

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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14th April 2013

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

In today's Gospel (*John 21:1-19*) the disciples recognise the Lord standing on the shore of Tiberius. Peter's three denials were uppermost in his mind, and he felt great shame. St John notes that Peter puts on his clothes before jumping into the water and moving towards Christ. This subtle detail is reminiscent of Adam and Eve in the garden, who covered themselves in shame after original sin.

The same is true for us – when we let Jesus into our lives, we become more aware of our sinfulness. The light shows up the smudges on the windows, but that is a good sign, because it shows that God is operative in our lives. It is the Holy Spirit who convicts us of sin, and moves us to repentance.

Christ isn't looking to humiliate Peter, but to reinstate him. He leads him through a process of repentance. As Peter denied Jesus three times by a charcoal fire, now, also by a fire, Christ asks Peter to reaffirm his love. Three times he asks, 'Do you love me?'

Christianity is not a philosophy. It is not a set of abstract ideas. It is a relationship with the Person of Jesus. Peter says humbly that he loves Christ. His love is sincere, and now he knows his own weakness, he trusts not in himself, but completely in Christ. Now Christ can do in Peter what Peter wanted to do but could not do on his own. He receives his mission – to take care of the sheep. And ultimately he gives his life for Christ and the Church.

What is our mission? Peter receives a special commission as the first Pope, but the call to give ourselves and feed others belongs to all of us. "I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me to drink, a stranger and you made me welcome."

We pray that the Lord may illumine our lives, and lead us into a deeper relationship with Him, so that He can work through us as we serve others.

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next Baptism course will be on Monday 29th April at 7.30pm in the Church.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY: On Sunday 12th May, we will be holding our third annual procession in honour of Our Lady. Beginning at 2pm at the Upper Site of Our Lady & St George's School, we will process with a statue of the Blessed Mother along Shernhall Street to the Church, where the rosary will be prayed in five languages. Refreshments follow in the hall. All are encouraged to come along and pray with us for Mary's intercession for our parish, families and schools.

SECOND COLLECTION: Today there will be a second collection in aid of the Chingford Jumbulance, which takes people to Lourdes.

CENSUS: Next week we will be taking a parish census so that a profile of the diocese can be drawn up for the new Bishop.

SUMMER PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD: Last year we had a very successful Parish mission with John Pridmore and his team. This year, because we are in the Year of Faith, we have decided to organise a parish pilgrimage to a holy place that is not too far away or too expensive for families to attend. Therefore, we are organising coaches to go to Aylesford Priory in Kent on Saturday 13th July 2013. Please watch this space for more information.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on Monday 15th April.

DIVINE MERCY HEALING SERVICES: These resume on Sunday evenings at 8pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

CONFIRMATION 2012-13: The next session for the Confirmation programme will be next Sunday, 21st April at 4pm in the Parish Hall. Parishioners, please keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare for Confirmation in May.

FUNDRAISING AFTERNOON: On Sunday 28th April from 3-5pm in the Parish Hall, we shall be showing a 15 minute video of our 2009 parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land, followed by a screening of the film 'The Gospel Road' – the story of Christ read and sung by the American legend Johnny Cash. Tea and coffee will be served and Joe Elwood will present the afternoon's entertainment. £5 entrance, funds go to Bethlehem University.

MASS FOR MIGRANTS: The Mass for Migrants this year will be held on Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May 2013 in Westminster Cathedral. The Banner Procession will begin at 10.30am and Mass at 11am. If you intend joining the Banner Procession please be in the Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue by 10am latest. If you require further information please contact Davina Bolt, 01277 265234 or email davina@dioceseofbrentwood.org

HEALING MASS AT ABBOTSWICK: - Fr Eamonn Power will be celebrating a Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer on Friday 19th April 2013 at 2.30pm. All are welcome. For further details visit the events page of www.abbotswick.org or call 01277 373959.

VOCATIONS: Do you ever ask, “Who is God calling me to be?” “What is God calling me to do?” Men and women aged 17 – 35 are very welcome to the Brentwood Vocations Discernment Group; it is informal and friendly, includes a meal and a time of prayer, and we invite excellent speakers to share their story. At our next meeting on **Friday 26th April** we welcome **Mgr John Armitage**, Vicar General of Brentwood Diocese. Fr John was Vocations Director for a decade, and he has superb stories and insights to share about his own path to Priesthood. For full details of the group, and the venue, please email frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org or call Fr Dominic, Vocations Director, 01268 281732. For lots more resources and information, visit www.brentwoodvocations.org.

"Elijah - The Mystery of Faith on our Journey with God" – a talk for young adults age 18-35 making important choices led by Fr Matthew Blake on Friday 26th April 2013 from 7.00pm - 9.30pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. For further details, please visit the website www.free2become.org.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN (20s and 30s). Theme: Wondering about God? ... Think God may be wondering about you? Dates: 24th - 26th May 2013. Location: Broadstairs, Kent. The weekend is organized by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

RIP

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Tony West, whose funeral will take place at Our Lady & St George on Wednesday 24th April at 11.30am.

May he rest in peace.

ROTAS – APRIL

Christian Kitchen:	13/4 C	20/4 D	27/4 E	4/5 F
Hospital: N.B if you are unavailable please contact Serge (020 8527 4814)	7/4 B	14/4 D	21/4 A	28/4 B
Counting:	7/4 B	14/4 D	21/4 A	28/4 D

Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

6.00pm	Pake, Sean & Hallie Barry (RIP)
Sun 14 th April	Third Sunday of Easter
8.30am	Leonora Edmunds (RIP)
10.00am	Clodagh Cummins (RIP)
12.00pm	Cynthia and Joe Furtado (RIP)
6.30pm	[Ordinariate Mass]
Mon 15 th April	Easter Weekday
7.00am	Holy Souls
9.15am	Rajinder Kaur Grewal (RIP)
Tue 16 th April	Easter Weekday
7.00am	Confirmation candidates (Ints)
9.15am	Ernie Lacon (RIP)
Wed 17 th April	Easter Weekday
7.00am	Mercy Fernando (Ints)
9.15am	Molliere family (Ints)
Thurs 18 th April	Easter Weekday
7.00am	Thanksgiving
9.15am	Margaret Levine (Ints)
Fri 19 th April	Easter Weekday
7.00am	First Holy Communion children and families (Ints)
9.15am	McDonagh family (Ints)
Sat 20 th April	Easter Weekday
10.00am	Peace in the Middle East
6.00pm	C. Carey (Ints)
Sun 21 st April	Fourth Sunday of Easter
8.30am	Bridie Kennedy (Ints)
10.00am	Ernie Lacon (RIP)
12.00pm	Gjon Kola (Ints)
6.30pm	[Ordinariate Mass]

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. 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

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)