

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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3rd February 2013

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Today's Gospel reading (Luke 4: 21-30) is a continuation of Last week's account. Jesus, in the temple, reads the Scripture from Isaiah and begins to preach about it. He proclaims Himself as the Messiah, saying 'these words are being fulfilled even as you listen.'

Initially the people all admire him. Until now, they knew Jesus as a local, the son of a carpenter. But his reputation for working miracles was growing, and the people were pleased because as one of their own, they thought they could benefit from Him.

But Christ showed that he had no intention of conforming to their expectations. He wanted to give them the full truth about Himself and His mission. He reveals that He has come to save all humanity, not just the Jewish people. He identifies Himself with the Old Testament Prophets Elijah and Elisha who were sent to help people from outside the Chosen race. His listeners do not like this, because they want Christ on their own terms and for their own ends.

The Church is Christ in the world today, and many people do not like its teachings, because these do not conform to their tastes and ways of life. Like those in the Synagogue, they are happy with some of the message, but when the crunch comes, they cannot accept it fully.

To be Christ's followers, we must ask Him to give us the knowledge of His truth, but also the courage to live it and to stand up for it in these difficult times. We pray for the grace of humility, that we may be open to accept Christ on His terms, not ours, and that we may be ready to bear witness to Him in every situation.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will be on Monday 11th February at 7.30pm in the Church.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

SPEAK OUT FOR MARRIAGE: The government has now launched its bill to redefine marriage, and the first vote on the bill in Parliament will be next Tuesday (5th Feb). Whether or not you have already written to your MP, please make a point of **telephoning** or **emailing** your MP before Tuesday afternoon, to urge him/her to vote against the same-sex marriage bill. Ask him/her also to vote against the 'programme motion', which seeks to cut short debate on the bill. The more we do at this stage to oppose the bill, the better the chance of upholding real marriage in our laws. Phone your MP via the House of Commons switchboard: 020 7219 3000, or email him/her from the website www.writetothem.com.

'Speak out for Marriage' postcards are still available in the Church Porch for signing and posting to your MPs.

This week Bishop Thomas has written a Pastoral Statement on this issue, which is being read in all the Churches of our Diocese this Sunday. The statement is available at the back of the Church.

Bishop Thomas has also organised a number of talks across the Diocese about the Church's teaching on marriage, and our response to the Government's proposals. The closest venue to us is the Parish Centre of Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead, where Fr Martin Boland will speak on this issue tomorrow (Monday 4th February) at 8pm.

A Day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the Protection of Marriage will be held here at Our Lady & St George on **Tuesday 5th February**. It commences after 9.15am Mass, and closes with Mass at 7pm.

CONFIRMATION 2012-13: The next session for the Confirmation programme will be this Sunday 3rd February at 4pm in the Parish Hall. Parishioners, please keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare for Confirmation in May.

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL) CLASSES: Free English classes for adult beginners and those who want to improve their language skills take place in the Church meeting room on Tuesday evenings from 7.30 - 9.30pm. If interested, contact Timothy Campbell (Teacher) on 07981 657729.

PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN: Follow in the footsteps of St Teresa of Avila and St John of the Cross, from Avila to Segovia to Toledo. 24th-30th September 2013 (6 nights, half board) - £699. For more information contact Stella Kearns on 0208 527 3879. Deadline date: 25th February 2013.

BCCS VALENTINE GALA DINNER: The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will be holding a **Valentine Gala Dinner** on **Thursday 14th February** at the exclusive Stockbrook Golf & Country Club, Billericay. Tickets are priced at £50 per person, which will include a drinks reception, three-course meal with coffee, live entertainment and dancing. This is an event not to be missed! To reserve your tickets or for further

information please call Julie Abbott 01268 784544 or email jabbott@bccs.org.uk

VOICE FOR LIFE: Are you aged 8-14? Would you like to start singing in a choir at St George's? The Ordinariate choir is looking for young people to join them and begin the Royal School of Church Music's 'Voice for Life' training scheme. This provides a first-class musical education and will help develop confidence and life skills. To find out more and try it out, please come to our special introductory workshop on **Saturday 2nd March** (8-10 year olds from 2-3pm; 11-14 year olds, 3.15-4.15pm). To register for the workshop visit www.voiceforlife.enlighten.eu, email chris.morris@enlighten.eu or call 0203 022 0022.

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

EXAMINATION INVIGILATOR VACANCIES (for all public examinations)

Seasonal, £9.31 per hour

Trinity Catholic High School wishes to appoint 5 new Examination Invigilators. Please contact Mrs J Lamarque at the school on 020 85043419, ext 115, or by email on jlamarque@fc.tchs.uk.net for an application form. Details are also available on the Trinity website. Closing date for receipt of completed application forms is Friday, 8th February 2013.

THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD: SENCO Up to £45,000 + TLR1 (£9,013)

Required from Easter/September. The Governors of this high achieving Academy are seeking to appoint an experienced, creative and inspirational SENCO to lead the Special Educational Needs provision with a particular focus on teaching and learning. An excellent practitioner, preferably with the National SENCO Award or equivalent, you will lead a team of LSAs in delivering relevant, exciting and challenging lessons to our students as well as providing teaching and learning guidance to staff. For further information and to download an application form please access the Academy website: www.uai.org.uk or email hrofficer@uai.org.uk. **Please note we are unable to accept CVs.** Closing Date: 12 noon Monday 11 February 2013, Interviews: Thursday 14 February 2013

ROTAS – FEBRUARY

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

Parish Collection: Offertory received on 27th January was £1498.88
Thank you very much for your generous offerings.

Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

6.00pm	Ambrose Dillsworth (RIP)
Sun 3 rd Feb	<i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8.30am	Leonora Edmunds (RIP)
10.00am	Patrick Collier (RIP)
12.00pm	Maureen Birkhall (RIP)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 4 th Feb	<i>Weekday</i>
7.00am	Patricia Casey (Ints)
9.15am	Nuala Cooney (RIP)
Tue 5 th Feb	<i>St Agatha</i>
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Florrie Bambrick (RIP)
7.00pm	Protection of Marriage and the Family
Wed 6 th Feb	<i>St Paul Miki & Companions</i>
7.00am	Margaret Maloney (RIP)
9.15am	Eileen O'Sullivan (Ints)
Thurs 7 th Feb	<i>Weekday</i>
7.00am	John Francis McHugh (RIP)
9.15am	Mary O'Sullivan (Ints)
Fri 8 th Feb	<i>St Jerome Emiliani; St Josephine Bakhita</i>
7.00am	Catherine, Chijrolle & Ohidalu (Ints)
9.15am	Rita Stafford (Ints)
Sat 9 th Feb	<i>Weekday</i>
10.00am	Baby Shannon Beer (RIP)
6.00pm	Joe McGee (Ints)
Sun 10 th Feb	<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8.30am	Leonora Edmunds (RIP)
10.00am	Parish
12.00pm	Jacqueline Keavey (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,

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)