

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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17th March 2013

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

In today's Gospel (John 8: 1-11) we hear the account of the women taken in adultery. The Pharisees try to catch Jesus in an impossible situation. They point out that the Law of Moses would have them stone her to death, and they ask the Lord, 'what do you say?' If He commands them to stone her, He will be accused of cruelty; if He commands anything else He will be accused of laxity.

The Lord responds, 'Let the one among you who is without sin cast the first stone.' In saying this He cleverly shifts the focus from a judgement of others to a challenging introspection of self – from condemnation to mercy, from legalism to love.

St Augustine, commenting on this Gospel passage, notes that after everyone has left, the women and Jesus are alone. 'There', he says, 'misery meets Mercy.' This, surely, is the essence of the season of Lent: we stand before the Lord, sinful and sorrowful, and find in Him forgiveness and mercy.

In preparation for Holy Week, the parish reconciliation service will take place on Monday 25th March at 8.00pm. All are encouraged to avail of this Sacrament before Easter.

We thank God for the election of Francis our new Pope, and pray for him:

O God, Shepherd and Ruler of all Thy faithful people, look mercifully upon Thy servant Francis whom Thou hast chosen as shepherd to preside over Thy Church. Grant him, we beseech Thee, that by his word and example, he may edify those over whom he hath charge, so that together with the flock committed to him, he may attain everlasting life.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

An extra Mass will be offered here at 7.30pm on the day of Pope Francis's installation, Tuesday 19th March (the Feast of St Joseph).

Fr Maurice

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

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

YEAR OF FAITH - LENTEN TALKS: Our next Lenten talk will be held next Thursday 21st March at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. The speaker is Mr 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 and teachers are especially encouraged to attend.

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 this Friday 22nd March 2013.

CONFIRMATION 2012-13: The next session for the Confirmation programme will be next Sunday, 24th March at 4pm in the Parish Hall. Parishioners, please keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare for Confirmation in May.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The next session for the First Communion programme will be next Saturday 23rd at 10.00am. It is very important that all parents and children attend.

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.

EASTER CARDS: This week, cards with details of the Masses and services of Holy Week and Easter will be distributed.

CHRISM MASS: The annual diocesan Chrism Mass will take place at Brentwood Cathedral on Wednesday 27th March at 7.00pm. A coach will depart from St George's at 5.30pm. Please put your name on the list at the back of the Church if you would like to go. A donation of £5 is requested to defray transport costs (collected on the day).

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.

HCPT DOUGHNUT SALE: A big thank you to all who supported our fundraising doughnut sale last week, and apologies to those who missed out, we will double quantities next year! We raised nearly £200, which will go directly to help fund this

year's pilgrimage. We will remember you all in our prayers in Lourdes this Easter.

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.

HOLY FAMILY COLLEGE: MIDDAY ASSISTANTS REQUIRED (To start April 2013 for lunchtime cover – 6.25 hours over 5 days per week) Midday Assistant required to supervise lunch breaks (12.50pm – 2.05pm) during term time. No experience is necessary but applicants must have a friendly and positive attitude towards students. For further details and an application pack please contact Mrs Fray by email: t.fray@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk or 020 8509 4274. The closing date for applications is Friday 22nd March 2013.

TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL VACANCY: Sixth Form Administrator (Year 13) - 36 hours (plus 2 hours overtime) per week - 44.2 weeks per year. Salary: Scale 5, Point 22 - £21,375 (full time equivalent). Trinity Catholic High School wishes to appoint a Sixth Form Administrator (Year 13) from June 2013. The successful applicant must be organised, flexible and computer literate. Further details and application forms are available on the Trinity website, or contact Mrs Jane Lamarque at the school on 020 8504 3419 ext 115 or by email jlamarque@fc.tchs.uk.net. Closing date for receipt of completed application forms is Wednesday, 27th March 2013.

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

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 10th March was £1310.58.
Thank you for your generous offerings and continued support.

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

6.00pm	Mary Drum (RIP)
Sun 17 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>
Mon 18 th March	<i>St Cyril of Jerusalem</i>
7.00am	Elizabeth McGann (Ints)
9.15am	Monica Martin (Ints)
Tue 19 th March	<i>St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
7.00am	Vivencio & Matilde Banez (Ints)
9.15am	Kalpee family (Ints)
7.30pm	Pope Francis (Ints)
Wed 20 th March	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
7.00am	Martin Rossman (RIP)
9.15am	Sr Frances (Ints)
Thurs 21 st March	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
7.00am	Eilish Collins (Ints)
9.15am	Sylvia and Stephen Cornish (Ints)
Fri 22 nd March	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
7.00am	John Joseph Diver (RIP)
9.15am	Sr Patrick (Ints)
Sat 23 rd March	<i>St Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop</i>
10.00am	Sheila Moss (RIP)
6.00pm	James Harte (RIP)
Sun 24 th March	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
8.30am	Catherine Murnane (RIP)
10.00am	Ann Eagle (Ints)
12.00pm	Parish
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)