

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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4th May 2014

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

At some points in our lives, all of us can relate to the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Things haven't worked out as we thought they would and we are left disappointed and frustrated. This is how those disciples felt; their expectations of Christ were apparently not fulfilled. They wander away downcast following their own path aimlessly. Although they discuss the events of the recent days, they failed to perceive the meaning of it all, and are without any passion. Is the same true for us? Are we enthusiastic for our faith, or do we see it as just a set of cold obligations? Do we perceive what is happening at Mass and engage with it, or is it just a routine?

As they wander along in confusion, Jesus joins them, though they do not recognise Him. The disciples tell their story and articulate their disappointment. Jesus then confronts them and explains the message of the prophets, correcting their deficient understanding. The disciples invite Him to stay with them, because they want to learn more. A good spiritual life will always lead us to want to know more about our faith, to appreciate and understand more the gift that God has given us, so we should take advantage of opportunities to learn more about and deepen our faith.

We do not all need degrees in theology, but should know the basics – the kernel which St Peter proclaims in the First Reading. On the day of Pentecost, Peter declared that Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, was put to death for our sins and raised to life. Through this power He has redeemed us. The sacrifice of the cross becomes present before our very eyes at every Mass.

The disciples at Emmaus recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Can we recognise Our Lord in the Eucharist? The Emmaus story offers us an explanation of the Mass. Firstly, the Word of God is opened and explained to us – we see how it points to Christ, and when we listen attentively to it, it has the power to change us. We move then from Word to Sacrament. On the Altar Christ becomes truly present and we offer ourselves in union with Christ to the Father. All our joys and sorrows we can offer up with Him. We also receive Christ in the Eucharist, which should change us into becoming more like Him in our love and our attitudes.

Once the disciples recognise Jesus, they knew they had to turn around. They had gone off their own way, not understanding the power of the cross to save and redeem, but now they do, and they return to Jerusalem to preach it.

Like those disciples, we may be stopped in our tracks and made to open our hearts to Him again. When we do, He will make clear to us the right direction to go.

Fr Maurice

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

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE: I intend to set up a committee to advise on maintenance of the Church, the Presbytery and Parish Hall. If you have any ideas or expertise, please come along to a meeting on **Thursday 15th May** at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. (Please note the date has moved forward a week from that advertised in the previous newsletter).

MORNING MASS BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY: Please note that there will be no 7.00am or 9.15am Mass on Bank Holiday Monday, 5th May – Mass will instead be celebrated at **10.00am**.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The next meeting for the Finance Committee is Monday 19th May at 8.00pm.

PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY: Next **Sunday 11th May** we will be holding our third annual procession in Honour of Our Lady. As in previous years, the procession will begin at 2.00pm at the Upper Site of Our Lady & St George School (near Forest Road) and proceed along Shernhall Street to the Church, singing hymns along the way. This year, we will have some priests from various ethnic communities in attendance to lead decades of the rosary in different languages, along with families from the parish. You are encouraged to come along for this public display of our faith, and to bring flags or banners, or wear traditional dress from your home country. Don't forget your rosary! If you would like to fund, donate or arrange flowers or help with photography, please contact parishoffice@olsg.co.uk.



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: The new offertory envelopes for the coming year are now available. **If you are enrolled in the gift aid scheme, please collect your envelopes from the back of the Church.** Gift Aid is a government scheme that allows the parish to reclaim tax on all donations made. If you are not currently enrolled in the Gift Aid scheme, please pick up a Gift Aid form from the back of the Church or for further information, please contact Hana on 07939 485957.

CATHOLICISM SERIES: Thanks to all who have so far attended the screenings of the Catholicism Series, a ten-part DVD presentation on the Catholic faith. **The screenings continue this Wednesday 30th April at 7.30pm, and the topic of this presentation is the Eucharist.** All are welcome. For more information about this highly acclaimed documentary, visit www.catholicismseries.com.

CATHOLICISM

VOCATIONS SUNDAY: Next Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations and there will be some vocations bookmarks and other resources available to take. The Vocations website has also been refreshed – if you are interested, please visit www.brentwoodvocations.org. All of the resources to promote Vocations to Priesthood and the Religious Life are paid for by the annual second collection, which will take place after Masses next Sunday.

