

## **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**

### **Year of Saint Francis of Assisi**

**1 Reading Ezekiel 37:12-14**

**Psalm – With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption**

**2 Reading Roman 8:8-11.**

**Gospel John 11: 1-45.**

#### **Fifth Sunday of Lent (22/03/2026)**

Imagine yourself to be Martha or Mary, disappointed that the Lord did not act in time. What's the point of having Jesus as a friend, if He does not come to our aid when we need Him?

God's delays are not denials. Take that in for a moment. He has a plan and a purpose.

Jesus delays this trip; in a way it seems to be a bit cruel to the ones He loved dearly. After all He worked miracles for those who did not even ask for it, like the cripple. These were people He loved; so why did He delay? Was it because at the end of chapter ten we are told that the Jews wanted to stone Him? Not at all! In John 11:8, when He announces His intention to go to Bethany, His own disciples dissuade Him, for fear of the Jews.

Jesus was no stranger to raising people from the dead. He had raised Jarius' daughter and the only son of the widow of Nain. But both these had died the same day they were raised to life and the sceptics had it going that the soul had not left the body, which means that Jesus had not 'really raised

them from the dead' because they were 'merely in a coma.' Strange as it may sound, this was a Jewish belief. The Jews believed that the soul did not leave the body for four days: it kind of hovered around the body hoping to get in again. Jesus, decided to make it clear that the Lazarus miracle is to be a sign that Jesus really is the power of life, evident in the resurrection.

Why does the Lord delay our pleas for help? Jesus does not work signs and wonders for our benefit. The Lord indeed loves us, but that does not mean He has to hear our every cry for help in the way we want it. In His time, He makes all things beautiful. If only we believe this; for God's delays are not necessarily His denials. Think about it, God is not late, maybe I am early!

Have a Blessed Week

*Canon Miall*

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**MARRIAGES:** By appointment. At least six months' notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests.

**Next Baptism Preparation Course** will be on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2026 at 6:30p.m. for Session One. Session 2 will be the following Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 6:30p.m. in the church.

Thank you to Louella for organising the parish 40 Hours Adoration. It was a joy to see so many parishioners and pupils from Holy Family and Our Lady and Saint George Schools.

Your Easter offerings are by tradition your gift to your priests.

**Stations of the Cross in English after 6pm Mass on Fridays of Lent. Stations of the Cross in Tamil 11-12pm. Stations of the Cross in Malayalam 5-545pm.**

**Confessions are available before and after each Mass.**

**Do note the times of the Holy week ceremonies.**

**Birthday Blessings to Christopher.**

**Our Lady and St George Conference-Walthamstow, SVP Fundraising Cake Sale** Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st (Father's Day) June 2026 after the Weekend Masses. If you can donate cakes, pastries and savoury items or can spare a couple of hours to help us on the day, it will be much appreciated. Contact conference president Joan Nicholson for more information 07436583288.

**SVP Annual Collection** and Appeal Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th November 2026 after the Weekend Masses.

### **Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George**

<b>06:00 pm</b>	Jean Marrano's Intentions (Keane)
<b>Sun 22 March</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Angelita Tolentino (Rest in Peace) (Rosie)
<b>10:00 am</b>	Kathleen Murnane (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>12noon</b>	Ester Castillo (Rest in Peace) (Tessie and Francis)
<b>Mon 23 March</b>	<b>MONDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Adeline Rosario (Rest in Peace) (Rodrigues)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Johnny Kerigan (Rest in Peace) (Gallagher)
<b>Tue 24 March</b>	<b>TUESDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Donald Bell (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Intentions (Stella)
<b>Wed 25 March</b>	<b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Peggy Breslin (Rest in Pece) (Redmond)
<b>06:00pm</b>	James and Ellie Harte (Rest in Peace) (Brendon and Kevin)
<b>Thu 26 March</b>	<b>THURSDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Sofia Kosylo (Thanksgiving) (Olga)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Thanksgiving (Mathew)
<b>Fri 27 March</b>	<b>FRIDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Jean Marrano's Intentions (Gannon)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Thanksgiving (Anna and Sandra)
<b>Sat 28 March</b>	<b>SATURDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	Deceased Relatives (Liberee)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Intentions (Brendon and Kevin)
<b>Sun 29 March</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Darren Rodrigues Intentions (Louella)
<b>10:00 am</b>	Bridie Lostello (Rest in Peace) (Hodge)
<b>12noon</b>	Oscar Rudijer Sanviano (Rest in Peace) (Tessie and Friends)

## Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

<b>Mon 30 March</b>	<b>MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Oscar Rudijer Sanviano (Rest in Peace) (Nora)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Thanksgiving (Mathew)
<b>Tue 31 March</b>	<b>TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	William Balfe (Rest in Peace) (Margaret)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Intentions (Liberee)
<b>Wed 1 April</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Michael Harly (Rest in Peace) (Gannon)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Ron and Karen Hacver (Mavis)
<b>Thu 2 April</b>	<b>THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK (MAUNDY THURSDAY)</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	Office of Reading and Morning Prayer
<b>08:00pm***</b>	<b>Mass of the Last Supper</b> -Diarmuid O'Donovan (Rest in Peace) (Elizabeth)
<b>Fri 3 April</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 4 April</b>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	Office of Reading and Morning Prayer
<b>7:30 pm *** (Vigil Mass)</b>	Special Intention (Redmond) and Joan Chase-Currier (Rest in Peace) (Christopher)
<b>Sun 5 April</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Patrick Gallagher (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>10:00 am</b>	Vincent Joseph (Rest in Peace) (Victor)
<b>12noon</b>	Maria Margarida Monteiro da Silv (Rest in Peace) (Family)

### Prayer List

Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Hilda Collett (Chris), 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), Anna (Gawlik), Theresa (Curley), Terry Wheeler, Padraic Maloney, Damon, Bridie Curley, Rose Ogidi, Sheila Mayo, John Joseph (Mary), Margaret Phillips, Margaret and Norris Levine, Dr. Michael Weston, Bruce Pereira, Nigel Smith, Mary Murphy, Phyllis Beer, Chris Cullen, Mrs Best, Michael Brown, Albert Callanan, Anne Close, Robinson, Frieda, Melissa Isaac and Mum, Moreena Blackwood, Mick Curley (Christina), William Nkyi-Acheamong. Marie Rachelle Bell Bower, Ermin Elizabeth Bryce, Doreen Palmer, Peter Wiltshire, Vittorio Pollame