

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 2:14, 36-41

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want

2nd Reading Pt 2:20-25

Gospel: Jn 10:1-10

Fourth Sunday of Easter (30/04/2023)

(Day of Prayers for Vocations)

The image of the Good Shepherd is a powerful image and inspiring for the ministry in Jesus' name. The Church gather by the Eucharist is the Body of Christ. The ministry of the Church is how Christ's work is continued in our time. But today is much more than a recruitment drive for clergy and religious. We have seen how the generosity of health workers and others has inspired communities. Young people will similarly be encouraged to dream of doing something heroically great with their lives when they see parish communities and clergy that inspire them. Despite any bland and frail cultural role models, many young still yearn for inspiration and challenge. Jesus is still calling generous hearts to seek their deepest joy in nourishing others and not just in self-indulgence. The world will not be renewed by a philosophy that looks after number one. Sport and music can numb the pain but not free the heart to soar. Retail therapy does more for the economy that it does for the addicted shopper.

We can glimpse God's dream in those who want to serve the common good and who resist a world of self-service for the strong. Jesus has inspired people in every generation to look after the little ones. Our dreams are throttled at birth by a philosophy which says that here is as good as it gets and that I must

cram as much into my short years as possible. Jesus says that life to the full comes from giving of yourself and not merely getting for yourself.

Good Shepherd Sunday is not merely about priesthood or religious life. Marriage and parenting are not easy option. But a generous family will inspire generous young people. And self-sacrificing church personnel will inspire new heroes. We have to be mad enough to speak of God's daunting dream and not to be trapped in our cosy comfort zone. Good Shepherd Sunday is not just about recruiting but about promoting communities that call young people to sanctity in their different vocations and in the concrete circumstances of their generation.

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 1st of May 6:30 pm in the Church. Session 2.

Mass for Altar Servers of the Diocese of Brentwood celebrated by Bishop Alan Williams will take place in the cathedral , Brentwood on Saturday 10th of June at 2p.m. Please see poster on the church notice board in church porch.

This Sunday we welcome Orlaith Katie Cullen into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. Every Blessing to the family.

There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the Monday- 1st and 8th of May, which are bank holidays.

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.

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 walthamstow&stg@dioceseofbrentwood.org Thank you.

ST.PATRICK CHURCH WALTHAMSTOW, INVITE YOU FOR AN ALL NIGHT VIGIL FROM 9PM TO 5AM* *ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH (The nearest one is on 5th May 2023)*. In honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It will begin with Mass of the Sacred Heart at 9pm and it will finish at 5am with Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. More information please check the Notice Board or St Patrick's Church website <http://www.stpatrickswalth.co.uk/>. Our Address is 61 Blackhorse Road E17 7AS.Tel:0208 520 3647 Everyone is very welcome."

We will be having our procession in honour of Mother Mary on **Sunday 14th May, this year**. Following the Crowning of our Blessed Mother at the Upper Site of our Lady and St George's school, at 2:00 pm we will process to the Church where the Rosary will be recited in different languages. We hope all are able to attend.

Birthday blessing to Agatha and Shania.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

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)
Mon 01 May	FERIA
10:00am***	Kujtin's Family Intentions (Liria)
06:00pm	Sister Mary Hunaya Igwe (Rest in Peace) (Community)
Tue 02 May	Saint Athanasius, Bishops and Doctor of the Church
09:15am	All Sittings Exams
6:00pm	Peter Raffa (Rest in Peace) (Amal)
Wed 03 May	Saints Philip and James, Apostles
09:15am	Eileen Raffo (Rest in Peace) (Amal)
06:00 pm	Ram and Betty Ramsey (Rest in Peace) (Patrick and Katy)
Thu 04 May	The English Martyrs
09:15am	Margaret Raffo (Rest in Peace) (Amal)
06:00pm	Raouf Tobia (Rest in Peace) (Amal)
Fri 05 May	FERIA
09:15 am	Kathy Nicoll's Intentions (Patrick and Katy)
06:00pm	Florendo Viado (Rest in Peace) (Helen and Mary Jane)
Sat 06 May	Saint John Payne, Pr, M
10:00am	Fawzia Tobia (Rest in Peace) (Amal)
06:00pm	Julian Litter's Intentions (Len and Babs)
Sun 07 May	Fifth Sunday of Easter
08:30 am	George and Teodora Bartolo (Rest in Peace) (Elizabeth)
10:00am	Emeel Raouf Tobia (Rest in Peace) (Amal)
12noon	Susan Bell's Intentions

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, Padraic Maloney , Pauline Brookman, Damon, Fatimata, Sherry Family, Bridie Curley, Jason Leonard Hamilton Barber (Tracy), Cyril and Rose Ogidi, Barry and Sheila Mayo, John Joseph (Mary)