

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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*23rd June 2013*

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## **TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

The readings of the Old Testament are so important to understanding the meaning of the New Testament, especially the actions of Jesus in the Gospels. At every Sunday Mass, there is always a connection between the First Reading and the Gospel. Usually the First Reading throws light on the Gospel.

Today we see again a strong connection between the first reading from the Prophet Zechariah, and the account from Luke. Zechariah's prophecies come about 500 years before Christ, and look forward to a great Messiah, who would unite all the tribes of Israel. The prophecy we read today speaks of a suffering and wounded messiah, 'they will look on the one whom they have pierced.'

In the Gospel today Jesus takes up the question of His identity. He confirms Zechariah's words, saying that 'the Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously and to be rejected.' He will be the glorious Messiah, but through suffering.

Jesus challenges us: if we want to follow Him, we must be prepared to take up our cross. Here the Lord teaches each of us that to give ourselves away in love will always mean suffering. The word 'love' is so misunderstood in our times. To love means to will the good of the other, and not let our own ego get in the way.

Why does love involve suffering? It is because our deepest tendencies are to be selfish: we are affected by original sin, and a wounded human nature. So when we try to love, there is an interior resistance, which tempts us to seek an easier route, for our own comfort and self-preservation.

But Christ teaches us that genuine love costs. Expect the world to resist you when walking the path of Christ.

Today we pray for the courage and the strength to take up our crosses in imitation of the Master, who showed us the meaning of love in being pierced for us, and bearing the weight of our sins.

Fr Maurice

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

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

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**FR INNOCENT:** Fr Innocent will be finishing his ministry in our parish on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July and will begin a new assignment in the near future. He has served here for the last three and a half years, building up the Syro-Malabar communities throughout the Diocese of Brentwood. We give thanks to God for his dedication and the way in which he has served us. There will be a Mass of thanksgiving for him on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in the Church, to which all are invited. He will be replaced by Fr Jose Anthiamkalam MCBS, who will arrive at the parish in the summer.

**SUMMER PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD:** Thank you to everyone who has signed up for the pilgrimage to Aylesford on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July. We have now filled two parish coaches, and two from the primary school. There will be a meeting for all those going, to discuss the logistics on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am.

**ST GEORGES JOINS TELCO SOCIAL CARE CAMPAIGN:** Telco have initiated a campaign to improve the situation of those in our community who are in need of social care, and those who provide care for them, to ensure they earn respect and a living wage. We are keen to make contact with those in our parish who work as carers. Cliff D'Souza and Sr Josephine will be present after all Masses next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June and would be grateful if any carers could make themselves known. Many thanks.

**AFRICAN CATHOLIC MISSION MEETING:** The African Catholic Mission meeting will be held this Sunday, 23 June 2013, at 3pm in the Church meeting room. Members of the African Communities are kindly invited to attend this important meeting.

**NEW PUBLICATION:** Fr Stewart Foster, the Archivist of Brentwood Diocese, has recently completed a new book giving biographies of all the deceased clergy of the Brentwood Diocese. Copies are on sale in the repository, priced at £10, and all profits will go to the Brentwood ecclesiastical education and retired/ sick clergy funds.

**SCHOOL CHAPLAIN VACANCY:** The Holy Family Catholic School is seeking to appoint a School Chaplain (full time, starting September 2013). The ideal candidate will be a practicing and committed Catholic, with a passion for sharing the faith with young people and proven experience in this area. They will have experience with leading young people in worship, the ability to help young people become leaders in sharing their faith with others, both in prayer and in service/charity projects, and will have excellent oral and written communication skills. Additional desirable qualities include creative skills in art, music or drama, familiarity with multimedia, experience in a school context, a full, clean driving license and a qualification in a relevant area (Youth Work, Theology), although support will be given to professional development. For more details contact Dr Stone's PA, Mrs Fray by email ([t.fray@holyfamily.waltham.sc.uk](mailto:t.fray@holyfamily.waltham.sc.uk)); closing date is Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July and interviews will be held in early July.

