

**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 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23**

**Response to the Psalm: Let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Eph 2:4-10**

**Gospel: John 3:14-21**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent (10/03/2024)**

**(‘Laetare Sunday) Mother’s Day**

Since this Sunday occurs in the middle of Lent, as Gaudete Sunday is celebrated midway through Advent, Laetare Sunday reminds us of the Event we look forward to at the end of the penitential season. As on Gaudete Sunday, rose -coloured vestments may replace violet and flowers may grace the altar. These outwards signs symbolize the Church’s joy in anticipation of the Resurrection, a joy which cannot be contained even in Lent, though we still refrain from Alleluias and the singing of the Gloria until the magnificence of the Easter Vigil

The central theme of today’s readings is that our salvation is the free gift of a merciful God given to us through Jesus, His Son. The reading stress God’s mercy and compassion and remind us of the great love, kindness and grace extended to us in Christ. As an act of love and gratitude to God Who is ‘rich in mercy’ and as an expression of our Faith, we are invited to share Jesus’ sufferings by doing penance during Lent so that we may inherit our external salvation and the glory of his Resurrection in Heaven. As we continue our Lenten observance for the fourth week, the Sacred

Liturgy invites us to enter more deeply into the mystery of God's grace, mercy and salvation.

We need to love the cross, the symbol of God's forgiving and merciful love: the crucifix- the symbol of the 'lifted up' Jesus-holds a central place in our Churches because it is a forceful reminder not only of God's love and mercy, but also of the price of our salvation. Hence, no Christian home should be without this symbol of God's love. The crucifix invites us to respond with more than compassion; it inspires us to remove the suffering of other people's misery. It encourages us not only to feel deep sorrow for another's suffering, but also to try our best to remove that suffering. Hence, let us love the Cross, wear its image and carry our own daily cross with joy. When we allow the Light of God's forgiveness to shine in our lives, it brightens up every corner, forgives every sin, restores our relationship with God and renews our lives. Whoever follows Jesus will not walk in darkness.

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.

The next Baptism preparation course will be on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30p.m. in the church for Session 1.

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.**

**Happy Mother's Day**

### **L3 CHILDCARE PRACTITIONER NEEDED**

Marian Mission Pre-School is urgently looking to recruit a qualified and experienced Early Years Practitioner to work with our team. Applicant Must possess Level 3 or above and Must have 2 years min experience within a Pre-school setting. support the Marian Mission Disadvantaged Children Centre. Contact Mother Maria on 07940143545/ 02085187499

Friday 15th March 10am after morning mass students from Holy Family Catholic School & Sixth Form will do The Stations of the Cross, based on World Youth Day stations. This is an open invitation to the parish community to come and be involved with what our schools do to develop their faith journey and hopefully ours, During this time of our Lenten preparation.

The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre are recruiting a couple/two adults to support the nine elderly sisters who live in the main house. The role is residential in a two bedroom bungalow, adjacent to the main home in Colchester. Precise role, and salary are dependent on the skills of the successful applicants. For further information please contact: [crssuk@canonesses.co.uk](mailto:crssuk@canonesses.co.uk).

**40 hours Adoration.** The annual parish 40 hours Adoration will begin on Thursday March 22nd, after 6:00pm Mass to Saturday March 24th 9:45am followed by the Holy Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with Jesus, as we prepare for Holy Week. Please sign up for the hours you are able to attend. "Can you not spend one hour with me" Please sign/print your name for the hour(s) you wish to participate.

On Wednesday 20th March at 7 pm, in preparation for Holy Week, Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, will give a talk entitled 'The Readings at the Easter Vigil - the four nights of salvation'. The talk will take place in the parish hall at Gidea Park (410 Brentwood Road, RM2 6DH) and will last about 40 minutes. Refreshments will be available from 6.30 pm. No booking necessary. The church is 5 minutes' walk from the station (Elizabeth Line). Ample free parking is also available at the church. All are welcome, especially Readers, Special Ministers of the Eucharist and Catechists.

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

<b>06:00 pm</b>	Intentions (Christopher Chase Currier)
<b>Sun 10 March</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	All Prisoners of Conscience (Marta)
<b>10:00 am</b>	Newman Family Intentions (Sean)
<b>12noon</b>	Patrick, Roseanne O'Connor Intentions (Mary and Jim)
<b>Mon 11 March</b>	<b>Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Eleanor Gannon (Rest in Peace) (Maloney)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Joan Chase Currier (Rest in Peace) (Christopher)
<b>Tue 12 March</b>	<b>Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Tony Healy (Rest in Peace) (Moss)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Joan Chase Currier (Rest in Peace) (Christopher)
<b>Wed 13 March</b>	<b>Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Thanksgiving (Gertrude Charles)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Joan Chase Currier (Rest in Peace) (Christopher)
<b>Thu 14 March</b>	<b>Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Parishioners
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Joan Chase Currier (Rest in Peace) (Christopher)
<b>Fri 15 March</b>	<b>Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Special Intentions (Liberee)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Joan Chase Currier (Rest in Peace) (Christopher)
<b>Sat 16 March</b>	<b>Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	Intentions of Klag Family (Margaret)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Bernard and Shiela Moss (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Sun 17 March</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Elizabeth McGann (Rest in Peace) (Foundation)
<b>10:00 am</b>	Intentions (Sr. Anne Marie)
<b>12noon</b>	Stephanie Yamson's Intentions (Sylvia)

### 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, Hung Van Le (Cong), Mary Murphy