

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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6th January 2013

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (C)

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany. As we move towards the end of the Christmas season, the readings today give us another opportunity to ponder the Christmas mystery. The word 'Epiphany' means 'manifestation' or 'showing forth' to the world.

Christ did not come just for the Jewish people, but for all peoples, nations and cultures: these are represented by the Magi. Biblical scholars tell us that these men were priests of an ancient religion that consulted the stars. Although followers of a pagan faith, they were familiar with the Scriptures and were seeking the truth. Their own knowledge and intuition led them to Jerusalem, but they had to make further enquiries of those well versed in the Scriptures. These experts pointed the way to Bethlehem, quoting the Old Testament prophecy. With this information, the Magi reached their destination, and finding the Child, fall to their knees and do Him homage.

The journey to Bethlehem was not the only journey they made. They also journeyed in their hearts from paganism to worshipping Jesus. They had a conversion experience. Like the Wise men, we too are on a journey to get closer to Jesus our Saviour, and this involves on-going conversion of heart.

Having received the Good News ourselves, we are called to share and witness to it. In this Year of Faith, let us keep in mind our duty to spread the Gospel. We pray that through our lives, we may lead others to the person of Christ.

Fr Maurice

CHRISTMAS 2012: We would like to thank all those who helped to make our Christmas celebrations such joyful events. Special thanks to all those who prepared the Church beforehand and took part in the Masses – the cleaners, flower arrangers, those who prepared the crib, choir, musicians, altar servers, readers, extraordinary ministers, ushers, collectors, etc. and to who came to join in the celebrations.

Frs. Maurice, Mark and Innocent and Deacon Joseph would like to thank all parishioners for their cards, presents and very generous Christmas offerings.

Our schools reopen tomorrow, 7th January, and we wish all our teachers, pupils and staff a successful term.

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BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 14th January at 7.30pm in the Church.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

CONFIRMATION 2012-13: The next session for the Confirmation programme will be on Sunday 20th January at 4pm in the Parish Hall. At today's 12pm Mass the Candidates will be presented to the Parish, and I would ask all Parishioners to pray for them as they prepare for Confirmation in May.

FIRST COMMUNION / CONFESSION: The next session for the First Communion programme will be on Saturday 12th January, 9.50am-12noon. The children's first reconciliation is on Saturday 19th January, from 10.00am-12noon.

MORNING MASSES: 7am and 9.15am Morning Masses will resume from tomorrow, Monday 7th January.

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament resumes this Monday 7th January 2013.

SENIOR CITIZENS: The Senior Citizens' Wednesday club resumes this Wednesday 9th January at 1pm. New members are welcome.

DIVINE MERCY HEALING SERVICES will resume on Sunday 13th January 2013.

ROTAS: The new rotas for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are now pinned to the noticeboard at the doors of the Church. If readers or ministers are not able to be present, it is your responsibility to find a replacement using the contacts list that has been distributed.

PARKING AT CHURCH: The area at the front of the Church is for dropping off passengers only. Parking here is reserved for the Priests. To allow room for wheelchair access, and for the safety of our children, all other cars must be left in the car park beside the Parish Hall. Thank you for your co-operation.

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.

ITALIAN LESSONS: Italian lessons at the Pastoral Centre of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Wanstead, starting on the 11th January with a very experienced Italian language tutor. Morning or evening courses at various levels are available. For more information go to www.smartlanguages.com or contact us on 02033841522.

MARIAN MISSION PRE-SCHOOL: Places are still available at our pre-school for 2 to 4 year olds. 15 hours of FREE NURSERY education for 38 weeks of the year are available for 2 to 4 Year olds. For further information contact: Mother Maria on: Tel: 02085187499 or Mob: 07940143545” Or collect an application pack from: Marian Mission Educational and Family Support Centre, 1 Colchester Road, Leyton, London E10 6HA

ORGANIST MEETING: The City of London & Eastern Society of Organists will be visiting the Church on Saturday 12th January at 2pm to play our organ.

RIP

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Francis Conway, who died last week. His requiem Mass will take place in the Church on Thursday 17th January at 10.00am. Please note there will be no 9.15am Mass on this day.

ROTAS – JANUARY

Christian Kit.	5/1 Nor	12/1 A	19/1 B	26/1 C
Hospital	6/1 A	13/1 B	20/1 D	27/1 A
Counting	6/1 A	13/1 C	20/1 D	27/1 E

Parish Collection: Offertory received on 23rd December was £1537.02 and on 30th December was £1387.91

Thank you very much for your generous offerings.

Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (C)

6.00pm	Kelly Moss (RIP)
Sun 6 th Jan	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>
8.30am	Francesco Kola (Ints)
10.00am	Lirie Gjopepa (Ints)
12.00pm	Robert Stinton (RIP)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 7 th Jan	<i>St Raymond of Penyafort</i>
7.00am	Matthew Joseph Davey (RIP)
9.15am	Special Ints.
Tue 8 th Jan	<i>Christmas Weekday</i>
7.00am	Helen Gertrude Davey (RIP)
9.15am	Lino D'Cunha (RIP)
Wed 9 th Jan	<i>Christmas Weekday</i>
7.00am	Fr Matthew Twomey & near relations (RIP)
9.15am	Adeline & Natalie Rosario (Ints)
Thurs 10 th Jan	<i>Christmas Weekday</i>
7.00am	Adele Bouttle (RIP)
9.15am	Abraham Kwon (RIP)
Fri 11 th Dec	<i>Christmas Weekday</i>
7.00am	Selma Ada Nowling (RIP)
9.15am	Thanksgiving
Sat 12 th Dec	<i>Christmas Weekday</i>
10.00am	Robert Khan
6.00pm	Ellen & Michael Moss (RIP)
Sun 13 th Dec	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>
8.30am	Louella Rodrigues & family (Ints)
10.00am	Malachi Kwabena Bonsu (RIP)
12.00pm	Roman (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, Brid O'Halloran, Michael Fitzpatrick, Anacorita Limot Limot, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Joan Beirne, Anthony Kinghorn.

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)