

# **CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE**

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## **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016**

### **Fourth Sunday of the Year (C)**

In the Gospel from Luke we return to the synagogue in Jesus' hometown of Nazareth. Jesus has just read from the prophet Isaiah quoting: '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'. Jesus continued by stating to the congregation that, "This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen". By making this statement, Jesus was laying claim to be the promised Messiah foretold by the Old Testament prophets.

Initially, the people of Nazareth were pleased by the words of the local man Jesus. However, once they started to understand what was being said to them and, in particular, that Jesus was not there to perform miraculous events for them, their mood changed dramatically. 'They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town, and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff.' They wanted to kill Jesus. This attempted lynching in Nazareth anticipated the rejection of Jesus by the religious authorities in Jerusalem and His crucifixion. Jesus would be taken to another hill called Golgotha and He would die on a cross at Calvary.

Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, was born to the Virgin Mary, God incarnate. Jesus Christ lived and died on a cross to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Jesus Christ rose from the dead and ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. Jesus Christ will come again in glory and judgment at the end of the world. This is the Good News for all humanity.

**Fr Patrick**

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

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

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**SEMINARIAN VISIT:** This week Diocesan Seminarian Paschal completed his pastoral placement and has returned to seminary in Birmingham to continue his studies. We thank him for his assistance in the parish over the past few weeks. Please keep Paschal and our three other seminarians in your prayers.

**WEEKDAY MASSES FROM 18<sup>th</sup> JAN:** From 18<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 February. As usual the children meet in the parish hall, and the parents in the Lower Site of OLSG School, at 9.45am.

The allocations of First Holy Communion Masses have now been completed. Details are available from Fr Patrick.

**CONFIRMATION:** The next session for the Confirmation programme is next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm in the Parish Hall. Please keep the young people and their families in your prayers.

**ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING (Reminder):** There will be an afternoon training session for all altar servers **next Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ORDINARIATE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM / PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING**

**CHINGFORD:** On the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - 2nd Feb - Mass with Candlemas ceremonies will be sung in the church of Christ the King at 7.30pm using the rite from the newly published Divine Worship Missal.

**DIOCESAN YEAR OF MERCY EVENTS: SPRING: *Meeting the God of Mercy through***

**the Sacraments** Saturday 13th February, 10.30am - Fr Martin Boland. **Wrestling with forgiveness** - Saturday 5th March, 10.30am - Bishop Emeritus, Thomas McMahon  
 All events take place at Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT. Telephone: 01277 265 285. Email: [lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**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) this coming Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm. If you would like to attend the ordination please email [office@olichurch.co.uk](mailto:office@olichurch.co.uk) or phone 01245 352 898.

**CURRICULUM SUPPORT TO RAISE ACADEMIC ATTAINMENT OF PUPILS AT KS1 & KS2:** The Marian Mission Educational and Family Support Centre is offering curriculum support in Maths & English to pupils of varied abilities at these key stages every Saturday during term time from 11am – 1pm. The London Borough of Waltham Forest funds the project. Places are limited. Registration form is available at the centre: 1 Colchester Road, Leyton, London, E10 6HA. Call 02085187499 or 07940143545

**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 <b>A</b>	10/1 <b>B</b>	17/1 <b>D</b>	24/1 <b>A</b>	31/1 <b>B</b>
Counting	3/1 <b>B</b>	10/1 <b>D</b>	17/1 <b>F</b>	24/1 <b>C</b>	31/1 <b>D</b>
Christian Kitchen	2/1 <b>Nor1</b>	9/1 <b>G</b>	16/1 <b>Nor2</b>	23/1 <b>A</b>	30/1 <b>B</b>

**RIP:** Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Cecil Hinds, who died recently. His funeral service will take place at the City of London Crematorium on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm.  
 May he rest in peace.

The offertory collection for 24<sup>th</sup> January was £1164.42  
 Many thanks for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	Margaret O'Sullivan (RIP)
Sun 31 Jan	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</b>
8.30am	Shirley & Graham Green (Ints)
10.00am	Gema Mortell (RIP) & Joe & Rhona (Ints)
12.00pm	Parish
Mon 1 Feb	<b>Feria</b>
9.15am	Special Ints
Tue 2 Feb	<b>The Presentation of the Lord (Feast)</b>
9.15am	Mrs Selma Ada Nowling (Ints)
Wed 3 Feb	<b>St Anne Line</b>
9.15am	Peter McGarry (Ints)
Thu 4 Feb	<b>Feria</b>
9.15am	Patrick and Eileen Fouhy (RIP)
Fri 5 Feb	<b>St Agatha (Virgin, Martyr)</b>
9.15am	Sarah Payne (RIP)
Sat 6 Feb	<b>St Paul Miki and Companions (Martyrs)</b>
10.00am	Martin Duly (Ints)
6.00pm	Bill Green (RIP)
Sun 7 Feb	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</b>
8.30am	Parish
10.00am	Katie Browne (RIP)
12.00pm	John Monaghan (RIP)

### **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.