

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 6:1-7

Response to the Psalm: May your love be upon us O Lord, as we place all our hope in you,

2nd Reading 1 Pt 2:4-9

Gospel: Jn 14:1-12

Fifth Sunday of Easter (7/05/2023)

Today's Gospel is as familiar to priests as it is to members of the congregation: we have all heard the first half of it proclaimed at funerals. In fact I would guess that it's the most popular Gospel for funerals, and it may well be heard up to fifty percent (or more) of all funerals in England in any given year.

The Gospel contains comforting and reassuring words from Jesus. That invitation to trust in his love and his providence often forms part of a funeral homily. But the Gospel does more than that, it answers a key question that mourners bring to the funeral:

'Where is he?'/ 'Where is she? To put the question more fully: 'That person whose death we mourn today, that person we loved more than life itself, where is that person? The body around which we gather is our last link with the deceased person, but there was more to the one we loved than that. Shortly we will be saying goodbye to that body, either at the graveside or in the crematorium, but where is the person we loved? If he or she lives on, then where is she / he now?'

Jesus, the master comforter, addresses just that question in the Gospel.

'I am going now to prepare a place for you.....'

*I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am,
you may be too'*

Nothing could be clearer or more hopeful than that statement. The person we loved is with Jesus. Once we believe in Jesus, we can be confident that the one we loved lives on in his presence, in the Father's house, where there are many rooms.

The image Cardinal Ratzinger used at the funeral of his predecessor brings this faith to life. He pictured the late Pope John Paul at the window of the Father's house waving to the faithful: not to say 'Good bye' but to encourage. It is as if he is saying 'Follow Jesus, the Way the Truth and the Life, and you will enter your eternal home too'.

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 29th of May 6:30 pm in the Church. Session 1. Session 2 on June 5th.

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.

There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the Monday 8th of May, which is a bank holiday.

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/-.

Birthday blessings to Catherine Lloyd who celebrated her 100th Birthday on Friday last.

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.

ST.PATRICK CHURCH WALTHAMSTOW, INVITE YOU FOR AN ALL NIGHT VIGIL FROM 9PM TO 5AM* *ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH one is on 5th 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.

THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE EASTER TALKS will explore what it means to have an intimate friendship with Christ. They will take place on Wednesdays 10th, 17th and 24th of May at St Francis of Assisi, Stratford, E15 1NS from 7.30 - 9.00 p.m. The first talk, "Calling on the name of Jesus," will be given by Fr Martin Boland, the Dean of Brentwood Cathedral. All very welcome.

Happy Bank holiday weekend.

Date for your diary: Thursday 18th May is the Ascension of the Lord- a holy day of obligation. Mass times – Vigil Mass (Wednesday 17th May at 7:30pm) and on Thursday 9:15 am and 7:30pm.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Julian Litter's Intentions (Len and Babs)
Sun 7 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
Mon 08 May	FERIA
10:00am***	Anna Theresa McDonagh (Rest in Peace) (Family)
06:00pm	Ekbal Raouf Tobin (Rest in Peace) (Amel)
Tue 09 May	FERIA
09:15am	P.J. Keenan (Rest in Peace) (Keane)
6:00pm	Thanksgiving (Sabrina)
Wed 10 May	FERIA
09:15am	Parishioner
06:00 pm	Thanksgiving (Dr. Doherty)
Thu 11 May	FERIA
09:15am	Thanksgiving (Bhatti)
06:00pm	Intentions (Bhatti)
Fri 12 May	Saint John Houghton. Pr, M
09:15 am	Olga Corcoran (Rest in Peace) (Frances)
06:00pm	John William Turvey (Rest in Peace) (Paciencia)
Sat 13 May	St. Erconwald, Bp Secondary Co-Patron of the Diocese
10:00am	Intentions (Bhatti)
06:00pm	Joe McGee (Rest in Peace) (Marie and Family)
Sun 14 May	Sixth Sunday of Easter
08:30 am	Special Intentions (Bhatti)
10:00am	Glenda's Intentions
12noon	Vocation to the priesthood

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)