

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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9th November 2014

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA



We celebrate today the Dedication of the Basilica of St John Lateran in Rome. The Basilica is a large Church in Rome, which is the Pope's Cathedral – that is where his chair as bishop of Rome is. On the façade of the building there is an inscription in Latin, which reads 'the mother and head of all the churches of Rome and the world.' Those of us who have been to Rome might think St Peter's Basilica is the head of all the churches, but it is actually St John Lateran, because historically, the Popes lived next to this basilica and only moved later to the Vatican area. It is dedicated to St John the Baptist – but the name 'Lateran' comes from the family who owned the land upon which the structure is built.

So why are we celebrating this particular Church building? First of all, it shows our unity with the Holy Father. He is the sign of unity for the universal Church, and in communion with him, we are united to the Church throughout the world. But there is more to the feast. The readings today speak about the Temple of Jerusalem, the place where God was worshipped. The Ark of the Covenant was kept there, a golden chest containing the Ten Commandments, the staff of Aaron and pieces of the manna from heaven. God was believed to dwell there. The temple was destroyed by the Babylonians in 586BC, and Ezekiel's prophecy from the First Reading looks forward to a new temple, from which water would flow, that would be life-giving and healing.

By the time of Jesus, the Jerusalem Temple had been rebuilt, but in today's Gospel, Jesus cleanses it, driving out the moneychangers and traders. The people had ceased to regard the building as sacred, and they were using it for their own ends. Jesus shows His authority in driving them out, and points to Himself as the new Temple. In the Jerusalem Temple, the Jews sacrificed animals, according to the Law, to atone for sin. But now Jesus is the definitive sacrifice to atone for the sins of the world – and so He replaces the function of the temple. God dwells within Him because He is God. And as Ezekiel prophesied water flowing from the Temple to give life, we recall how water, along with blood flowed from the side of Christ.

This life-giving water recalls the water of baptism, in which we are born into the life of God – and the blood evokes the Eucharist, which is given to sustain us. Every Church is built for the celebration of the Mass, in which Christ's sacrifice on Calvary is made truly present – and the other Sacraments. Every Catholic Church is a new Temple, because God dwells with us here, and we draw strength and healing from Him. The Tabernacle is the new Ark of the Covenant, because it contains the True Presence of Jesus Christ: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

By extension, when we receive the sacraments and are in the state of grace, we have the life of God within us, and in that sense, we too are temples of the Holy Spirit. As St Paul said, 'Didn't you realise that you are God's temple, and that the Spirit of God is living among you?'

So this feast teaches us respect for holy places – for the Church, universal and local – and respect for one another, inasmuch as we are also dwelling places for God.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next Course will take place on Monday 17th November at 7.30pm in the Church.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

PRAYER FOR HOLY SOULS: November is the month dedicated to prayer for the deceased. You can write down the names of your deceased loved ones and place them in the purple box in the Church. We will pray for them during this month. Please do not put any money in the box.

MASS FOR THE DECEASED: The annual Mass for all the deceased members of our Parish community will take place on Friday 14th November at 7.30pm, followed by refreshments in the Church meeting room. All are welcome.

PARISH BAZAAR: Please return the counterfoils and money for any raffle tickets you have sold – these will be collected after Mass. If you are able to take and sell additional tickets, please do so; if you are unable to sell any tickets, please return them, as we do not want to waste them. The Bazaar takes place on Friday 28th and Saturday 29th November.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Were you baptised Catholic but never made your First Communion? Or were you never Confirmed? Baptised as a non-Catholic Christian? Never baptised at all? Are you interested in becoming Catholic? If you answered yes to any of these and are over 16 years of age, the RCIA programme is for you. Sessions take place on Thursday evenings at 8.00pm in the Church meeting room. Please tell any friends or relatives who may be interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the faith.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The next session for the First Communion programme is on 22nd November at 10am in the parish Hall.

NEW NUNS IN THE PARISH: We welcome the Congregation of the Daughters of Mary, Mother of Mercy, who have recently moved to Upper Walthamstow, and have a community house and chapel there. We wish them well in their work for the community.

ALTAR SERVERS: We are appointing a new MC for the Parish, Jason Coeur-de-Lion, who will coordinate training and formation of the Altar Servers. We thank Jason for taking on this important role. There will be a training session on Saturday 22nd November at 2pm, which all Altar Servers should attend.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: For all those who were commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion last year, Sr. Anne Marie is running a follow up evening on Tuesday 25th November at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

FLOWER ARRANGERS: The Flower Team needs new members to help and support the team in preparing and/or maintaining the flowers in the church. Commitment, dedication and a love of flowers are all that is required. Not all the activities involved flower arranging but if required training would be given. If interested or if you require more information please contact Tessie 07553834737, Pam 07956153074 or Edna 07740735097.

HCPT: Last week's HCPT appeal raised £518 – thanks for your generosity. There will be a bingo night on Friday 14th November at the Upper Site of OLSG school (E17 3EA). Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Contact Peter on 07976 419 680 for more information.

