

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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Our Lady and St George's Primary School:

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Holy Family Catholic School: 8520 0482/8520 3587

Charity Number: 234092

Reading 1 Acts 2:14, 22-23

Response to the Psalm: Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ

2nd Reading 1 Pt 1:17-21

Gospel: Lk 24:13-35

Third Sunday of Easter (23/04/2023)

This appearance of Jesus to two of His disciples is intriguing and fascinating. They were quite distraught and didn't seem to know what to think about Jesus' death. They had hoped He was the Messiah but then He was killed. And then there were some who claimed His tomb was empty. What should they make of all this.

Jesus stayed and sat down with them in their home. While there, Scripture says that *'he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognised him, but he vanished from their sight.'*

Why did Jesus appear to them concealing who He was, sit down and break bread with them, allow them to suddenly recognise Him and then vanish into thin air?

Jesus wanted those disciples, as well as all of us, to know that He who rose from the dead was very much alive and that we would recognise Him in the breaking of the bread. We would recognize Him in the Most Holy Eucharist!

Jesus is alive in the Eucharist! But it also tells us He is veiled in the Eucharist.

Jesus is here, right now, in our presence, but we most likely do not see Him. But He is truly here! These disciples were in the presence of Jesus and they did not realise it. The same is true for us. We are constantly in His presence and we do not realise it. This is especially true when we are at Mass but it is also true in countless other ways throughout our day. We must commit ourselves to seeing Him, to recognizing Him to adoring Him. He must discover the resurrected presence of Jesus all around us.

Too often we think that our Lord is present only in extraordinary ways. But that is not true! He is constantly present to us in very ordinary ways. He is here with us right now, loving us, speaking to us and calling us to love Him. Do you see Him? Do you recognise His presence?

Have a Blessed Week

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 24th April 6:30 pm in the Church. Session 1.

A big thank you to Louella for arranging the Divine Mercy weekend. Thanks to all who attended. Thank you to the Divine Mercy Group for the sum of £108 .25 p donated to the parish

This Sunday we welcome Izabella Antonietta Luisa Da Costa and Orla Rose O Reilly-Williams in to the Community of faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. Every Blessings to the families.

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 today 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 5 pm -8 pm.

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

Contact: Hazel Belizaire 07813 644431

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/-.

The Dioceses and Ethnic Chaplaincies of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster invite you to the annual Mass for Migrants on Monday, 1st May 2023, at 12pm. The Mass will be hosted by the Diocese of Brentwood at St Antony of Padua Church, Forest Gate E7 9QB with Bishop Alan Williams, sm as celebrant and Fr Dominic Howarth preaching. You are kindly invited to attend in person to celebrate the significant contribution made by migrants to the life of our Dioceses."

Gift Aid Queries and Requests

If you have any query regarding Gift Aid (e.g. missing donor box, advise Finance of a change in your personal details or tax situation, or if you want to join the Gift Aid scheme either through the use of weekly boxes, online donation or standing order), please fill up one of the forms available in the church foyer and hand it directly to one of the priests or drop it in the presbytery mail box. You can also email your request or query to Armie directly, the parish Gift Aid Coordinator, at walthamstowol&stg@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Thank you.

A donation of £392.60p was presented to the parish from the congregation at the Requiem Mass for Marie Claire. Thanks to everybody.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Eleanor Fletcher (Rest in Peace) (Joan)
Sun 23 April	Third Sunday of Easter
08:30 am	Thanksgiving (Paciencia)
10:00am	Aurora Longos (Rest in Peace) (Family)
12noon	Ram and Betty Ramsey (Rest in Peace) (Patrick and Katy)
Mon 24 April	Saint George, M, Patron of England
09:15am	Prudencio Calacal (Rest in Peace) (Helen and Mary Jane)
06:00pm	Intentions of Shania (Family)
Tue 25 April	Saint Mark, Evangelist
09:15am	Special Intentions (Ursula)
6:00pm	Intention of Jim Reka
Wed 26 April	FERIA
09:15am	John McCarthy (Rest in Peace) (O’Gorman)
06:00 pm	Thanksgiving (Conrad and Carol)
Thu 27 April	FERIA
09:15am	Parishioners
06:00pm	Dermot and John’s Intentions
Fri 28 April	FERIA
09:15 am	Barry and Sheila Intentions
06:00pm	Roselene’s Intentions (Daly)
Sat 29 April	Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
10:000am	Intentions of Bridie Edwards (Len and Babs)
06:00pm	Donald Bell (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 30 April	Fourth Sunday of Easter
08:30 am	Thanksgiving (James Dias)
10:00am	Finola Finn (Rest in Peace) (McInerney)
12noon	Audila Ocante (Rest in Peace) (Kassia)

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