

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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1st March 2015

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

In today's Gospel we hear the account of the Transfiguration. For a few brief moments, the Transfiguration shows who Jesus really is. His divinity had been hidden under the cloak of His humanity, but now it becomes manifest. Moses and Elijah appear with Him, showing the connection between the Law, the Old Testament prophets, and Christ who came to fulfil them. The voice of the Father in heaven emanates from the Cloud, representing the Holy Spirit, affirming directly that Jesus is the Son and we are called to obey Him.

The Transfiguration is a moment of grace: firstly for Jesus Himself, who in His human nature will suffer physically and mentally as He goes to His death, abandoned by nearly everyone.

Second it is a privileged time for Peter, James and John, His three closest friends. The Lord had just told them that, as the Messiah, He will have to suffer and die, and they need encouragement to sustain their faith in the difficult days ahead. We know their story; Peter denied Him and James ran away. Only John was faithful. Despite being present for this glimpse of glory, Peter and James still fell away and abandoned the Lord, for a while.

We too often have good intentions; we may have started this Lent with good intentions, but somehow or other we are confronted by our own weaknesses, and the tendency is to take the easy way out. The Transfiguration can thus be an encouragement to us. As Christ forgave the disciples who abandoned Him, so He forgives us when we approach Him in repentance. He wants to transfigure us, but we need to cooperate with Him, and it is a life-long process with which we must engage. We need to heed the Lord's voice and obey His commands.

The Transfiguration reminds us that our Catholic religion is not just for special occasions, but should permeate every part of our lives. We may fall from time to time, but have to keep trying to live as Jesus taught, obeying His teachings and morals, being active members of His mystical body the Church, receiving the Sacraments, praying and carrying our crosses with Him.

Today we pray for the grace of perseverance.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next Course will take place on Monday 23rd March at 7.30pm in the Church.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required. There will be talks on marriage during Lent; details below.

LENTEN TALKS AT OLSG: We are now between the two synods in Rome on the subject of marriage and family life. Given all that has been said in the media about this, our Lenten talks this year are around the theme of marriage. The talks will take place on Thursday evenings in Lent in the Parish hall, starting this week.

5 March 2015, 8pm: **Marriage matters** by Brian and Maureen Devine. Brian and Maureen worked at the national level of Marriage Encounter for five years, meeting both Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul II, and also ran a Brentwood Marriage and Family Life Group for several years.

12 March 2015, 8pm: **Theology of Marriage** led by Father Patrick Daly

19 March 2015, 8pm: **Marriage and Family life** led by Father Graham Smith. Fr Graham is Co-ordinator for Marriage and Family life, Brentwood diocese

26 March 2015, 2015, 8pm: **Proclaiming the ideal of Christian Marriage** led by Father Patrick Daly.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The Stations of the Cross take place every Friday during Lent at 7.15pm in the Church.

RITE OF ELECTION: We pray for the Catechumen and Candidates who are to be fully received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. We support Victor Dangarempizi, George Chimeze, Sarah Erano and Alex Erano.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: There will be a meeting of the Extraordinary Ministers who serve the hospital and housebound on Saturday 8th March at 3pm in the Church meeting room.

ST PATRICK'S DAY VARIETY SHOW: There will be a Variety Show in the parish hall on Saturday 14th March at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm). Programme includes Irish and Indian dancing, Nigerian and Filipino singing and special guest Aisling Fahey – young poet laureate for London. Tickets are £5 (accompanying children under 15 free). Seats are limited, so speak to Fr Maurice to purchase tickets.

CONFIRMATION: The next session for the Confirmation programme will take place this Sunday 1st March at 4pm in the Parish hall.

RCIA meetings take place on Thursday evenings at 8.00pm. Anyone interested in becoming Catholic, being confirmed as an adult or wish to learn more about the faith is welcome to come along.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The next meeting of the finance committee will be on Monday 2nd March at 8pm in the presbytery.

JUSTICE & PEACE MEETING: The next meeting of the Justice & Peace group will be on Tuesday 3rd March at 7.30pm in the Church meeting room.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING: The social committee will next meet on Tuesday 3rd March at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

BETHEL PARISH PRAYER GROUP – a group of Malayalam-speaking families who gather once weekly under the guidance of Fr Maurice. As a new initiative they are offering prayer support to the parish. Please drop in your intentions in the box located in the lobby of the Church.

HCPT DINNER & DANCE takes place on Saturday 21st March, tickets costs £25pp. Book your table early and avoid missing out! Speak to Anita, Peter or Em on 07976419680.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – thank you to all from our community who come to share in the Eucharistic Adoration. We need more people to commit to the following hours: Monday, 10 – 11am, 12 – 1pm, 1-2pm and 4-5pm. Wednesday: 11am – 12pm, 12-1pm and 1-2pm. Spend time with Jesus. Please provide your name on the sheet available in the porch.

HOLY FAMILY COLLEGE SPRING TABLE TOP SALE: Saturday 28th March 2015 - 10am-1pm. The Friends of Holy Family Catholic School & Sixth Form are holding their Spring Indoor Table Top Sale on their Walthamstow Site, 1 Shernhall Street, (Next to Thorpe Coombe Hospital), London E17 3EA on Saturday 28th March 2014, with doors open to the public from 10:00am - 13:00pm. A chance to get rid of that clutter, buy a treat or gift or enjoy our delicious refreshments and take a home-made cake for later! To book a table, email the Friends for a booking form at t.friends@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk or phone the school office on 020 8520 0482. Tables £10.00 in advance, £15 on the day subject to availability. Admission 50p adults, children free. Book early to avoid disappointment.

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.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Kathleen Carey, whose Requiem Mass will take place on Mon 2nd March at 10.30am.

Brendan Gillespie, whose funeral will take place on Mon 2nd March at 3.45pm at the City of London Crematorium

Gilda Baptiste, a former parishioner, who died recently and whose funeral took place in Jamaica last week.

May they rest in peace.

ROTAS – MARCH:

Hospital	1/3 B	8/3 D	15/3 A	22/3 B	29/3 D
Counting	1/3 F	8/3 B	15/3 E	22/3 D	29/3 C
Christian Kitchen	7/3 Nor1	14/3 E	21/3 Nor2	28/3 F	

Last week's collection was £1383.77. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George this week

6.00pm	Mary Drumm (RIP) & Peggy McCarthy (RIP)
Sun 1 st Mar	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)
8.30am	Cuthbert Almeida (RIP)
10.00am	Bridie Lacon (Ints)
12.00pm	John Joseph Collins (RIP)
6:30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 2 nd Mar	Feria
7.00am	Kristina & Jason Coeur-de-Lion (Thanksgiving)
9.15am	Angelo Decesare (RIP)
Tue 3 rd Mar	Feria
7.00am	Alice Bacon (Ints)
9.15am	Sr Anne Marie (Ints)
Wed 4 th Mar	Feria
7.00am	Mary Quinn (Ints)
9.15am	Eileen McSloy (Ints)
Thu 5 th Mar	Feria
7.00am	Deceased relatives of Angelina Horeau
9.15am	Michelle, Matt, Milly Clack (Ints)
Fri 6 th Mar	Feria
7.00am	Tina Horn (RIP)
9.15am	Ann Tully
Sat 7 th Mar	Feria
10.00am	Relatives of Angelina Horeau (Ints)
6.00pm	Margaret O'Sullivan (RIP)
Sun 8 th Mar	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)
8.30am	Hazel Belizaire (Ints)
10.00am	Fr Jesuraja (Ints)
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, 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, Luis & Lukas.

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)