

# **CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE**

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*17<sup>th</sup> February 2013*

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## **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

This week, the whole Catholic world was greatly surprised to hear that Pope Benedict XVI intends to step down from the Chair of St Peter at the end of this month. This news will have shocked many people, because the last abdication of a Pope was over 600 years ago.

Doubtless, there will be much comment and speculation in the media over the coming weeks about his successor. We need not worry, because the Church is Christ's bride, and the Holy Spirit always protects her. Pope Benedict is acting with great courage for the good of the Church. As he said himself:

I have decided to renounce the ministry which the Lord entrusted to me on 19 April 2005. I have done this in full freedom for the good of the Church, after much prayer and having examined my conscience before God, knowing full well the seriousness of this act, but also realizing that I am no longer able to carry out the Petrine ministry with the strength which it demands. I am strengthened and reassured by the certainty that the Church is Christ's, who will never leave her without his guidance and care. I thank all of you for the love and for the prayers with which you have accompanied me. Thank you; in these days, which have not been easy for me, I have felt almost physically the power of prayer – your prayers – which the love of the Church has given me. Continue to pray for me, for the Church and for the future Pope. The Lord will guide us.

At this time we pray for Pope Benedict, and for the College of Cardinals entrusted with electing his successor.

Fr Maurice

**BAPTISMS:** By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required.

**MARRIAGES:** By appointment. Six months notice is required.

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**CONFIRMATION 2012-13:** The next session for the Confirmation programme will be today, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm in the Parish Hall. Parishioners, please keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare for Confirmation in May.

**RCIA:** We pray for the Catechumens and Candidates who are to be fully received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. They are Stefania Graziola, Mandothery William, Priscilla Xavier Alves and Nicolas Brethenoux. This Sunday, they will be presented to the Bishop at the Rite of Election in Brentwood Cathedral. Please continue to support them.

**SR FRANCES:** Sr Frances Moore, chaplain to Whipps Cross hospital, is retiring after many years service. We will be having a Mass of thanksgiving for her on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm, followed by refreshments in the meeting room. All are welcome.

**ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL) CLASSES:** Free English classes for adult beginners and those who want to improve their language skills take place in the Church meeting room on Tuesday evenings from 7.30 - 9.30pm. If interested, contact Timothy Campbell (Teacher) on 07981 657729.

**PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN:** Follow in the footsteps of St Teresa of Avila and St John of the Cross, from Avila to Segovia to Toledo. 24<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> September 2013 (6 nights, half board) - £699. For more information contact Stella Kearns on 0208 527 3879. Deadline date: 25<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

**CAFOD FAST DAY** is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and envelopes will be available in the Church on 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> February and 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> February.

**DIOCESAN LENTEN SPIRITUALITY DAY: The Healing Ministry in the Church Today.** **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** 10.00am Reg/Coffee for **10.30am start. Finish 4.00pm Speaker:** Fr Jim McManus, CSsR. The day will conclude with a Healing Service. **Cost:** £10 per person. Please bring a packed lunch. For bookings and further information, please contact the Adult RE office on 01277 265255 or [emailare&fm@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:emailare&fm@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**BCYS PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA:** The diocesan youth pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela will now take place during the 2013 October half term, **26<sup>th</sup> of October to 2<sup>nd</sup> of November**, and the upper and lower age limit is now **16-34**. There will be a meeting on March the 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm at the Brentwood Cathedral Conference centre where further details will be given and application forms made available. If you are unable to attend, or have any other queries, please contact Fr James Mackay, (james\_m79@hotmail.com).

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBA** is currently trying to raise funds for CAFOD. They would like people of the Parish to consider buying a goat for a poor family in the developing world. Each goat costs £28.00, and will provide the family with 12 pints of milk per week, which they can drink or sell, and will also provide free fertiliser which they can use to help grow crops. If you can help please call Chris Fitzgerald on 0208 524 1119.

**VOICE FOR LIFE:** Are you aged 8-14? Would you like to start singing in a choir at St George's? The Ordinariate choir is looking for young people to join them and begin the Royal School of Church Music's 'Voice for Life' training scheme. This provides a first-class musical education and will help develop confidence and life skills. To find out more and try it out, please come to our special introductory workshop on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** (8-10 year olds from 2-3pm; 11-14 year olds, 3.15-4.15pm). To register for the workshop visit [www.voiceforlife.enlighten.eu](http://www.voiceforlife.enlighten.eu), email [chris.morris@enlighten.eu](mailto:chris.morris@enlighten.eu) or call 0203 022 0022.

**SILENT RETREAT** at the Sion Community: From 6pm Friday 26th to Sunday 28th April 2013. Theme: 'Encountering God' with Fr Martin Boland. This **silent** retreat is an opportunity to step out of our daily routine and spend time with the Lord. Talks, Mass, prayer & quiet reflection form part of the weekend. Book early as we have limited places. For more information, please call Allegra on 01277 215011 or e-mail [allegra@sioncommunity.org.uk](mailto:allegra@sioncommunity.org.uk) / [admin@sioncommunity.org.uk](mailto:admin@sioncommunity.org.uk)

### **ROTAS – FEBRUARY**

Christian Kitchen:	2/2 <b>Nor</b>	9/2 <b>D</b>	16/2 <b>E</b>	23/2 <b>F</b>
Hospital: N.B if you are unavailable please contact Serge (020 8527 4814)	3/2 <b>B</b>	10/2 <b>D</b>	17/2 <b>A</b>	24/2 <b>B</b>
Counting:	3/2 <b>A</b>	10/2 <b>A</b>	17/2 <b>D</b>	24/2 <b>C</b>

*Parish Collection: Offertory received on 3<sup>rd</sup> February was £1512.36*  
Thank you very much for your generous offerings.

*Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George*  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

6.00pm	Mary Callanan (RIP)
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>
8.30am	Margaret O'Sullivan (RIP)
10.00am	Parish
12.00pm	Josephine & family (Thanksgiving)
6.30pm	[Ordinariate Mass]
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
7.00am	Patricia O'Brien (RIP)
9.15am	Special intentions
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
7.00am	Holy Souls
9.15am	Neville Clark (Ints)
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
7.00am	Sick and housebound of the Parish (Ints)
9.15am	Anne Dowling (Ints)
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	<b>St Peter Damian</b>
7.00am	Fr Mark (Ints)
9.15am	Protection of Marriage and family life
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	<b>The Chair of St Peter the Apostle</b>
7.00am	Oliver Gaynor (Ints)
9.15am	Pope Benedict XVI (Ints)
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	<b>St Polycarp</b>
10.00am	Fr Innocent (Ints)
6.00pm	Bridget Lynch (RIP)
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>
8.30am	Natalie & Adeline Rosario (Ints)
10.00am	Marijana Karpuskiene (RIP)
12.00pm	Francesco Kola (Ints)
6.30pm	[Ordinariate Mass]

**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. Ernie & 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)**