**SVP ST JOHN BOSCO CAMP:** The St John Bosco Camp offers children aged 8-13 a sports and activity based holiday on a campsite in the Essex countryside. There are

three weeks of the camp: For boys: 20th to 27th July or 27th July to 3rd August. For girls: 3rd to 10th August. For further details and for application forms visit: [www.svpboscocamp.org.uk](http://www.svpboscocamp.org.uk) or speak to Fr Mark.

**WYD@HOME BRIGHTLIGHTS:** 26-29th July at Aylesford Priory in Kent. A weekend festival for young adults aged 16-30 offering a great programme of prayer, speakers, bands and workshops. Experience the Spirit of World Youth Day in Rio. For more info visit: [brightlights.org.uk](http://brightlights.org.uk) email: [info@brightlights.org.uk](mailto:info@brightlights.org.uk) or call 0845 805 7010. (This is a project supported by, but not organised by Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. Fr James Mackay, our Diocesan Youth Chaplain, will be in Aylesford for the weekend supporting young people from our Diocese.)

**YOUTH 2000 SUMMER PRAYER FESTIVAL:** The Youth 2000 prayer festival takes place each summer in Walsingham. It's a fantastic, low cost, Eucharistic Retreat where young people and young adults meet like-minded Catholics and often come back with their lives completely changed. Over 1,000 young people aged 16-30 descend on Walsingham for four days of engaging talks, prayer, fellowship, adoration sports and a whole lot more. The web site is: <http://www.youth2000.org> There will be a coach from East London, which departs Friday evening 23rd August (with pick ups in Stratford, Ilford and Walthamstow) and returns Monday 26th August (bank holiday). For more information about the coach, email Joanne - [Youth2000EastLondonCoach@gmail.com](mailto:Youth2000EastLondonCoach@gmail.com)

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**RIP**

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of:**

**Noreen O'Brien** whose Requiem Mass will take place this Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00am in the Church.

**May she rest in peace.**

**ROTAS – JUNE**

Christian Kitchen:	1/6 <b>Nor</b>	8/6 <b>A</b>	15/6 <b>B</b>	22/6 <b>C</b>	29/6 <b>D</b>
Hospital: If you are unavailable please contact Serge 020 8527 4814	2/6 <b>A</b>	9/6 <b>B</b>	16/6 <b>D</b>	23/6 <b>A</b>	30/6 <b>B</b>

Last week's offertory collection was £1458.79.  
Standing orders for April were £1341.85, and for May were £1473.85  
Thank you very much for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	May & Tom Nagle (RIP)
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b><i>Twelfth Sunday of the year (C)</i></b>
8.30am	Thomas Flynn (Ints)
10.00am	Jack Cullen (RIP)
12.00pm	Chrishanth (Ints)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b><i>Nativity of St John the Baptist</i></b>
7.00am	Deceased Sisters, relatives and friends of the community
9.15am	Hil Lazn (RIP)
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> June	<b><i>Weekday</i></b>
7.00am	Tommy Heagney (Ints)
9.15am	Sean Horan (Ints)
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b><i>Weekday</i></b>
7.00am	Doris Jarvis (RIP)
9.15am	Family of Emiljana (Ints)
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<b><i>St Cyril of Alexandria</i></b>
7.00am	John Rajanathan (RIP)
9.15am	Monica Macnaboe (RIP)
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> June	<b><i>St Irenaeus</i></b>
7.00am	Holy Souls
9.15am	Gerry Maloney and family (Ints)
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> June	<b><i>Weekday</i></b>
10.00am	Felicity De Souza (RIP)
6.00pm	Ernie Lacon (RIP)
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> June	<b><i>Ss Peter and Paul</i></b>
8.30am	Adeline Rosario (Ints)
10.00am	Felicio D'Souza (RIP)
12.00pm	J Coeur-de-Lion & K Kalpee (Ints)
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, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Joan Beirne, Bill Walsh

**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)**