

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Sunday 24th January 2016

Third Sunday of the Year (C)

The Gospel today asks 'who is Jesus and what is his mission?' Jesus went to Nazareth to attend his local synagogue and read from Holy Scripture. The community would have personally known Jesus and his family. Jesus read from Isaiah 61:

'The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour'.

The word Christ means 'Messiah', the one anointed by God's Spirit. Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the anointed one of God. The Good News is that God the Father has sent His only son, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, into the world.

Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born to the Virgin Mary. God entered into our humanity to share the joys, pains and sufferings of every human being. We are never to be alone again. Jesus Christ's mission was to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Jesus Christ through the sacrifice of His body has reconciled the world to God. Through His resurrection we are freed from the sentence of death and offered eternal life. This is the Good News – our sins are forgiven and we are granted eternal life.

Fr Patrick

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place this Monday 25th January at 7.30pm in the Church.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests for more information.

WEEKDAY MASSES FROM 18th JAN: From 18th January, for three weeks, there will be **only one weekday Mass at 9.15am** (i.e. no 7am Mass). 7am Mass will resume on the 8th February.

NEW CHURCH CARPETS: The carpet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, and in the center aisle of the Church has been replaced. The full cost of the work is approximately £2800. Any donations towards this cost will be gratefully received. Parishioners are asked to please help keep the new carpets in good condition, to take care not to spill wax on or otherwise stain them or to walk on them with muddy shoes. Thanks for your cooperation.

RCIA (BECOMING A CATHOLIC): The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) group meets on Thursday evenings at 8pm in the Church meeting room. This group is for people interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and exploring the possibility of entering the Church – or for adults who may have been baptised but never received First Communion or Confirmation. For more information speak to one of the priests.

FIRST COMMUNION: The next session for the First Communion Programme will be Saturday 27 January. As usual the children meet in the parish hall, and the parents in the Lower Site of OLSG School, at 9.45am.

CONFIRMATION: The next session for the Confirmation programme is this Sunday 24th January at 4pm in the Parish Hall. Please keep the young people and their families in your prayers.

MASS OFFERINGS: Saturday 6pm Masses are booked until mid-April 2016, Sunday 8.30am Masses are booked until mid-March 2016, 10am Masses until May 2016, 12pm Masses until mid-March 2016. If a requested date is not available, the next available will be allocated. Many thanks for your understanding.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING (Reminder): There will be an afternoon training session for all altar servers on Saturday 6th February at 2pm in the Church meeting room. At the 6pm Mass on that day, a number of servers will be enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen and will receive medals in recognition of their service. **All current servers are requested to make every effort to attend.** Any young person who has made their first communion and would like to join the servers is very welcome to come along. We thank Jason our MC for his leadership.

VOCATIONS GROUP: The next meeting of the vocations group will be on Saturday 13th February at 4pm in the Church meeting room. This group is open to all young people, and we discuss how the Christian life is lived through marriage, priesthood, religious and single life.

MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES: On Sunday 7 February at 3 pm, Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass at Brentwood Cathedral in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Patroness of our diocese and all who are ill. Join the bishop to pray for our diocese, anyone who is ill and if you have a devotion to the shrine of Our Lady at Lourdes. This Mass is a wonderful opportunity to thank Our Lady for graces received at the shrine or should you be planning to make a pilgrimage.

ORDINATION OF BR. PIUS COLLINS, O.PRAEM: The ordination of Br. Pius to the priesthood will be celebrated at Our Lady Immaculate, Chelmsford, (178 New London Rd, Chelmsford CM2 0AR) on Monday 1st February at 7.30pm. If you would like to attend the ordination please email office@olichurch.co.uk or phone 01245 352 898.

51st Eucharistic Congress will take place in CEBU, the Phillipines, 24 – 31 January 2016. You may ask what is the Eucharistic Congress? It is a gathering of people from all over the world to promote an awareness of Christ in the Eucharist. This year's theme is **CHRIST IN YOU, OUR HOPE OF GLORY**. The last Eucharistic Congress was held in Dublin in 2012. We congratulate our Fillipino community and we pray for the success of the Congress.

'**Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood** to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on Wednesday 3rd February 2016. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome!

SCHOOL GOVERNOR TALK

Saturday 30th January 2016 – **Susan Watts** – Theme: Data Dashboard & RAISEOnline Data For Governors. Cathedral House, Brentwood. 9.30am – 12.00pm. This course is open to all current school Governors. If you would like to register a place please contact: Lisa Gunther at lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org or on 01277 265285

STUDY DAY WITH FR NICHOLAS KING SJ

Fr Nicholas King, well-known biblical scholar, will lead a study day at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH on Saturday 12th March from 10.30 until 3 p.m. The topic of the day will be 'The Helplessness of God'. Biblical texts will be explored to help us reflect on leadership and authority in the Church. The day is free, and tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch. It is essential to book your place and this should be done by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com

SICK CALLS TO HOSPITAL: In light of strict data protection rules it is important that on entering hospital you tell the nurses that your details or those of your relatives be passed to the Catholic chaplain, if you wish to be visited. We visit the wards during the week and also provide a 24-hour on-call service in case of emergency.

ROTAS – JANUARY

Hospital	3/1 A	10/1 B	17/1 D	24/1 A	31/1 B
Counting	3/1 B	10/1 D	17/1 F	24/1 C	31/1 D
Christian Kitchen	2/1 Nor1	9/1 G	16/1 Nor2	23/1 A	30/1 B

RIP:

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Dennis Collins.
His requiem Mass will take place on Monday 25 January at 12 noon in the Church.
May he rest in peace.

The offertory collection for 17th January was £1298.68
Many thanks for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	Nagle & Moss families (RIP)
Sun 24 Jan	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) (Education Day)
8.30am	Parish intentions
10.00am	Richard Mackey (ints)
12.00pm	James Mason (RIP)
Mon 25 Jan	The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle (Feast)
9.15am	Special Ints
Tue 26 Jan	Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops
9.15am	Eliza D'Souza (RIP) (Anniversary)
Wed 27 Jan	Feria
9.15am	Matthew Joseph Davey (RIP)
Thu 28 Jan	St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church
9.15am	Helen Gertrude Davey (RIP)
Fri 29 Jan	Feria
9.15am	Fr Matthew Twoomey and his near relations (RIP)
Sat 30 Jan	Our Lady on Saturday
10.00am	Adele Bouttle (RIP)
6.00pm	Margaret O'Sullivan (RIP)
Sun 31 Jan	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
8.30am	Shirley & Graham Green (Ints)
10.00am	Gema Mortell (RIP) & Joe & Rhona (Ints)
12.00pm	Parish

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, 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, 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, Anne Hutton, Comfort Kwawu, Judith Hilton, Gloria and Tracy Joseph, Pdraig Hester, Regina Jose

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. During these times the priest is in the Reconciliation Room, inside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left. Confessions are also available at other times on request; please call at the house.