

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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*31<sup>st</sup> March 2013*

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## **EASTER SUNDAY**

For Christians, there is no day that compares with Easter Sunday. This is truly the day of the Lord. This is the day Christ was victorious over the power of death. When Christ broke death's barrier on the first Easter morning, He did so for all of us. So Easter Sunday is our day too. Christ wants to share with us the fruits of His victory.

Easter is celebrated not only one day in the year, but every day in the soul of any person who is alive in Jesus Christ; thinking, behaving and loving as Jesus Christ did. The Lord is truly risen, and He is alive and working through every follower who walks in His footsteps.

Pope Emeritus Benedict declared a Year of Faith, which we are still in. He called this Year of Faith because the western world in particular is losing direction, and the practice of the faith is growing weak. He invites us to gain a deeper appreciation for the faith in its fullness, and to profess it with renewed conviction, confidence and hope.

In our times there is great confusion between what is objectively right and wrong. For the one who has faith, the state of confusion never lasts long. Because of the resurrection, we can have complete confidence in Christ that His word is true. So in all things we seek the will of Christ. As St Paul tells the Colossians, 'since you have been brought back to true life with Christ you must look for the things that are in heaven'.

A happy Easter to all our Parishioners - I welcome all who have come home to join their families.

May you be filled with the light of the risen Lord.

Fr Maurice

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

**MARRIAGES:** By appointment. Six months notice is required.

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**CONGRATULATIONS:** Our parish community warmly welcomes Stefania Graziola and Mandothery William who received the three Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. We also congratulate Nicolas Brethenoux and Priscilla Xavier Alves, who received confirmation. We pray that they may continue to grow in their Catholic Christian faith, as members of our parish family. Please pray for them.

**A BIG-THANK YOU** to everyone who helped to prepare our Church for the Holy Week and Easter celebrations. A special thanks to the cleaners, decorators, extraordinary ministers, readers, servers, musicians, sacristans, welcomers, and to those who prepared the sheets. Hours of work behind the scenes helped to ensure everything ran smoothly. These big parish occasions make us priests realise how blessed we are to have so many faithful lay people helping us. We deeply appreciate your help. It is in working together that the Gospel is most effectively proclaimed.

**SCHOOLS:** Our Parish schools finished for Easter last Thursday. We wish all of our students, parents and teachers a restful Easter break. The summer term begins on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

**MASSES DURING EASTER WEEK:** Please note that daily Mass during the coming week will be at 10.00am. There will be no 7.00am Masses.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Adoration and Exposition will not take place during the Easter Week, but will resume on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

**DIVINE MERCY:** The Divine Mercy Novena began on Good Friday, and continues every evening at 7.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April is Divine Mercy Sunday. An afternoon including the rosary, confessions and Divine Mercy chaplet will begin at 1.30pm and conclude with Mass at 3.00pm.

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

**FIRST COMMUNION REUNION:** There will be a reunion of last year's First Communion group (2012), on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April from 10am-12noon. Parents and children are invited to come along and reconnect with their friends from the group.

**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](http://www.abbotswick.org) or call 01277 373959.

**BRENTWOOD 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org) or call Fr Dominic, Vocations Director, 01268 281732. For lots more resources and information, visit [www.brentwoodvocations.org](http://www.brentwoodvocations.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 organised 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](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

**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](mailto:allegra@sioncommunity.org.uk) / [admin@sioncommunity.org.uk](mailto:admin@sioncommunity.org.uk)

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### RIP

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Ernie Lacon, who died last Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Bridie and to the family at this time.

His Requiem Mass will take place this Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 12 noon.

May he rest in peace.

### ROTAS – MARCH / APRIL

Christian Kitchen:	6/3 <b>Nor</b>	13/4 <b>C</b>	20/4 <b>D</b>	27/4 <b>E</b>	4/5 <b>F</b>
Hospital: N.B if you are unavailable please contact Serge (020 8527 4814)	31/3 <b>A</b>	7/4 <b>B</b>	14/4 <b>D</b>	21/4 <b>A</b>	28/4 <b>B</b>
Counting:	31/3 <b>E</b>	7/4 <b>B</b>	14/4 <b>D</b>	21/4 <b>A</b>	28/4 <b>D</b>

**Parish Collection:** Offertory received on 24<sup>th</sup> March was £1472.52. An additional £573.08 was collected for CAFOD and will go towards

*alleviating the current crisis in Syria.  
Thank you for your generosity.*

*Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George*  
**EASTER SUNDAY**

8.00pm	Easter Vigil – Parish (Ints)
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b><i>Easter Sunday</i></b>
8.30am	William Balfe (RIP)
10.00am	Parish (Ints)
12.00pm	J Coeur-de-Lion & Kristina Kalpee (Thanksgiving)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<b><i>Monday within the Octave of Easter</i></b>
10.00am	John O' Keeffe (RIP)
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b><i>Tuesday within the Octave of Easter</i></b>
10.00am	Charles Cauley (RIP)
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b><i>Wednesday within the Octave of Easter</i></b>
10.00am	Ernie Lacon (RIP)
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> April	<b><i>Thursday within the Octave of Easter</i></b>
10.00am	Holy Souls
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> April	<b><i>Friday within the Octave of Easter</i></b>
10.00am	Special Intention
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> April	<b><i>Saturday within the Octave of Easter</i></b>
10.00am	Housebound of the Parish (Ints)
6.00pm	Denis O'Callaghan (RIP)
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> April	<b><i>Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)</i></b>
8.30am	Past and present members of the Senior Citizens club
10.00am	Reeta Singh (RIP)
12.00pm	Agnelo, Louella, Darren and Steven Rodrigues (Ints)
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

**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)**