MISSIO RED BOX: Red boxes for the St Joseph's Missionary Society are available this weekend. Please write your name and address on the box before returning it. If you have any queries, please contact Mary Lindo on 0208 539 1344.

SVP SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH: This year the Senior Citizens' lunch will be held on Sunday 7th December. Further details later, but there will be a second collection next weekend, 15th/16th November for this event.

OLSG SCHOOL: RECEPTION INTAKE: If your child was born between **01.09.2010** and **31.08.2011**, the Waltham Forest Primary Brochure containing criteria for all schools and information on how to apply is now available. For more information please contact the school on 0208 520 8500.

Parents are invited to come and have a look round the school on **Wednesday 5th** or **Thursday 7th November at 10am or 2pm**. Parents should telephone the school and let them know what day and time they would like to come and visit.

Fr Maurice will be available for the signing of Reception forms at the following times ONLY: Saturday 8th November; 2-4pm and Monday 10th November; 6-8pm

OLSG NURSERY INTAKE: Children born between 01.09.2011 and 31.08.2012
Parents wishing to apply for a nursery place for September 2015 should contact the school on 0208 520 5800.

OLSG Y2 / Y3 SCHOOL VACANCIES: Two families have recently moved from the parish, resulting in vacancies in year 2 and 3 of our primary school. Please speak to Fr Maurice if you would like your child to transfer to a Catholic school.

GIFT AID: Gift Aid is a government scheme that allows the parish to reclaim tax on all donations made by UK taxpayers, at no cost to you. 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. This provides much-needed additional income for the upkeep of the Church and support of our schools.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES WITH BISHOP ALAN – SUMMER 2015: Bishop Alan will lead the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Sunday 26th to Friday 31st July 2015. From £649 by air with full board for six days, five nights, or from £429 by coach. This pilgrimage includes an experienced medical team and plenty of help for those with mobility needs. It is also ideal for couples, individuals, and groups of friends. There is a full programme to opt in and out of, and everyone is welcome. Visit www.brentwoodlourdes.org for much more information and to order a brochure, or pick up a leaflet from the porch.

BRENTWOOD CHILDRENS SOCIETY / HCPT LADIES LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER: These charities will be holding an exclusive ladies-only luncheon at The Rayleigh Club, Rayleigh on Friday 5th December 2014. Guests will be treated to a delicious two-course Christmas lunch with tea, coffee & minced pies served in the luxurious surroundings of a private room over-looking the golf course at this exclusive club. Tickets cost £20.00 per person and with lunch being served at 12.30pm. Places are limited to 80 so please book early in order to avoid disappointment. Contact: Julie Abbott 01268 784544 / 07912277413 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk

ROTAS – NOVEMBER

Counting	2/11 E	9/11 C	16/11 B	23/11 D	30/11 E
Hospital	2/11 B	9/11 D	16/11 A	23/11 B	30/11 D
Christian Kitchen	1/11 Nor	8/11 F	15/11 G	22/11 A	29/11 B

The offertory collection for last weekend's Masses was £1388.85.
Thank you for your generosity.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

6.00pm	Paul Craig (RIP)
Sun 9 th Nov	<i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Remembrance Day)</i>
8.30am	Joyce Mould (RIP)
10.00am	Helena Salamonowicz (Ints)
12.00pm	Peggy Halpenny (RIP)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 10 th Nov	<i>St Leo the Great</i>
7.00am	Pat McManus (Ints)
9.15am	Diarmuid Ui Foghlu
Tue 11 th Nov	<i>St Martin of Tours</i>
7.00am	Joan Beirne (RIP)
9.15am	Jim & Mary Gordon (RIP)
Wed 12 th Nov	<i>St Josaphat</i>
7.00am	Agnes Okotie & Angela Chukwu (RIP)
9.15am	William Kelly (RIP)
Thu 13 th Nov	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Deceased family members of Emil & Lily Oregal
9:15am	Family of Bernard & Margaret D'Souza (Ints)
Fri 14 th Nov	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Bill Carmody (Ints)
9.15am	Mr KC Ninan (RIP)
Sat 15 th Nov	<i>Feria</i>
10.00am	Felicio D'Souza (RIP)
6.00pm	Ellen Fletcher (RIP)
Sun 16 th Nov	<i>Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)</i>
8.30am	Joe & Adeline Rosario (RIP)
10.00am	Rosa Gregori (RIP)
12.00pm	Tobias Buelro Sr. & Aida Rodriguez Asuncion (RIP)
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, 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, Bill Walsh, Margaret Perry, Bridget Lyons, Kristina Klimasauskaite, Philomena Spranklen, Jeffrey Mitchell, Michelle Boyle, Carla Cornelius, Cecelia Gibbs, Arthur Gibbs, Ural Gibbs, Gilbert Gibbs, Archie, George & Issac, Boyce Chandasingh, Elaine Francis

Morning Prayer:

Rosary:

Adoration & Exposition:

Reconciliation (Confessions):

Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.45am

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)