

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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24th November 2013

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING (C)



Today is the last Sunday of the Church's year, and we are asked to think about Christ as our King. What does it mean for Christ to be King? A king is one who rules over his subjects, and leads the people of his kingdom.

Pope Pius XI created this feast day in 1925. At that time, just after World War One, belief in God and respect for Christ was declining, and people began putting their trust in nationalist governments and dictatorships. Pius instituted the feast to challenge the culture, reminding leaders and nations that the Church has the right to be free from state interference, and that Christ's sovereignty surpasses that of the state. He also wanted to encourage the faithful and remind them that Christ must be enthroned in their hearts, minds and wills.

The feast is still much needed today, because the problems have not vanished, but have become much worse. Individualism has been embraced to such an extent that man is his own authority and sees no need for Christ. It is fitting that today also marks the end of the Year of Faith, a year in which we were encouraged to learn more about our faith, in order to proclaim it to others. The feast of Christ the King is about proclaiming the reign of Christ, in our hearts, and in the world.

When we think of earthly kings, we imagine great power, influence, wealth, honour and privilege. What kind of King is Christ? His Kingdom is totally at odds with this image. The values in Christ's kingdom are service and humility. If we are to be His true subjects, we must be like little children, letting Him reign over our lives. The good thief in today's Gospel recognized Jesus' humility and saw the opportunity to reject the evil he had previously chosen. In his moment of conversion, he embraced Christ's Kingdom of forgiveness, hope and eternity, asking Jesus to, 'remember me when you come into your Kingdom.'

As we enter Advent next week, we will be recalling that our King came to us weak and dependent. So we do not need to be afraid to approach Him, and like the good thief, seek forgiveness. He promises that those who come to Him will be with Him in paradise, where he reigns forever.

Fr Maurice

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

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

ADVENT CONCERT: Instead of the Bazaar, we will have an Advent concert **next Saturday November 30th at 7:00pm**. There will be input from OLSG school, the two parish choirs and the Ordinariate group. Tickets are £5 for over 16s; children free, and are now on sale after Masses, or can be purchased on the night. Tickets must be presented at the door on the night to gain entry. Proceeds will go towards the church heating, which has been upgraded for the coming winter at the cost of approximately £6000.



GIFT AID: Gift Aid is a government scheme that allows the parish to reclaim tax on all donations made. If you are a UK taxpayer, you could add 25p to every £1 given, at no extra cost to yourself. This is a good way for the parish to obtain extra funds for the upkeep of the buildings and the schools. If you are not currently enrolled in the Gift Aid scheme, please pick up a Gift Aid form from the back of the Church. For further information, please speak to Fr Maurice. Many thanks.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please note that all Saturday 6pm Masses are booked up until March 2014.

CONFIRMATION 2014: The next session of the Confirmation programme is today, Sunday, 24th November, 4-6pm in the Parish Hall.

FIRST COMMUNION 2014: The next session of the First Communion programme is on Saturday 7th December at 10am.

OLSG SCHOOL: If your child was born between **01.09.2009 and 31.08.2010**, and you would like to apply for a place at Our Lady & St George School, please speak to Fr Maurice.

HCPT FUNDRAISERS: HCPT group 161 proudly present the Family 'Disney' Christmas Disco – Saturday 7th December, in the Parish Hall of Our Lady & St George, from 6.30pm. Tickets available from Peter Norman, Anita Feculak and Emily Mara at schools and after Masses – just ask for one of us. £5 adult, £3 child.

PHILIPPINES APPEAL: Last weekend's second collection for the Philippines raised £1189.69. Thank you for your generosity. Please continue to keep the people of the Philippines, and those assisting relief efforts in your prayers.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL: This week there will be a second collection for the St Vincent de Paul society, to help them prepare for the annual senior citizen's Christmas lunch. This year's lunch takes place on Sunday 8th December, beginning at 3pm at OLSG school lower site. A maximum of 50 places are available. If you or someone you know would like to come, please see the noticeboard in the Church for full details and put your name down. If transport is required contact Chris Finney on 0208 527 7366 or Jenny Richmond on 07801 628 799.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT GROUP: A marriage support group is being started to help couples and encourage the sharing of advice and experience. The group will meet tomorrow, Monday 25th November at 7.30pm in the meeting room. For further information please speak to Deacon Joseph.

DEACON JOSEPH RETIREMENT MASS: A Thanksgiving Mass and party will be held to commemorate the retirement from full-time lecturing and the birthday of Deacon Joseph. This will take place at the Church on Sunday 1st December at 3pm. Parishioners are invited to attend – further details are on the noticeboard in the porch.

EASTER PILGRIMAGE 2014: There will be a meeting for the group travelling to the Holy Land at Easter next year. It will take place on Sunday 8th December at 3pm in the Parish Hall.

FAMILY SYNOD 2014: The Synod of Bishops will meet next year to focus on the needs of the Family. In order to fully understand the views and opinions of Catholics on a range of issues, all are invited to complete a questionnaire either on line (via <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FamilySynod2014>) or on paper. The Marriage and Family Life Office are coordinating this work. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the completion of this survey, please contact Phil Butcher via familylife@dioceseofbrentwood.org or telephone 01277 265252. **All responses must be in by the 1st December 2013.**

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RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Phoebe Roach, whose Requiem Mass will take place on
Wednesday 27th November at 11am

Adeline Rosario, whose funeral arrangements will be announced later.

May they rest in peace.

ROTAS – NOVEMBER

Christian Kitchen:	2/11 Nor	9/11 B	16/11 C	23/11 D	30/11 E
Counting:	3/11 D	10/11 C	17/11 A	24/11 C	
Hospital: If you are unavailable please contact Serge 020 8527 4814	3/11 B	10/11 D	17/11 A	24/11 B	

Offertory collection for 17th November was £1420.74
Thank you very much for your generosity.

Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George
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6.00pm	Joel Dias (RIP)
Sun 24 th Nov	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King (C)</i>
8.30am	Deceased relatives of Roy & Stella Rodrigues
10.00am	Emiljana Paloci (Ints)
12.00pm	Parish
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 25 th Nov	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Fr Stewart Foster (Ints)
9.15am	Rose Coldrick (RIP)
Tue 26 th Nov	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Eitnhé Mary Wootton (RIP)
9.15am	Priscila Cadelina (Thanksgiving)
Wed 27 th Nov	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Rose Coldrick (RIP)
9.15am	Phoebe Roach (RIP)
Thurs 28 th Nov	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	St George-Pierre family (Thanksgiving)
9.15am	Esther Mitchell (Ints)
Fri 29 th Nov	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Mary Hogan (RIP)
9.15am	Joseph Hogan (Ints)
Sat 30 th Nov	<i>St Andrew</i>
10.00am	Mary Drumm (Ints)
6.00pm	John William Turvey (RIP)
Sun 31 st Nov	<i>First Sunday of Advent (A)</i>
8.30am	Kujtim Reka, Liljana Kola & family (Ints)
10.00am	Suta Kovaci (RIP)
12.00pm	Parish
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, Natalie Rosario, Ronald Rolle. Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati. Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave, Mary and Anthony O'Boyle, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Joan Beirne, Bill Walsh, Margaret Perry, Bridget Lyons, Kristina Klimasauskaite, Philomena Spranklen, Jeffrey Mitchell, Mary Akinkuolie, Michelle Boyle, Carla Cornelius.

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)