

**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

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**Charity Number: 234092**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Isaiah 50:4-7**

**Response to the Psalm: Even in the bleakest darkness or  
distress the faithful one does not lose faith.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 2:6-11**

**Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47**

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (24/03/2024)**

We could say that what is revealed to us today, as readers of Mark's Gospel, is the essence of Christian discipleship. What Jesus lived, how he lived His Passion and Death...this is what is asked of us in our turn. As Christian disciples we are called to share in the sufferings of Christ and to do humbly submitting ourselves to God's will; we are called to make a loving gift, a free-will oblation, a total self-offering of our lives...out of love for God our Father and out of love of others...for the good of all our sisters and brothers in humanity. If the way in which Jesus lived His Sacred Passion and saving death brought about the ransom of many, so the way we dare to share in Christ's Passion and death can contribute greatly to the life and well-being of the world.

All that being said, suffering can never be the end in itself. Suffering was not and never could be the end of the Christian story! The really extraordinary thing about the centurion's proclamation, when he declared that Jesus was the Son of God, is that it shows us how in Mark's Gospel it was not only the resurrection of Jesus that revealed Christ's true identity and glory, but already the way in which Jesus endured His

death upon the cross. Christ's fullest identity, His glory, was made manifest of Calvary's Hill. It was displayed in a strange way: in weakness! It was in Jesus' humiliation that His messianic greatness was made visible. Christ continue to manifest His power in our suffering and death...if only we dare to live our sorrow, our distress, our pain and, ultimately, our death, with and in Him. We will enable to endure whatever suffering comes our way as long as we stay close to Jesus. He gives us the courage and fortitude we need when we are at our weakest and most vulnerable. He offers us His comfort and peace when we feel overcome by our many fears and anxieties, Jesus understands us! Literally, He stands under us... to sustain us, to hold us up.

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 6:30pm in the church for Session 1. Session 2 on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 6:30pm.

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

A big thank you to the Nwajagu family for collecting and laundering the altar servers albs.

**Diocesan pilgrimage** to Walsingham Saturday 25th May. Details soon and coach booking.

There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from the Monday of Holy Week. Adoration will resume on Monday 23rd April.

The **Divine Mercy Novena** will be prayed immediately after the Passion of Our Lord on Good Friday. From Monday to Saturday we will pray the

Novena after the evening Mass. The Divine Mercy celebration will start at 1:30pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Holy Week Ceremonies**

**Holy Thursday 10:00am office of Reading and Morning Prayer**

**8:00pm Mass of the Last Supper.**

**Good Friday: 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**10:00am- Office of Reading and Morning prayer**

**11:00am- Stations of the Cross for Children**

**3:00pm- Solemn Passion of the Lord**

**6:00pm – Stations of the Cross**

**Holy Saturday: 10:00am –Office of Reading**

**Vigil Mass- 8:00pm**

**Easter Sunday Masses – 8:30am, 10:00am, 12noon.**

**Weekday masses in Easter weeks will be 10am and 6pm**

**Lent= Prayer + Fasting +Almsgiving**

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

<b>06:00 pm</b>	Catherine Murnane (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Sun 24 March</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Thanksgiving (Shania)
<b>10:00 am</b>	Thomas Farrelly (Rest in Peace) (Lisa Farrelly)
<b>12noon</b>	Donald Bell (Rest in Peace) (S. Bell)
<b>Mon 25 March</b>	<b>Monday of the Holy Week</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Fr. John McKeon (Rest in Peace) (Stella Rodrigues)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Thanksgiving (Shania)
<b>Tue 26 March</b>	<b>Tuesday of the Holy Week</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	James and Ellie Harte (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Special Intention (Mathew)
<b>Wed 27 March</b>	<b>Wednesday of the Holy Week</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Pietro's Intentions (Marina and Vincenzo)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Tony Healy (Rest in Peace) (O'Gorman)
<b>Thu 28 March</b>	<b>Thursday of the Holy Week (MAUNDY THURSDAY)</b>
<b>10:00 am***</b>	Office of Reading and Morning Prayer
<b>08:00 pm***</b>	Mass of the Last Supper - Thanksgiving (Mathew) and intentions of Frank Spurling (Family)
<b>Fri 29 March</b>	<b>FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)</b>
<b>10:00 am***</b>	Office of Reading and Morning Prayer
<b>11:00am***</b>	Stations of the Cross for Children
<b>03:00pm***</b>	Solemn Passion of the Lord
<b>Sat 30 March</b>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	Office of Reading and Morning Prayer
<b>08:00 pm Vigil Mass*</b>	Eleanor Gannon (Rest in Peace) (O'Gorman) and Maria Salamowicz (Rest in Peace) (Marta)
<b>Sun 31 March</b>	<b>Easter Sunday of Resurrection of the Lord</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Peggy McManus (Rest in Peace) (Nevin Family)
<b>10:00 am</b>	William Balfe (Rest in Peace) (Margaret)
<b>12noon</b>	Betty and Ram (Rest in Peace) (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, 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, 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