

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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12th May 2013

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (C)

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of Jesus. Christ ascended to heaven, but his ascent did not bring distance or sadness. On the contrary, the Gospel tells us the disciples were 'continually in the temple, praising God.' Where before they were closed in on themselves, paralysed by fear, now with joy they look up and worship God. Their horizons were broadened, they could see beyond the limitations of this world, to the eternal. Where Christ has gone, they hoped to follow.

It is the same for our worship. When we come to Mass, we don't celebrate ourselves. The first thing we do is bless ourselves in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Our minds and hearts are raised up to a heavenly dimension. The Mass is a participation **now** in the heavenly life. We invoke the angels and the saints in the Gloria and the Holy Holy; at every Mass, heaven and earth are united in praising God. When we receive the Eucharist we receive the Bread of Angels and the Blood of Christ; this is a foretaste of the eternal banquet, which one day we hope to enjoy.

The feast of the Ascension teaches us about the virtue of hope. Hope allows us to place our trust in Christ's promises and rely not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit. We ourselves often do not look beyond the crosses of the present because our hope is weak, and our resurrection and future life is a distant concept.

On this feast of the Ascension, we pray for the gift of hope. As St Paul prays in the second reading, 'may he enlighten the eyes of your mind, so that you can see what hope His call holds for you.'

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will be tomorrow, Monday 13th May at 7.30pm in the Church.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

NEW PARISH WEB SITE: We have recently redesigned and re-launched the Parish web site. You can view it at www.olsq.co.uk. Information about the parish, including history and the weekly newsletters are available. The site has been optimised for mobile devices too.

PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY (TODAY!): Today, Sunday 12th May, we are holding our third annual procession in honour of Our Lady. Beginning at **2pm** at the Upper Site of Our Lady & St George's School, we will process with a statue of the Blessed Mother along Shernhall Street to the Church, where the rosary will be prayed in five languages. Refreshments follow in the hall. All are encouraged to come along and pray with us for Mary's intercession for our parish, families and schools.



CONFIRMATION 2012-13: The next session for the Confirmation programme will be today, Sunday, 12th May. Candidates will meet after the 12pm Mass and after some refreshments, will walk to the Upper Site of Our Lady & St George School, to join the procession beginning at 2pm. Parishioners, please keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare to be confirmed by Bishop Thomas on the 22nd of this month.

SUMMER PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD: Last year we had a very successful Parish mission with John Pridmore and his team. This year, because we are in the Year of Faith, we have decided to organise a parish pilgrimage to a holy place that is not too far away or too expensive for families to attend. Therefore, we are organising coaches to go to Aylesford Priory in Kent on Saturday 13th July 2013. Please watch this space for more information.

FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPHS: Families of this year's first Communion children, please speak to Fr Maurice or Fr Mark if you wish to order more photographs.

HOSPITAL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: There will be a meeting for Hospital extraordinary ministers on Saturday 18th May at 2.00pm in the Church meeting room. All those involved with taking Communion to the sick in hospital are asked to attend.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AVAILABLE: The new sets of offertory envelopes are now available at the back of the Church. Please collect yours if you haven't already done so. If you wish to sign up for a set of envelopes, which will allow the parish to claim back Gift Aid, please speak to Cliff D'Souza or Eric Edwards.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: The next meeting of the parish Finance Committee will be tomorrow, Monday 13th May at 8.00pm in the Presbytery. All members are asked to attend.

HOLY FAMILY JUBILEE MASS: This year the Holy Family College celebrates its 25th jubilee. We will be holding a Mass of thanksgiving on Friday 21st June at 7.30pm, to which all past students and all parishioners are invited.

DIVINE MERCY HEALING SERVICES: Sunday evenings at 8pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

CONGRATULATIONS: We congratulate Kofi Owusu-Kyereko and Vanessa Atuahene who were married at Our Lady & St George's last Saturday. We wish them all of God's blessings for their happiness and future wellbeing.

