

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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10th March 2013

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Today we have heard again what is perhaps the most well known parable in the Gospel – the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32).

The behaviour of the wayward son and his jealous brother, and the compassionate response of the father can help us identify areas in our lives where change is needed. At times all of us resemble one or other of the sons.

The prodigal son, after squandering his inheritance in a life of sin, finds himself in a distant country, completely empty. He comes to his senses and returns home. He expected punishment and was willing to work as a slave, but the father takes pity on him and celebrates his return. For us too, no matter where we have been, and how we have sinned, once we return to God, we come face to face with His overwhelming mercy.

The second son, though obedient to his father, and dutiful in carrying out his work, had become hard-hearted, and couldn't accept his father's joy when his brother returned. We too can become envious when we feel forgotten and unappreciated, and when we witness someone else getting the limelight and being appreciated. But the father reassures him, 'my son, you are with me always and all I have is yours.'

At different times in our lives, we have all played the part of these two brothers. But the goal of our lives is actually to become more and more like the father. The father loves both of his sons equally and demonstrates his generosity by going out to meet each of his sons in their need and welcoming them back with heartfelt joy. Every Christian must imitate that example. In all the relationships of our lives, especially the difficult ones, the challenge of Christianity is to love like the Father.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next Baptism Course will take place on 18th March at 7.30pm in the Church.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

YEAR OF FAITH - LENTEN TALKS: We will be holding two Lenten talks in the Parish Hall. The first will be **this Thursday 14th March** at 7.30pm, given by Fr John Maloney CSG, and is entitled **Parenthood and Prayer**. The second talk will take place on Thursday 21st March at 7.30pm, given by Des Kelly (former Deputy head of St John Payne School, Chelmsford), entitled **Renewal of Catholic teaching in the Year of Faith**. All are welcome, and parents are especially encouraged to attend.

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION: Next Sunday 17th March, we will hold a St Patrick's Day celebration in the Parish Hall after the 10am Mass. There will be dancers and presentations from the various communities that comprise the Parish. Dr Paul Doherty OBE (Head Teacher of Trinity School) will be our special guest, and will be giving a talk on the life of St Patrick. **All are welcome**. Please note that for the safety of all, the car park will be closed once all the marked bays have been filled.

OUR LADY & ST GEORGE'S CATHOLIC NURSERY: Children born between 01/09/09 and 31/08/10 will be due to start nursery in September 2013. If you are thinking of choosing Our Lady & St George's Catholic nursery for your child, application packs are now available from the lower site of the school. The closing date for return of the completed form is Friday 22nd March 2013.

CONFIRMATION 2012-13: The next session for the Confirmation programme will be today, Sunday 10th March at 4pm in the Parish Hall. Parishioners, please keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare for Confirmation in May.

SR FRANCES: Sr Frances Moore, chaplain to Whipps Cross hospital, is retiring after many years service. We will be having a Mass of thanksgiving for her tomorrow, Monday 11th March at 7.00pm, followed by refreshments in the meeting room. All are welcome.

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Deacon Joseph leads the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, beginning at 7.15pm. The Ordinariate group (led by Fr David) also have Stations of the Cross on Thursday evenings at 8.00pm. It is always valuable to contemplate our Lord's sufferings, especially in the weeks leading up to Easter. All are welcome.

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE: The Parish reconciliation service will take place on the Monday of Holy Week, 25th March at 8.00pm. A number of visiting priests will be available to hear confessions. All are strongly encouraged to avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent.

'VOICE FOR LIFE' SINGING TRAINING: Singing training for children aged 8 years and older takes place every Thursday evening from 6.30-7.30pm in the Church.

MALAYALAM PRAYER VIGIL: The Bethel prayer group will be holding a night vigil in Malayalam, beginning at 10pm on Friday 15th March and concluding at 5.00am the

following morning.

HOLY FAMILY TABLETOP SALE: Saturday 23rd March 2013, 10:00am-1:00pm. The Friends of the Holy Family Catholic School and Sixth Form are holding their Spring Indoor Table Top Sale at their Walthamstow site, 1 Shernhall Street, Walthamstow, London E17 3EA (next to Thorpe Coombe Hospital). Amongst the many items on offer there will also be our own refreshments and home made cakes for sale. To book a table, email the Friends for a booking form on t.friends@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk or phone the school office on 020 8520 0482.

HOUSE FOR RENT: One of our Parishioners is looking for a single tenant to rent with. The house is fully furnished, including TV, has two bedrooms, and rent is £125 per week, bills included. For more information call Brian on 07968 677 885.

SILENT RETREAT at the Sion Community: From 6pm Friday 26th to Sunday 28th April 2013. Theme: 'Encountering God' with Fr Martin Boland. This **silent** retreat is an opportunity to step out of our daily routine and spend time with the Lord. Talks, Mass, prayer & quiet reflection form part of the weekend. Book early as we have limited places. For more information, please call Allegra on 01277 215011 or e-mail: allegra@sioncommunity.org.uk / admin@sioncommunity.org.uk

RIP

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Mary Telford, whose Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 13th March at 12 noon.

May she rest in peace.

ROTAS – MARCH

Christian Kitchen:	2/3 Nor	9/3 G	16/3 H	23/3 A	30/3 B
Hospital: N.B if you are unavailable please contact Serge (020 8527 4814)	3/3 D	10/3 A	17/3 B	24/3 D	31/3 A
Counting:	3/3 A	10/3 E	17/3 C	24/3 D	31/3 E

Parish Collection: Offertory received on 3rd March was £1591.68.
Thank you for your generous offerings and continued support.

Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

6.00pm	Reg Carey (RIP)
Sun 10 th March	<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>
8.30am	Over 60s Club (Ints)
10.00am	Leonora Edmunds (RIP)
12.00pm	May McCormack (RIP)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 11 th March	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
7.00am	Swan Kwok (Ints)
9.15am	Jenny Sloan (RIP)
Tue 12 th March	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
7.00am	Special Intention
9.15am	Monica Martin (RIP)
Wed 13 th March	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
7.00am	Brother Langan (RIP)
9.15am	Holy Souls
Thurs 14 th March	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
7.00am	Election of the new Pope
9.15am	Sr Frances (Ints)
Fri 15 th March	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
7.00am	Joe McGee (Ints)
9.15am	Bernie Fennessy (Ints)
Sat 16 th March	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
10.00am	Margaret McSweeney (RIP)
6.00pm	Mary Druum (RIP)
Sun 10 th March	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>
8.30am	Klimasauskaite family (Ints)
10.00am	Kitty & Richard Mackey (Ints)
12.00pm	Brigitte Berney (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, Muriel Chetty, Masangela Tardioli, Alix Charlery, Adeline Rosario, Natalie Rosario, Ronald Rolle. Ernie & Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati. Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave, Phoebe Roach. Mary and Anthony O'Boyle, Michael Fitzpatrick, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Joan Beirne, Neville Clark.

Morning Prayer:

Rosary:

Adoration & Exposition:

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.45 am

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)