

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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27th January 2013

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

In today's first reading, (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10), the Israelite people have just returned to Jerusalem from exile in Babylon, and Ezra the Priest is heartbroken to see that they no longer appreciate their spiritual heritage. They had forgotten that they were the chosen people of God. Seeing this, Ezra gets up on a pulpit and passionately reminds them of their identity. He reads aloud the Torah – the first five books of the Old Testament, including the Ten Commandments, and explains it to them, so they can understand who they are. This has a profound effect on the people. As they reconnect with their spiritual roots, they are moved to tears, realising how close God is to them.

As Catholic Christians, we can identify with this situation. Our people do not know their roots either. The tragic reality is that 80% of Catholics do not attend Mass. They are disconnected from Christ's Church. How will they know their identity, their religious heritage? Even those of us who come regularly to Mass – do we really know and understand the faith, and does it impact our lives?

The Year of Faith is a call for each one of us to make the effort to learn more about our religious heritage: who we are as Catholics. Only if we know and live the faith will we really appreciate who we are as the People of God.

So the questions we must each ask ourselves are: Am I passionate about the faith? Does it fill me with enthusiasm? Like Ezra, am I moved to communicate the truth to people who desperately need to hear it? During this Year of Faith, we can step up our efforts to learn more about our faith – perhaps by studying the Catechism of the Catholic Church, reading Catholic newspapers, visiting Catholic bookshops or watching EWTN, to nourish our minds. Supported by prayer and the Sacraments, may we have the confidence to reach out and invite others to embrace the love of Christ. --- Fr Maurice

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

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

CONFIRMATION 2012-13: The next session for the Confirmation programme will be today, Sunday 20th January at 4pm in the Parish Hall. Parishioners, please keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare for Confirmation in May.

PRESENTATION ON NATURAL FERTILITY MANAGEMENT: On Saturday 26th January there will be a presentation about Natural Fertility management. This will be given by Freda McMahon, and is a great opportunity to learn about this aspect of the Church's teaching about marriage from a trained practitioner. It will be in the front part of the Parish Hall from 10am – 12noon. All are welcome.

ROTAS: The new rotas for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are now pinned to the noticeboard at the doors of the Church, and copies are available to take away. If readers or ministers cannot be present, they have the responsibility to find a replacement using the contacts list that has been distributed.

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.

HOLY FAMILY SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING: This will take place on 31st January at 6.30pm at the Walthamstow Site (1 Shernhall Street, E17 3EA).

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

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT GROUP – open to all aged 17 – 30, meeting in Brentwood on Friday 1st February. This is a flourishing group of young adults who are more deeply considering their vocation, particularly to Priesthood and the Religious Life. Being part of the group does not mean any commitment – it is a chance to hear interesting and varied vocation stories, along with others of similar age. The speaker for February is Sr Walburga, who recently made her first vows with the Benedictine Community in Minster, Kent. Come and hear how a young woman of the 21st Century discerned joining a community with a tradition almost unchanged for well over 1000 years. The evening also includes a fish and chip supper, and time for prayer. For full information, contact the Vocations Director, frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org or 01268 281732.

BCCS VALENTINE GALA DINNER: The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will be holding a **Valentine Gala Dinner on Thursday 14th February** at the exclusive Stockbrook Golf & Country Club, Billericay. Tickets are priced at £50 per person, which will include a drinks reception, three-course meal with coffee, live entertainment and dancing. This is an event not to be missed! To reserve your tickets or for further information please call Julie Abbott 01268 784544 or email jabbott@bccs.org.uk

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 2nd 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, email chris.morris@enlighten.eu or call 0203 022 0022.

MARIAN MISSION PRE-SCHOOL: Places are still available at our pre-school for 2 to 4 year olds. 15 hours of FREE NURSERY education for 38 weeks of the year are available for 2 to 4 Year olds. For further information contact: Mother Maria on: Tel: 02085187499 or Mob: 07940143545 Or collect an application pack from: Marian Mission Educational and Family Support Centre, 1 Colchester Road, Leyton, London E10 6HA

VACANCY: St Benedict's College, Essex is seeking to appoint a Vice Principal by Easter 2013 or earlier. For an application pack or to arrange an informal visit, please contact Mrs Diane Hilliard, PA to the principal; telephone 01206 516 842 (d.hilliard@stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk). Applications will only be accepted on the college application form and should be addressed to the Principal. Closing date (28th January at 12 noon).

RIP

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of:

Maria Watts, who died recently. Her funeral will take place at the City of London crematorium at 3pm on Monday 21st January.

Anthony Kinghorn, who died last week. His funeral will take place on Friday 1st February at 11.45am at Manor Park Cemetery.

Nuala Cooney, Dr Seamus' mother, whose funeral took place last week in Ferbane, Co. Offaly, Ireland.

James McGowan, father of Marie Danaswamy, whose funeral took place in Dublin last week.

May they rest in peace.

ROTAS – JANUARY

Christian Kit.	5/1 Nor	12/1 A	19/1 B	26/1 C
Hospital	6/1 A	13/1 B	20/1 D	27/1 A
Counting	6/1 A	13/1 C	20/1 D	27/1 E

Parish Collection: Offertory received on 13th January was £1256.25
Thank you very much for your generous offerings.

Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

6.00pm	Ambrose Dillsworth (RIP)
Sun 20 th Dec	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30am	[Concluding Mass of 40 hours Adoration] Leonora Edmunds (RIP)
10.00am	Parish
12.00pm	Ana Kola (Ints)
6.30pm	[Ordinariate Mass]
Mon 21 st Jan	St Agnes
7.00am	Anita Alefounder (RIP)
9.15am	Kathy & Mick Ogloo (Ints)
Tue 22 nd Jan	St Vincent
7.00am	Tim Beevers (RIP)
9.15am	Marie Beevers (Ints)
Wed 23 rd Jan	Weekday
7.00am	Leticia Arce (RIP)
9.15am	Eileen McNulty (Ints)
Thurs 24 th Jan	St Francis de Sales
7.00am	Stephen, Lewis & Samuel Balogh (Ints)
9.15am	Fr Maurice & Fr Mark (Ints)
Fri 25 th Jan	The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle
7.00am	Peter Adeniyi (RIP)
9.15am	Maureen & Tony Jones (Ints)
Sat 26 th Jan	Ss Timothy & Titus
10.00am	May & Tom Nagle (RIP)
6.00pm	Mary Fowler (RIP)
Sun 27 th Jan	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30am	Gladys Evans (RIP)
10.00am	Leonora Edmunds (RIP)
12.00pm	Cherry Lyn Ordonio-Ong (RIP)
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, Brid O'Halloran, 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)