MASS FOR MIGRANTS: The annual Mass for migrants, in honour of St Joseph the Worker will be held on Bank Holiday Monday, 5th May at Westminster Cathedral, London. Mass begins at 11am and will be preceded by a banner procession, beginning at 10.30am. For more information contact Davina Bolt (01277 265 234 or email davina@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

25th ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: The Diocesan Pilgrimage leaves on Saturday 26th July, returning Thursday 31st. The programme includes a wide range of spiritual and social opportunities, plus a trip out into the Pyrenees for the afternoon. The pilgrimage is well supported by an excellent medical team, and many young helpers who can assist those who are in wheelchairs. Our hotels are very central, and a high standard, and the price includes all meals. From £618 by air, and £418 by coach – full details at www.brentwoodlourdes.org or call Cathy O'Connor about booking, 01206 501146.

MARRIAGE CARE ILFORD CENTRE is looking for suitable volunteers (male or female) to be trained as Marriage Preparation providers / counselors / FOCCUS facilitators. For more information, contact Glenda Spencer on 0208 590 7775.

TEACHING VACANCIES: St Anne Line Catholic Junior School requires a suitably Experienced teacher with a Subject Responsibility to be agreed. Applicants are encouraged to visit the school by appointment with the Headteacher. Application forms and an information pack are available from Mrs Tina Lilley, Personnel Officer at St Anne Line Catholic Junior School (as above) Closing Date for receipt of applications: Thursday 24th April 2014 (Mid-Day) Interviews: Tuesday 29th April 2014 Tel: 01268 470444 Email: admin@st-anneline-jun.essex.sch.uk

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Trinity Square, South Woodham Ferrers, Essex CM3 5JX: KS1/2 Teacher required. Telephone: 01245 321828 Fax: 01245 321795 e-mail: admin@st-josephspri.essex.sch.uk, website: www.stjosephscatholicprimaryswf.org Applications Close: 09/05/2014 Date Shortlisting Starts: 12/05/2014, Date of Interview: 22 May 2014. NQT's are welcome to apply.

RIP

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of

Mary Akinkuolie, who died last week. For many years Mary helped clean the Church and count the offertory money. Her funeral arrangements will be made later.

Agnes Okotie, who died recently. Her funeral will take place in Nigeria in due course, but we hope to have a Memorial Mass offered for her in the parish in the future.

May they rest in peace.

ROTAS – MAY

Counting:	4/5 D	11/5 B	18/5 A	25/5 C	
Hospital:	4/5 A	11/5 B	18/5 D	25/5 A	
Christian Kitchen	3/5 Nor	10/5 G	17/5 A	24/5 B	31/5 C

The offertory collection for 27th April was £1457.63.
Thank you for your generosity.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

6.00pm	Alex Lasrado (RIP)
Sun 4 th May	Third Sunday of Easter
8.30am	Veronica John Baptiste (RIP)
10.00am	Parish
12.00pm	Patrick Nevin (Ints)
6.30pm	[<i>Ordinariate Mass</i>]
Mon 5 th May	Easter Weekday (Bank Holiday)
10.00am	Mary Walsh (RIP)
Tue 6 th May	Easter Weekday
7.00am	Phoebe Roach (RIP)
9.15am	Gussie & Joe Kinnane (RIP)
Wed 7 th May	Easter Weekday
7.00am	Elvina Marrai (RIP)
9.15am	Holy Souls
Thu 8 th May	Easter Weekday
7.00am	Annie Teresa McDonagh (RIP)
9.15am	Students taking exams (Ints)
Fri 9 th May	St Athanasius
7.00am	Corpus Christi School, Leeds (Ints)
9.15am	Poole family (Ints)
Sat 10 th May	St Damien de Veuster
10.00am	Bishop-elect Alan Williams (Ints)
6.00pm	Eleanor Fletcher (RIP)
Sun 11 th May	Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday) World Day of Prayer for Vocations
8.30am	John William Turvey (RIP)
10.00am	Parish
12.00pm	Ted Daley (RIP)
6.30pm	[<i>Ordinariate Mass</i>]

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

Christoper 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, Cecelia Gibbs, Arthur Gibbs, Ural Gibbs, Gilbert Gibbs, Augustina Osei, Archie, George & Issac, Boyce Chandasingh.

Morning Prayer:

Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.45 am

Rosary:

Weekdays after morning Mass

Adoration & Exposition:

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

Reconciliation (Confessions):

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