April 2023 from 9.30 am to a fun filled Coffee Morning on St George's Day.

Fund raising for Barts 900 Campaign in support of the Heart and Cancer Centres.- St George's Day Shield Competition for Under 8's, 9-12 years and 13-18 years. Cake Decorating for the children and A raffle.

DONATIONS - Baked goods welcomed to support the initiative.

VOLUNTEERS needed to set up on 22 April 2023 from 5pm - 8pm.

On 23 April to help with tasks on the day and tidying up of the hall.

Contact: Hazel Belizaire 07813 644431

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023**: Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Monday 24 to Saturday 29 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please 'phone Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com)

Of course, you may wish to make your own travel/hotel arrangements for Lourdes, while still participating fully in the diocesan pilgrimage. Just inform me if this is your plan. What matters most is this opportunity to make this pilgrimage as a diocese with our bishop. Fr Paul Keane, Director of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – 27th May 2023**: Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham. 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.

Please print your name on the list in the church porch. Return journey cost £26/-.

**Thank you** all who helped in any way with the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies – Sacristans, Proclaimers of the Word, flower arrangers, church cleaners, choir and musicians, greeters, newsletter printer, altar servers, alter liner cleaners, RCIA Team.

Every Blessing to Martin and Sophie who were received into the church on the Easter Vigil.

Tamil Mass every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month beginning Sunday at 5pm.

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

<b>06:00pm</b>	Maloney Family Intentions (Carmody)
<b>Sun 16 April</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Intentions of Benedict Gibson (Andrea)
<b>10:00am</b>	Finola Finn (Rest in Peace) (Slattery)
<b>12noon</b>	Betty and Ram Ramsey (Rest in Peace) (Patrick and Katy)
<b>Mon 17 April</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Parishioners
<b>06:00pm</b>	Youth of the Parish
<b>Tue 18 April</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Special Intentions (Tricia D'Souza)
<b>6:00pm</b>	Jolly Thadathil (Rest in Peace) (Roy)
<b>Wed 19 April</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Maloney Family Intentions (O'Gorman)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Rhoda Ball (Rest in Peace) (Almeida)
<b>Thu 20 April</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Special Intentions (Norah D'Souza)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Mayo Family Intentions
<b>Fri 21 April</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Barry and Sheila Intentions
<b>06:00pm</b>	Louella's Intentions
<b>Sat 22 April</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>10:000am</b>	All those in Caring Professions
<b>06:00pm</b>	Eleanor Fletcher (Rest in Peace) (Joan)
<b>Sun 23 April</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Thanksgiving (Paciencia)
<b>10:00am</b>	Aurora Longos (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>12noon</b>	Ram and Betty Ramsey (Rest in Peace) (Patrick and Katy)

### 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