

## CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017**  
**Third Sunday of the Advent (B)**  
**(Gaudete Sunday)**



Dear Parishioners,

When you don't know the answer, keep asking.

When you are not sure which way to go, keep searching.

When you simply do not know what to do, keep praying.

Always, always, always keep praying.

God does listen. God does hear. God does answer. In His own perfect time and in His own perfect way. God answers.

Until then keep knocking on the door. God will open the door, because he loves your persistence.

"So I say to you : Ask and it will be given to you; Seek and you will find; Knock and the door will be opened to you". (St Luke 11:9)

May you have a blessed week on your Advent journey.

*Fr. Niall* (Fr. Niall)

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

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**STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL UPDATE** A summary of the First Formal Proposal is in the Church Meeting Room. Also on display is a document called "An aid to thinking about possibilities for parishes". This document contains four scenarios that are offered merely as ideas that might lead to prayers and discussions about the proposal to group our parish with Our Lady of the Rosary and St. Patrick. Documents are on the diocesan website or email conrad.sotg@gmail.com for details.

**Parish Carol Service** Carol Service in St George's Church this Sunday at 5p.m. A series of 9 Carols and 9 Scripture Readings. All welcome.

**Vigil Mass** There will be a Christmas Vigil Mass at Whipps Cross Hospital at 3pm. on Sunday 24th December.

**Parish Christmas Meal** A big thank you to all who helped with the parish Christmas meal and party on Sunday last. It was a most joyful event.

**Mass for Vocations** A Mass for those enquiring or discerning a vocation to the priesthood will be at Our day of Lourdes at Leigh on Sea at 12:00pm on the feast of St. Thomas Becket, the 29th December 2017. All are welcome to come and pray for vocations and to meet our seminarians. Fr. Graham Smith, Vocations Director.

**Christmas Offerings** By custom, the offertory collection at the Christmas Masses is the parishioners' gift to your priests. If you use the weekly gift aid envelopes you will find a special envelope in your box for this purpose. If you gift aid by standing order only and wish to make a personal offering so that the tax can be reclaimed, please place your offering in a plain white envelope and put your name and gift aid number on it (if you know it). Thank you.

**OPEN MORNINGS:** Our Lady and St. George's Catholic Primary School are having two extra open mornings for children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 and are due to start school in September 2018. The open mornings will be on Saturday 16th December from 9.00am to 11.00am and Sunday 17th December 11.00am to 1.30pm. Please either telephone the school on 020 8520 8500 (option 2 for Lower Site) or email office@olsgschool.org to make an appointment.

The collection last week was £1,092.58. Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity.

**MID-TERM VACANCIES:** Our Lady and St. George's Catholic Primary and Nursery School have vacancies in Reception, Year 3 and Year 5. Please download an application form from the school website ([www.olsgschool.org](http://www.olsgschool.org)) or collect from the school office on the lower site (140 Shernhall Street, E17 9HU).

**Our Lady and St George's Catholic Primary School and Nursery** Are looking to recruit a talented and enthusiastic Learning Support Assistant. Please login to the school website for details and to download the application form. 32.5 hours per week, term time only, permanent, 8.15am – 3.15pm, scale 2 pt 14 £18,657 (pro rata). Closing date: 22/12/2017, Shortlisting: 08/01/2018, Interviews: 10/01/2018

**Missio Boxes** Thank you to all who returned their red boxes. These have now been counted and can be collected from the table in the church foyer.

**Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist - Christmas** Jenny have put down the names of Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who indicated their availability over Christmas Eve & Day, the list of day and time you are down for is on the ministers notice board in porch. Please tick to confirm you will be available, if not please contact Jenny Richmond. If you need to discuss, can you please call house line 0208-8498-0335 as we will not be picking up emails over next few days

**Mass Times for Christmas** There will be a Midnight Mass on 24<sup>th</sup> December and 31<sup>st</sup> December at 00hrs. Please see the last page of the newsletter for Christmas Masses up to the New Year.

**MASS ATTENDANCE** Will all offertory collectors at Mass please count the attendance (including children and babies) at each Mass and record the numbers in the log book. 445 people came to worship in our Parish church last weekend.

### **ROTAS**

<b>Counting Rota</b>	17/12B	24/12E	31/12F	07/01B	14/01E	21/01F
<b>Hospital Rota</b>	17/12A	24/12B	31/12D			



**Joke of the Week:** So I was reading this book called "The History of Glue" and I couldn't put it down (Attributed to Tim Vine)

**Wishing You all and Your Family –  
The Peace and Joy of the Saviour's Birth.**

**Fr. Niall , Fr. Nixon , Fr. Joseph and Deacon Joseph**

**Mass times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George upto 30<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

6:00pm	Edward Fletcher (Rest in Peace)
<b>Sun 17 December</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
8:30am	Michael Hishon (Rest in Peace)
10:00am	Eileen Grannell (Intentions)
12:00noon	Parishioners
<b>Mon 18 December</b>	<b>Feria</b>
7:00am	Barry and Shiela Mayo's Intentions
9:15am	Holy Souls
4:00pm	<b>**Mass at Whipps Cross (Intentions for Doctors and Nurses)</b>
<b>Tues 19 December</b>	<b>Feria</b>
7:00am	Barry and Shiela Mayo's Intentions
9:15am	Margaret Nowell
<b>Wed 20 December</b>	<b>Feria</b>
7am	Family of Gerry and Catriona Maher (Rest in Peace)
9:15am	Bernadette Timothy (Intentions) Derek Timothy (Rest in Peace)
<b>Thurs 21 December</b>	<b>Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b>
7:00am	Margaret McGoldrick (Intentions)
9:15am	Simon Mathew (Rest in Peace)
<b>Fri 22 December</b>	<b>Feria</b>
7:00am	Pat McManus Intentions
9:15am	Lydia Jotham (Intentions)
<b>Sat 23 December</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10:00am	Tony, Bridget and Anthony Mulvey (Rest in Peace)
6:00pm	Anthony Mulvey and departed members of the Mulvey Family
<b>Sun 24 December</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
8:30am	Parishioners
10:00am	Catechists of this Parish
12:00noon	Private Intentions
3:00pm	<b>**Mass at Whipps Cross (Intention –Peace on Earth)</b>
6:30pm	Sean Mckenna (Rest In Peace)
<b>Midnight Mass 00hrs</b>	Parishioners
<b>Mon 25 December</b>	<b>The Nativity of the Lord</b>
8:30am	Abandoned Souls and departed Souls of Agnelo and Louella's Family
10:00am	Terasa Cawley (Rest in Peace)
12:00noon	Con and Concepta Harrington (Rest in Peace)
<b>Tues 26 Dec</b>	<b>Saint Stephen, The First Martyr</b>
10:00am	Families of our Altar Servers
<b>Wed 27 December</b>	<b>Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist</b>
10:00am	Thanksgiving (Horgan)
<b>Thurs 28 December</b>	<b>The Holy Innocent Martyrs</b>
10:00am	V and M's Intentions
<b>Fri 29 December</b>	<b>Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b>
10:00am	Fr. Joseph's Brother
<b>Sat 30 December</b>	<b>Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b>
10:00am	Marie Gbondo (Rest in Peace)
6:00pm	Annie Kilcooley (Rest in Peace)