

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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28<sup>th</sup> June 2015

## **SS PETER & PAUL (SOLEMNITY)**

Today we commemorate two great saints of the early Church, Ss Peter and Paul, who were very different characters, but both gave their lives for love of Christ.

Peter was a fisherman, called by Jesus to be a disciple and later entrusted as leader of the Church on earth. The name Peter means 'rock' and Jesus in today's Gospel names Peter as the rock upon which 'I will build my Church'. Jesus thus made St Peter the first Pope, and there have subsequently been a continuous line of successors from Peter to the current Pope, Francis. Jesus established the Catholic Church on earth to continue His work until the end of time, making Peter the visible head on earth, but promising that He Himself would be with it always and send the Holy Spirit to guide it. But Peter is human and fragile, just as all Popes have been. Why did Christ choose Peter? In the Gospels we see his ups and downs: inspired by God the Father, he identifies Jesus as 'the Christ, the Son of the Living God', and later, when people find Jesus' teaching difficult and walk away, Jesus asks 'will you go too?' and Peter says, 'to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life.'

At other times we see his weakness; his own ego gets in the way. He refuses to let Jesus wash his feet, he discourages Him from going to the cross, and at the crucial moment he denies the Lord three times. But Christ still called him to be His chief shepherd; after the resurrection, he three times asks Peter, 'do you love me?' - and the triple denial of Peter is undone by his triple affirmation of love. Peter is told, 'feed my lambs, feed my sheep.' Peter has now learned the lesson that he is nothing without the power of God.

Paul was an educated Jew who hated Christianity and persecuted the Church actively. One day, making a journey to Damascus, he was thrown from his horse, and heard the voice of Jesus asking 'why do you persecute me?' To persecute Christ's Church is to persecute Christ - who is the Head of that Church. Paul was completely changed, and became a great preacher of the faith, travelling around the Mediterranean spreading the Gospel. He endured many hardships, including imprisonment, stoning, and multiple shipwrecks but he persevered to the end; as his letter to Timothy says today, 'I have fought the good fight to the end, I have kept the faith.' He also said, 'it is not I who live, but Christ who lives in me.' Like Peter he realised that of himself he was nothing, but only in Christ was he able to do the good he did.

We can identify with these two pillars because like them we are sinful and weak, and often easily tempted. When we fail, we must come back to the Lord for forgiveness, and keep our eyes focussed on Him, who can change us and wants to change us. Peter and Paul were both so overcome by Christ's love that they were prepared to give their lives. We give thanks to God for their example.

*Fr Maurice*

**BAPTISMS:** By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm.

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

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**SUPPORTING PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS:** We are organizing an evening of prayer and song, in support of our persecuted brothers and sisters throughout the Middle East. This will take place in the Church on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July from 7.30pm – 9.00pm. A collection will be taken for Aid to the Church in Need.

**BISHOP ALAN VISIT:** Bishop Alan will be visiting Our Lady & St George's Primary School this Thursday, and we will have an assembly with him in the Church at 2pm. Afterwards he will meet all the primary school staff. We keep Bishop Alan in our prayers, as this Wednesday is the first anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination.

**CONFIRMATION THANKSGIVING:** There will be a Mass of thanksgiving for all the newly confirmed young people and their families on 19<sup>th</sup> July at 12 noon.

**PARISH HALL BOOKINGS:** please note that all enquiries must be emailed to Maulline Sam, Parish Hall Manager on the following email address: [maulline\\_sam@btinternet.com](mailto:maulline_sam@btinternet.com). You will receive a response within 5 working days.

**PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD:** All places for this pilgrimage have now been booked. On the day of the pilgrimage (11<sup>th</sup> July), please gather at the Church at 8.15am, as we will begin with a prayer in the Church, and board the coaches shortly thereafter. **Please be on time and bring a packed lunch.**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** There are currently some slots available for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Mondays, 12-1pm, 1-2pm and 3pm-4pm. We do require at least a couple of people to be present at all times when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. If you are able to commit some time in prayer with the Lord, please leave your details on the sign up sheet by the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, or contact Louella on 07545 625 109.

**FR JOHN DUCKETT ANNIVERSARY:** Fr John Duckett, who was an assistant priest here at St George's from 2001/2002 will celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Ordination to the priesthood on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July, with a Mass at 11.30am at Our Lady of Compassion, Green Street, Upton Park, E13 9AX. Fr John has invited parishioners from all the parishes at which he has served, and so you are very welcome to attend. May God continue to bless him in his priestly ministry.

