

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

1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

**Response to the Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

2nd Reading: Roman 8:31-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Second Sunday of Lent (25/02/2024)

The story of the Transfiguration is one of the highlights of Jesus' revelation as the Son of God. Previously, Jesus mentioned His death and resurrection which the apostles, especially Peter, could hardly comprehend. They were getting confused because their expectation of Jesus as the Messiah was starting to fail. Then they witnessed the dazzling light in Jesus' Transfiguration and their spirit was once again lifted up.

This is one of the rewards of a believer, the opportunity to see the glory of God even in glimpses. Anyone who has received the Holy Spirit will attest to feelings that one is on 'top of a mountain' or on cloud nine no matter how fleeting that feeling may be. When you have that experience, you can say like Peter that 'it is good to be here.' Yet we have to admit that the life of a believer is not 'a magic carpet ride.' In fact, to live as a true witness means to carry our cross all the way to Calvary. Our badge as believers is the cross. That is why, even as we go up the 'high mountain' once in a while and experience real joy and peace, we go down and live in the valley of tears and darkness most of the time. It is

in this valley where we are transfigured, where the Lord transformed us painfully and joyfully at the same time.

This process of transformation will only be successful and a lot easier if we constantly listen to God's beloved Son. Like the apostles, we may not totally comprehend what Jesus is telling us. We may not fully understand what is going on in the valley but thanks to the story of Transfiguration we have some help. The Transfiguration of Jesus gives us hope just as the apostles discovered that as we journey through the ups and downs of life, we will one day see the full display of God's glory. On that day, we will again regain our own image- the image of our creator.

Have a Blessed Week

Canon Miall

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 26th of February at 6:30p.m. in the church for Session 1. Session 2 will be on the Monday 4th March.

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.

Syro-Malabar Station of the Cross every Friday of lent at 5pm.

All Mass intentions are booked up until mid April.

We welcome Lorenzo Fabian Uzice into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday.

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) If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young: 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 in 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.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR LENT

Commentary on every Scripture reading from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, is available free of charge on www.whatgoodnews.org Click on 'Scripture Readings' and 'Lent Readings'. The commentaries are also available in book form from Darton, Longman and Todd www.dartonlongmantodd.co.uk

Volunteer at the St John Bosco Children's Camp; from 27th July – 3rd August help give 100 children a holiday. Helpers must be 18+, and the Camp will arrange for a DBS check, and appropriate training. To help at the Bosco Camp is a wonderful experience, and now is the time to apply. Details: www.boscocamp.co.uk

HCPT appeal raised £1431.44 over the weekend. This is remarkable and humbling. With our heartfelt gratitude. Peter

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Fr. John Taylor former parish priest of this parish. (1990-1991)

Lent = Prayer + Fasting + Almsgiving

Happy Lent

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00 pm	John Elms (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 25 February	Second Sunday of Lent
08:30 am	Special Intention
10:00 am	Alice Isaac (Rest in Peace) (Roy)
12noon	Moira Corcoran (Rest in Peace) (Cronin)
Mon 26 February	Monday of the Second Week of Lent
09:15 am	Diana Rodrigues (Stella)
06:00 pm	Thanksgiving (Maum)
Tue 27 February	Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent
09:15am	Michael Reilly (Rest in Peace) (Brian)
06:00 pm	Intentions (Maum)
Wed 28 February	Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent
09:15 am	Alex D'Souza (Rest in Peace) (Stella)
06:00 pm	Thanksgiving (Mayo)
Thu 29 February	Thursday of the Second Week of Lent
09:15 am	Frank Murphy (Rest in Peace) (Mary Murphy)
06:00 pm	Intentions (Mayo)
Fri 1 March	Saint David
09:15 am	Diana Brown's Intentions
06:00 pm	Dr. Michael Weston's Intentions (Family)
Sat 2 March	Saturday of the Second Week of Lent
10:00 am	Intentions of Linda Campbell (Margaret Phillips)
06:00 pm	Richard and Nora Keane (Keane)
Sun 3 March	Third Sunday of the Lent
08:30 am	Special Intentions (Milbury Fernandes)
10:00 am	Simon and Robin (Rest in Peace) (Family)
12noon	Beidie Cronin's Intentions (Family)

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, Margaret Phillips, Margaret and Norris Levine, Dr. Michael Weston, Chris Cullen, Kim Ahn and family, Bruce Pereira, Nigel Smith and Anne Conway (mother of Fr. Kevin)