

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 Joshua 5: 9-12

Response to the Psalm: The people of God keep the Passover on their entry into the promised land.

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

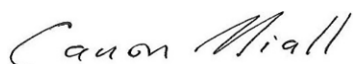
Fourth Sunday of Lent (30/03/2025)

(Laetare Sunday) (Mother's Day)

The parable of the prodigal son is a conversion story. It is a story of exile and return. 'Coming to his senses,' he finally listened to his conscience, the voice of reason in his soul. Some translation say 'coming back to himself.' He was far away from his true nature, but by listening to his conscience, he heard the voice of the Good Shepherd inside of him, calling him to come back to himself. St John Henry Newman called the conscience 'the aboriginal Vicar of Christ' in the soul. It is the voice of Christ that bring us to repentance when we have sinned. But we must listen to this voice and not tune it out. We must allow Jesus to find us when we have strayed and follow him back home. The younger son examined his conscience, then went to his father to ask for his forgiveness. This is a Biblical model of the Sacrament of Reconciliation! The prodigal son was brought back to life, for his father said that he 'was dead and has come to life again.' He had been given new life in Christ. Our second reading today speaks directly to this: 'Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things

have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation' (2 Corinthians 5:17-19). Each time we go to Confession, we are participating in this ministry of reconciliation by accepting God's forgiveness and grace. We are lost and Jesus has found us.

Have a Blessed Week



MARRIAGES: By appointment. At least six months' notice is required. Please speak to the priests for more information.

The **next parish Baptism preparation programme** will be at 6:30pm in the church. Session 1 on Monday 31st March. Session 2 – Monday 7th April.

The **Novena to Divine Mercy** will start on Good Friday after the Service of The Passion of Our Lord. Feast of The Divine Mercy will be celebrated on 27th April, Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis. The celebration will start at 1:15pm and finish with Holy Mass, which will start around 3:45pm. See notice board for details.

Walsingham We are pleased to announce that on the 24th May 2025, the Walsingham Pilgrimage is back! The pilgrimage offers an opportunity for reflection and devotion in one of England's most sacred sites. There will be a list at the back of the church for anyone wishing to attend the Pilgrimage, please print your name and telephone number. The cost of the trip is £34.00, and the coach will be leaving from outside the church at 07.00.

Parish Finance Report The Parish Finance Report and Outlook for Fiscal Year ending 05 April 2024 has been prepared and Parishioners may collect a copy if they wish from the Foyer. The Gift Aid boxes for the new Tax Year will shortly be available for collection together with a second box of envelopes for 'Fundraising in Support of our Parish Upkeep and Maintenance'.

Stations of the Cross after 6pm Mass on Friday's of Lent.

We Pray For All Mothers Living and Dead

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

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| 06:00 pm | Timothy and Family (Ursula) |
| Sun 30 March | Fourth Sunday of Lent |
| 08:30 am | Thanksgiving (Shania and Agnes) |
| 10:00 am | William Balfe (Rest in Peace) (Margaret) |
| 12noon | Gillian Vickers (Nicholson) |
| Mon 31 March | Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent |
| 09:15 am | Holy Souls |
| 06:00 pm | Norris and Margaret Levine's Intention (Christine) |
| Tue 1 April | Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent |
| 09:15 am | Brid O'Halloran (Rest in Peace) (Keane) |
| 06:00pm | Mark and Mary Fletcher (Rest in Peace) (James) |
| Wed 2 April | Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent |
| 09:15 am | Parishioners |
| 06:00 pm | Fr. Michael Fewell (Rest in Peace) (James Fletcher) |
| Thu 3 April | Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent |
| 09:15 am | Kathleen and Michael Garry's (Intentions) (Maura) |
| 06:00 pm | Peter Murphy (Rest in Peace) (Irene Coe) |
| Fri 4 April | Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent |
| 09:15 am | Thanksgiving (Louella) |
| 06:00pm | Michael Daly (Rest in Peace) (Roselene) |
| Sat 5 April | Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent |
| 10:00 am | Darren Rodrigues Intentions (R and S Rodrigues) |
| 06:00 pm | Special Intention (Kevin and Brendan) |
| Sun 6 April | Fifth Sunday of Lent |
| 08:30 am | Intentions (Shania and Agnes) |
| 10:00 am | Brid O'Halloran (Rest in Peace) (Marie Neville) |
| 12noon | Paul Peberson (Paul) |

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| Mon 7 April | Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent |
| 09:15 am | Parishioners |
| 06:00 pm | Mathew Chacko (Tomy) |
| Tue 8 April | Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent |
| 09:15am | Thanksgiving (Whelan) |
| 06:00 pm | Angelina Horeau (Rest in Peace) (R and S Rodrigues) |
| Wed 9 April | Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent |
| 09:15 am | Holy Souls |
| 06:00pm | Victoria Wyndham(Rest in Peace) (R and S Rodrigues) |
| Thu 10 April | Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent |
| 09:15am | Martin Joseph Gallagher (Rest in Peace) |
| 06:00 pm | Martin Joseph Gallagher (Rest in Peace) |
| Fri 11 April | Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent |
| 09:15 am | Bill Wyndham (Rest in Peace) (R and S Rodrigues) |
| 06:00pm | Carol Phillips (Rest in Peace) (Margaret) |
| Sat 12 April | Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent |
| 10:00 am | Fr. Bernard Scholes (Rest in Peace) (Pact) |
| 06:00 pm | Joe Murtagh (Annie O'Dorovan) |
| Sun 13 April | PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD |
| 08:30 am | Holy Souls (Christopher Chase-Currier) |
| 10:00 am | Fr. Michael Fedorak (Rest in Peace) (Nestor) |
| 12noon | Teheh Yamson's Intention (Sylvia) |

Prayer List

Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Hilda Collett (Chris), Josephine Walsh (Paul), Liberee, Anne (Christina), 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), Anna (Gawlik), Theresa (Curley), Terry Wheeler, Padraic Maloney, Damon, Bridie Curley, Cyril and Rose Ogidi, Barry and Sheila Mayo, John Joseph (Mary), Margaret Phillips, Margaret and Norris Levine, Dr. Michael Weston, Bruce Pereira, Nigel Smith, Mary Murphy, Phyllis Beer, Chirs Cullen. Kim Parkins, Mrs Best, Ashish, Michael Brown, Albert Callanan, Anne Close, Robinson, Frieda, Fr. Jose, Melissa Isaac and Mum, Moreena Blackwood, Mick Curley (Christina), William Nkyi-Acheampong

Thanks to everybody who donated to the HCPT appeal.

Also thanks to all who bought raffle tickets for Misso.