**PARISH GARDEN PARTY – Hosted by HCPT Group 161: 11am Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>**

**July:** Come and join us for a day of fun! Celebrating our 2015 Confirmation candidates and fundraising for children with needs to have the holiday of a lifetime to Lourdes at Easter. Bouncy castle music, face painting, Pimms, BBQ and an epic 10-hour sponsored pottery wheel throw! Fun for all the family.

**YOUTH 2000 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT:** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 11.00am – 4.00pm – 5-a-side football tournament. East London, Harrow Road, Wanstead Flats, E11, 3QD. £10 per player. Players 18+. Open to anyone, and any team. For more information: <http://y2kfootball.co.uk> and email [admin@youth2000.org](mailto:admin@youth2000.org). Enquiries call 0207 221 2124.

**YOUTH 2000 SUMMER PRAYER FESTIVAL:** A festival for young adults 16-35, shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, NR22 6AL. Coaches and more info: [www.youth2000.org](http://www.youth2000.org).

**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. The Gift Aid Scheme provides much-needed additional income for the upkeep of the Church and support of our schools. It is possible to make Gift Aid payments via Standing Order. For more information please contact Hana on 07939 485957.

**EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW:** Men aged 18-40 with a passion for God and the Church are invited to consider a vocation to the men's branch of a new religious community. Join us on the weekend of 4th/5th July at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood, for a time of prayer, sharing and reflection. It will provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham's charism and how it may relate to your own faith journey. For further information call Jim on 01277 373848 or visit [www.walsinghamcommunity.org](http://www.walsinghamcommunity.org)

**SCHOOL PLACE VACANCIES:** Our Lady and St. George's Catholic Primary School have vacancies in the following year groups:  
Nursery (September 2015) children born between 01.09.2011-31.08.2012.  
Y2 children born between 01.09.2007-31.08.2008  
Y3 children born between 01.09.2006-31.08.2007  
Y5 children born between 01.09.2003-31.08.2005  
If you are interested in applying for a place for your child or would like further information either contact Mrs Moloney at the school office on 0208 520 8500 (Monday Tuesday and Wednesday) or go to the school website at [www.olsgweb.org](http://www.olsgweb.org)

**RIP**

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of :

Tim Campbell, whose body will be received into the Church on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm, and whose Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July, at 1pm.

Laura Theresa McRory, whose Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 11am.

May they rest in peace.

**ROTAS – JUNE:**

Hospital	7/6 <b>A</b>	14/6 <b>B</b>	21/6 <b>D</b>	28/6 <b>A</b>
Counting	7/6 <b>C</b>	14/6 <b>B</b>	21/6 <b>D</b>	28/6 <b>F</b>
Christian Kitchen	6/6 <b>Nor1</b>	13/6 <b>E</b>	20/6 <b>Nor2</b>	26/6 <b>F</b>

**The main offertory collection for last week was £1354.79  
Thank you for your generosity.**

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

6.00pm	Baby Shannon Beer (RIP)
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<b>Ss Peter &amp; Paul (Solemnity)</b>
8.30am	Mr Innocent (Ints)
10.00am	Parish
12.00pm	Rose Gill (RIP)
6:30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	John Monaghan (RIP)
9.15am	Felicio D'Souza (RIP)
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Seamus Monaghan
9.15am	Swan Kwok (Ints)
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>St Oliver Plunkett, Bishop, Martyr (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Alan Williams)</b>
7.00am	Margaret Moore (Ints)
9.15am	Swan Kwok (Ints)
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Fr Maurice Gordon (Ints)
9.15am	Fr Patrick Daly (Ints)
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>St Thomas, Apostle (Feast)</b>
7.00am	Patrick Ramsey (Ints)
9.15am	Tracey, Christopher, Shannon (Ints)
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Feria (First Saturday)</b>
10.00am	Lazaro De Souza (RIP)
6.00pm	Anthony Mulvey (RIP)
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>
8.30am	Bruno De Souza (RIP)
10.00am	Tim Campbell (RIP)
12.00pm	Paquerette (Peggie) Oxenham (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, 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, Luis & Lukas, Ann Hutton, Comfort Kwawu, Judith Hilton.

**Morning Prayer:**

**Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.45am**

**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)**