

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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*10<sup>th</sup> March 2013*

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## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Last Thursday was a unique moment in the History of the Church, as Pope Benedict stepped down from the Throne of St Peter. During his last audience, he reflected on his eight years in office, saying 'I have felt like St Peter with the Apostles in the boat on the Sea of Galilee: the Lord has given us many days of sunshine and gentle breeze...then there have been times when the seas were rough and the wind against us, as in the whole history of the Church it has ever been – and the Lord seemed to sleep. Nevertheless, I always knew that the Lord is in the barque, that the barque of the Church is not mine, not ours, but His – and He shall not let her sink.'

Reminding us that we are still in the Year of Faith, he 'invites everyone to renew firm trust in the Lord.' 'I would like,' he said, 'that we all entrust ourselves as children to the arms of God, and rest assured that those arms support us and help us to walk every day, even in times of struggle. I want everyone to feel the joy of being Christian.' He recommended a beautiful prayer to say each morning: 'I adore you, my God. I love you with all my heart. I thank you for having created me, for having made me a Christian.'

'We are happy for the gift of faith; it is the most precious good that no one can take from us! Let us thank God for this every day, with prayer and with a coherent Christian life. God loves us, but He also expects that we love Him!'

He concluded his final address by saying "I am a simple pilgrim who begins the last stage of his pilgrimage on this earth. But with all my heart, with all my love, with my prayers, with my reflection, with all my interior strength, I still want to work for the common good and the good of the Church and humanity."

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What a blessing for the Church Pope Benedict has been. As we give thanks to God for his Pontificate, we continue to pray for the Cardinals who will soon elect his successor.

Fr Maurice

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

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

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**YEAR OF FAITH - LENTEN TALKS:** We will be holding two Lenten talks in the Parish Hall. The first will be this Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm, given by Fr John Maloney CSG, and is entitled **Parenthood and Prayer**. The second talk will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

There will also be a talk tomorrow evening (Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March) at 7.30pm in St Joseph's Parish, Leyton. The talk will be given by Mgr David Manson and is entitled **The Journey of God's People – From Passover to Eucharist**.

**ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION:** On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**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 you are invited to come along to lower site for an application pack. Packs are available from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013. The closing date for return of the completed form is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013.

**CONFIRMATION 2012-13:** The next session for the Confirmation programme will be today, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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. Contemplating Our Lord's sufferings is always valuable, especially in the weeks leading up to Easter. All are welcome.

**HCPT GROUP 161 DOUGHNUT SALE:** The local HCPT group will be selling Krispie Kreme doughnuts after all Masses next weekend to raise much-needed funds for their trip to Lourdes this year. Please come and support them.

**PRO-LIFE RALLY:** "On Tuesday 5th March 40 Days for Life will be holding their mid-point rally at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, 211 Old Marylebone Road, Marylebone, NW1 5QT (nearest tube station: Edgware Road) at 7pm with a talk from

the Helpers of God's Precious Infants and some inspirational stories from outside the vigils. Please attend if you can."

**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)

**BIKE RIDE FOR BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: London – Surrey 100 mile ride: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

Feeling inspired by Team GB heroes such as Bradley Wiggins? Why not take part in this fantastic new cycling challenge, which takes in the route of the London 2012 Olympic Road Race. Starting in the Olympic Park in Stratford, the 100-mile route will take you through traffic free streets out into Surrey's stunning country roads and hills before returning to London to finish along the Mall. This is cycling's equivalent to the London Marathon and promises to be a truly spectacular event.

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has a limited number of charity places in the Ride London 100. You must be able to complete the 100-mile route in less than 9 hours and commit to raise a minimum sponsorship of £500. If you would like to be considered for one of our places or would like further information then please contact Sarah on 01268 784544; [skendall@bccs.org.uk](mailto:skendall@bccs.org.uk)

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**RIP**

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of:

Mary Telford, whose Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon.

Richard Mulville, whose funeral service will take place at the City of London crematorium on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 3.15pm.

May they rest in peace.

**ROTAS – MARCH**

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

**Parish Collection:** Offertory received on 24<sup>th</sup> February was £1184.37.

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

6.00pm	Joan Stack (RIP)
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b><i>Third Sunday of Lent</i></b>
8.30am	Christina Joven (RIP)
10.00am	Chrishanth and Pushpa (Thanksgiving)
12.00pm	Special Intention
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> March	<b><i>Lenten Weekday – St Casimir</i></b>
7.00am	Bernard Carey (RIP)
9.15am	Nuala Cooney (RIP)
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> March	<b><i>Lenten Weekday</i></b>
7.00am	Pavlin Kola (RIP)
9.15am	Alfie and Mary Pinto (RIP)
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> March	<b><i>Lenten Weekday</i></b>
7.00am	Election of the new Pope (Ints)
9.15am	Tina Horne (RIP)
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> March	<b><i>Lenten Weekday – Ss Felicity &amp; Perpetua</i></b>
7.00am	Holy Souls
9.15am	Christopher Murphy (RIP)
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> March	<b><i>Lenten Weekday – St John of God</i></b>
7.00am	Peace in the Middle East (Ints)
9.15am	Roy Walker (RIP)
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> March	<b><i>Lenten Weekday – St Frances of Rome</i></b>
10.00am	Gerald, Eva and Peter Pode (RIP)
6.00pm	Reg Carey (RIP)
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> March	<b><i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i></b>
8.30am	Over 60s Club (Ints)
10.00am	Leonora Edmunds (RIP)
12.00pm	May McCormack (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)**