CAFOD: Please join **CAFOD Brentwood** on **Saturday, 8th June** when tens of thousands of people from across the UK will gather in Hyde Park in London calling on world leaders to act in favour of the poorest. We will be supporting the 'Enough Food for Everyone IF....' campaign supported by over 170 charities. For more information visit: <http://www.cafod.org.uk/Events/IF-campaign-event> or contact 02085029722 or brentwood@cafod.org.uk

TEACHER VACANCIES: Trinity Catholic High School, a large and successful split-site comprehensive school, wishes to appoint a Teacher of RE with effect from 1 September 2013. This full time post would be suitable for an NQT. The successful candidate will be a practicing Catholic.

Teacher of Music - Part time (0.2fte) Required from 1 September 2013
Trinity Catholic High School, a large and successful split-site comprehensive school, wishes to appoint a part-time (0.2fte) qualified Teacher of Music with effect from 1 September 2013.

If you are interested in applying for either of these posts, full details and an application form are available on the school website <http://fc.tchs.uk.net> or email margaret_keegan@fc.tchs.uk.net. Closing dates for receipt of completed application forms is Wednesday, 15th May 2013 and Wednesday 22nd May respectively.

ROTAS – MAY

Christian Kitchen:	4/5 Nor	11/5 C	18/5 D	28/5 E
Hospital: If you are unavailable please contact Serge- 020 8527 4814	5/5 D	12/5 A	19/5 B	26/5 D

Last week's offertory collection was £1929.15
Thank you very much for your generosity.

Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George
ASCENSION OF THE LORD (C)

6.00pm	Richard & Nora Keane (Anniversary)
Sun 12 th May	<i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>
8.30am	Sr Frances Moore (Ints)
10.00am	Norris Levine (Ints)
12.00pm	Enrica Pagano & Maria Brunetti (RIP)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 13 th May	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>
7.00am	Lukas Kalpee (Ints)
9.15am	Special Intention
Tue 14 th May	<i>St Matthias</i>
7.00am	Special Intention
9.15am	Maureen Young (RIP)
Wed 15 th May	<i>St Isidore</i>
7.00am	Kalpee family (Thanksgiving)
9.15am	Roderick Alfred Fairy (RIP)
Thurs 16 th May	<i>Easter Weekday</i>
7.00am	Holy Souls
9.15am	Olga Tully (Ints)
Fri 17 th May	<i>Easter Weekday</i>
7.00am	Confirmation Candidates (Ints)
9.15am	Ambrose Dillsworth (RIP)
Sat 18 th May	<i>Easter Weekday</i>
10.00am	Romeo Rodrigues (RIP)
6.00pm	Joe Burke (RIP)
Sun 19 th May	<i>PENTECOST SUNDAY (C)</i>
8.30am	Russell Rodrigues (Ints)
10.00am	Jim Bollard (RIP)
12.00pm	Frs Maurice, Mark and Angelus
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>

We pray for those in our parish community who are ill:

Christopher Browne, Rose Dennehy, Carol Hogermeer, Brian Keane, Ignatius Keane, Tony McCarthy, Rose O'Neill, Andrea Roberts, Promise Shinondo, Victoria Wyndham, Christine Conway, Nora Meades, Veronica Nolan, Mr & Mrs Charles, Maureen Bee, Denis Collins, Esperanza Buenaventura, Joyce Ross, Christine Raymond, Jacky Boyrow, Thelma Lewis, Tasmin Sparks, Eileen Karim, Sandra Gibson, Angelina Hoareau, Archie Garrod, Gilda Baptiste, Margaret Messenger, Martin Keane, Muriel Chetty, Masangela Tardioli, Alix Charlery, Adeline Rosario, Natalie Rosario, Ronald Rolle. Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati. Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave, Phoebe Roach. Mary and Anthony O'Boyle, Michael Fitzpatrick, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Joan Beirne

Morning Prayer:

Rosary:

Adoration & Exposition:

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.45 am

Weekdays after morning Mass

Mon – Fri: 7.30am-8.30am and at the following times:

Mon: 10.00am – 7.00pm Weds: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Fri: 9.45am – 10.45am Sat: 10.30am-11.30am

Sat. 10.30am – 11.00am. 5.00pm – 5.30pm (Or on request)