

**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**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64: 1, 3-8**

**Response to the Psalm: God of hosts bring us back, let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

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

**Gospel: Mark 13:33-37**



**First Sunday of Advent (03/12/2023)**

As we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent the church ushers us into a new liturgical year. So, happy new year to you. The end of each liturgical cycle is a good opportunity for us to take stock of our spiritual life and make amends. During the last liturgical year, we have been fed with the Word of God and the Sacraments as spiritual food. A child who is well fed but does not grow up does not give joy to the parents. Have we really grown up spiritually from all the spiritual food we received from the Word and Sacraments during the last liturgical year?

When we expect some 'important visitor', we try to keep everywhere clean, put on the most impressive clothes and make the best appearance. The visit of heads of state, political and religious figures are heralded by great preparations. Such visitors are received with pomp and pageantry. If that is the case with mere earthly figures, how about Jesus Christ, greatest visitor of all times, whose visit transforms the life of all who would receive him. How ready are we to receive him in our hearts? Are

we ready to receive him in hearts without hate, prejudice and pride? How beautiful is our soul as it prepares to meet Christ as we celebrate his coming in history, his presence in mystery and his coming in glory?

One of the problems of the modern man is the inability to wait. Many people are always wanting to move too fast and as a result end so fast. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen wrote about patience: 'Patience is power. Patience is not an absence of action; rather it is 'timing,' it waits on the right time to act, for the right principles and in the right way'.

There are two most important virtues every Christian should pray for this season. They are the courage to endure and patience to wait. No matter how long it will take God's promise will come to fulfilment. And 'those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength' (Is 40:31)

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.

Session 2 of the next parish Baptism preparation programme will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30p.m.

**On 8th December 2023, Russell, who served many years in our Parish, will be ordained a Priest at the Brompton Oratory at 6:30pm.**

The Spiritual Bouquet for Russell (Deacon Joseph) is available to sign after every Holy Mass this weekend. The easiest way to the Oratory is Victoria line to Victoria, change to the District line to South Kensington. The Oratory is next to the V&A Museum. Anyone wanting to make a contribution towards a gift for Russell please hand it in an envelope, marked Russell, to Louella.

**Our Lady and St George SVP Annual Christmas Lunch for Senior Citizens**  
**Sunday 10 December 2023 from 2.30 -5 pm**

If you would like to attend the SVP Annual Christmas Lunch for Senior Citizens on Sunday 10 December 2023, from 2.30pm-5pm please add your name to the list in the church porch, we have spaces for 40 Senior citizens only. Also, if you require transport, please add your name and telephone number to the Transport list. Thank You.

Today we welcome into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism Francis Castro Barrett Every blessing to the family.

### **Reverse Advent Calendar.**

"Reverse Advent Calendar". This initiative is from Caritas Brentwood who provide help for people across the diocese. For us as a parish this gives us a chance to give to others who are in most need during the Christmas period. Please return the boxes on Sunday 17th December so they can be delivered in time for Christmas. For more information please visit [www.caritasbrentwood.org/advent](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/advent). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### **We are coming up to the Catholic New Year first week of Advent 3rd December look to make a new year resolution by Helping in the Parish**

There are many ways you can offer your time and talent to help around the parish. Without having to devote any extra time in your busy family and work life or to make a special trip to parish. There are plenty of jobs for you and your family that can be done on days you come to Mass that can be done in 15-30 minutes after or if suits before mass. If you interested and want to know more speak to Cliff D'souza after Sunday Masses in the Day Chapel

### **HFSIX – APPLICATIONS OPEN**

Application forms for the Sixth Form at Holy Family 2024/25 are now open. Please go to [www.holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk](http://www.holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk) for the link to our online application. Deadline for these applications is 2nd February 2024. For more information or a chance to visit the Sixth Form please email Mrs Wilbraham at [hfsix@holycatholicsschool.co.uk](mailto:hfsix@holycatholicsschool.co.uk)

Holy Family School Carol Service will be Tuesday 12th December in Our lady and Saint George Church.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Wendy Elizabeth Mary Downey, Rest in Peace. The requiem Mass for Mary's soul will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 11:30am at Our Lady and St George Church.

**Happy Birthday to Gabriel Turay.**

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

<b>06:00 pm</b>	Anne Harte (Rest in Peace) (Joan)
<b>Sun 03 November</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Moyra Whelan (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>10:00 am</b>	Augustine Fadina (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>12noon</b>	Choi-Yee Kwan (Ping)
<b>Mon 04 December</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Ethna Daly (Rest in Peace)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Wesley De'Souza (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Tue 05 December</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	David Kersopp (Rest in Peace) (David Moss)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Erica Hall (Rest in Peace) (Kristina)
<b>Wed 06 December</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Dave Kirsopp (Rest in Peace) (O'Gorman)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Family Intentions of Erica Hall (Kristina)
<b>Thu 07 December</b>	<b>Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Rodgen Gomez (Rest in Peace) (Tessie)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	George and Teadora Bartola (Rest in Peace) (Elizabeth)
<b>Fri 08 December</b>	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Mary Moss Intentions (Dave Moss)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Thanksgiving (Stephen Simon)
<b>Sat 09 December</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	Bridie Lacon (Rest in Peace) (Linda)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Edward Fletcher (Rest in Peace) (Joan)
<b>Sun 10 December</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Timothy Sullivan (Rest in Peace) (Mary)
<b>10:00 am</b>	Orlando Almeida (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>12noon</b>	Anthony Yamson (Thanksgiving) (family)

### Prayer List

Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Hilda Collett (Chris) Brid O Halloran, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Liberee, Anne (Christina), Grace, Bridie Curley, Sharon Baker, Bridgit Morris, Mavis Hacker, Marjorie Singh, Pietro and Maria Marrai, Peggy McManus, Rosie Ebreo, Kathleen Lloyd, Linda Campbell, Bridie Cronin, Baby Jimmy, Sierra Smucker-Halls (Carol), Maureen Newland (Carol), Anna (Gawlik), Theresa (Curley), Terry Wheeler, Padraic Maloney , Damon, Bridie Curley, Jason Leonard Hamilton Barber (Tracy), Cyril and Rose Ogidi, Barry and Sheila Mayo, John Joseph (Mary), Ambrose and Felistas and family, Chris Newman, Margaret Phillips, Margaret and Norris Levine, Dr. Michael Weston, Chris Cullen, Fr. Francis Coveney