

**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: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46**

**Response to the Psalm: You are my refuge O Lord: you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 31-11:1**

**Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (11/02/2024)**

**(World Day for the Sick, and Day of Prayer for the Unemployed)**

Through the humanity of Jesus, God has reached out his hand and touched us; all of us, in principle. Through the human heart of Jesus especially, that heart which was pierced by a lance, we have immediate access to God's infinite and eternal love.

The outstretched hand of Jesus continues to touch us in daily lives. Above all, and most directly, we meet that touch in the sacraments of the Church: in sacramental Absolution, and in Holy Communion. But we meet it in other ways too: in our prayers; in our holy reading; in the Saints; in other people. Sometimes we find ourselves being used as instruments of that divine touch for others.

166 years ago today the touch of God was expressed by an apparition of his holy Mother. On 11 February 1858, the 14 -year-old Bernadette first saw our Lady in the grotto at Lourdes. On that occasion the Lady, or as Bernadette spoke of her, the girl, said nothing at all. What was utterly unforgettable about her was that she was so beautiful. She smiled at

Bernadette and invited her by gesture to pray. Only in the sixteenth apparition did the young lady respond to Bernadette's repeated request for her name: *I am the immaculate Conception.*

And from that day to this the crowds have flocked to Lourdes. Many healings of the sick, unexplained by medical science, have taken place there. But also: many sick people go to Lourdes who are not cured. Still they go because Lourdes is a holy place. People are converted there; they find prayer flows easily; they experience the blessing of God and of Mary there somehow more directly. Lourdes points people firmly in the direction of heaven, and they come away consoled and refreshed. *'If you will, said the leper, you can make me clean.'* *God does will.*

Lord, touch and cleanse my whole life: that I may be ever more open to receive your love, and to give it back, now and forever.

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.

**Marriage preparation course** on Monday and Tuesday 26th and 27th of February in the church meeting room beginning at 8p.m.

The **next Baptism preparation course** will be on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> of February at 6:30p.m. in the church for Session 1. Session 2 will be on the Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

Please return your blessed palms in the basket provided so that they can be burned and the ash can be used for Ash Wednesday.

**Dates for your Diary** - Ash Wednesday 14th of February Mass times 9:15a.m and 6p.m Blessed ash will be available during each Mass.

Cafod Family Fast Day is Friday 23rd of February.

The **monthly Mass for the Tamil Community** is on the third Sunday of each month at 5pm in Our lady and St George Church.

**Stations of the Cross** will be prayed each Friday of Lent after the 6p.m. Mass.

This Sunday we welcome into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism Kenzo Sango. Blessings to his family.

**All Mass intentions are booked up until mid April**

**Lourdes Collection** This Sunday the second collection is for the Diocesan Lourdes Fund. Thank you for taking this collection. In recent years, this fund has enabled us to subsidize nurses, doctors, and helpers so that we have the team we need to support all our pilgrims, especially our assisted pilgrims. The Fund also allows us to fund pilgrims, who otherwise would not be able to join the pilgrimage. If you have a parishioner, who may need help to join the pilgrimage, please e-mail [kathrynyoung@mail.com](mailto:kathrynyoung@mail.com)

**Diocesan Pilgrimage 2024** Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). To book, please go online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours ([tangney-tours.com](http://tangney-tours.com)) If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young: [kathrynyoung@mail.com](mailto:kathrynyoung@mail.com). The pilgrimage is slightly longer this year because of the availability of chartered flights, which allow us to bring many more assisted pilgrims than commercial flights. However, if anyone is interested in a shorter stay n Lourdes, during the Diocesan Pilgrimage, please contact Tangney. As ever, any parish which wishes to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage, but make their own travel arrangements and hotel bookings, are most welcome to do so. If you wish to discuss this, please contact me.

Next weekend there is a retiring collection to raise funds for the HCPT pilgrimage to Lourdes.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Peggy McManus. May she Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for Peggy McManus will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 10:15am at Our Lady and St. George Church.

The funeral arrangements for Fr. John McKeon Rest in Peace as follows. The Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 11:30am at Holy Family Catholic Church, Oxlow Lane, Dagenham.

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

<b>06:00 pm</b>	Ellie and James Harte (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Sun 11 February</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Agnelo, Louella and Family Intention (Stella)
<b>10:00 am</b>	Alan Kennedy (Angela)
<b>12noon</b>	Jacqeline Keavney (Rest in Peace) (Catherine)
<b>Mon 12 February</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Madge Maume (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Richard Day (Rest in Peace) (Carmel Gillings)
<b>Tue 13 February</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Thanksgiving (Brid O'Halloran)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Madge Maume (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Wed 14 February</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Souls in Purgatory (Agnelo and Family)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Intentions of Lawrence, Agnes, Shania (Stella)
<b>Thu 15 February</b>	<b>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Peter Raffo (Rest in Peace) (Amal)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Lorrain (Gibson Family)
<b>Fri 16 February</b>	<b>Friday after Ash Wednesday</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Parishioners
<b>10:15am</b>	Requiem Mass- Peggy McManus (Rest in Peace)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Eileen Raffo (Rest in Peace) (Amal)
<b>Sat 17 February</b>	<b>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	Margaret Raffo (Rest in Peace) (Amal)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Tim Keenan (Rest in Peace) (Keane)
<b>Sun 18 February</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Joyce, David and Family (Stella)
<b>10:00 am</b>	Agatha Kramo and Family (Family)
<b>12noon</b>	Rouf Tobin (Rest in Peace) (Amal)

### Prayer List

Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Hilda Collett (Chris) Brid O Halloran, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Liberee, Anne (Christina), Bridie Curley, Sharon Baker, Bridgit Morris, Mavis Hacker, Marjorie Singh, Pietro and Maria Marrai, Rosie Ebreo, Kathleen Lloyd, Linda Campbell, Bridie Cronin, Baby Jimmy, Sierra Smucker-Halls (Carol), Maureen Newland (Carol), Anna (Gawlik), Theresa (Curley), Terry Wheeler, Pdraic 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, Kim Ahn and family