

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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7th April 2013

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Many of the Gospel readings over the coming days and weeks feature the risen Christ meeting with the disciples. Today's Gospel reading from the 20th chapter of St John shows the disciples locked in the upper room in fear. They were afraid that, now that their Lord and master was put to death, they would be next. Perhaps they were also anxious because they had abandoned Jesus during His passion, despite promising fidelity. The upper room is a symbol of being locked into ourselves, preoccupied with our own ego and its concerns – it is a symbol of the frightened and sinful soul.

Even though the doors are locked, Jesus comes in and offers them peace, and they are filled with joy to see Him. This shows that the Lord can break into any situation and redeem it. No obstacle can stand in His way. The same risen Lord wants to get into our hearts, minds and lives, and He will do it despite all the barriers that we create. What are the locked doors in my life?

Sometimes we might be tempted to think we can achieve greatness by ourselves, and become complacent. But Jesus shows us His wounds, the wounds that are the effect of our sin. They represent the rejection of Christ. Although humanity rejected Christ, He never rejects us. His first words to the disciples, and to us are 'peace be with you.'

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, on which we recall God's forgiveness, which is like an ocean engulfing our sin. As Pope Francis recently said, 'we might tire of asking for forgiveness, but the Lord never tires of forgiving us.'

So there is no sin too great to be forgiven.

Our mission as members of the Church community is to be instruments of forgiveness and to bring the joy of the resurrection to a world locked in on itself.

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next Baptism course will be on Monday 29th April at 7.30pm in the Church.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

SUMMER PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD: Last year we had a very successful Parish mission with John Pridmore and his team. This year, because we are in the Year of Faith, we have decided to organise a parish pilgrimage to a holy place that is not too far away or too expensive for families to attend. Therefore, we are organising coaches to go to Aylesford Priory in Kent on Saturday 13th July 2013. Please watch this space for more information. This weekend, Phil Butcher from the Diocesan Commission for Justice & Social Responsibility will speak at all Masses about marriage, family life, and this pilgrimage.

DAILY MASS: Daily Masses resume this week at 7.00am and 9.15am.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will resume next Monday 15th April, not the 8th as previously advertised.

DIVINE MERCY: This Sunday (7th) 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, 21st 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 13th April from 10am-12noon. Parents and children are invited to come along and reconnect with their friends from the group.

FUNDRAISING AFTERNOON: On Sunday 28th April from 3-5pm in the Parish Hall, we shall be showing a 15 minute video of our 2009 parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land, followed by a screening of the film 'The Gospel Road' – the story of Christ read and sung by the American legend Johnny Cash. Tea and coffee will be served and Joe Elwood will present the afternoon's entertainment. £5 entrance, funds go to Bethlehem University.

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 or call 01277 373959.

BRENTWOOD YOUTH SERVICE EVENTS:

Spring Youth Gather - Join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service for a day of outdoor activities and team building at Stubbers Adventure Centre, Upminster. Open to anyone in year 7-9 on April 20th 2013. The cost is £20 and that includes all activities. Please visit www.bcys.net for more information and forms or email roisin@bcys.net.

BCYS Mass of Thanksgiving - The Staff of Brentwood Catholic Youth Service warmly invite you to a Mass of Thanksgiving in Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 26th May 2013 at 2pm, to celebrate over 30 years of the work of the Diocesan Youth Service and Walsingham House. Please feel free to bring family and friends and any photos of the events, retreats and pilgrimages you were involved in. After Mass there will be coffee and if the weather is good please bring a picnic and join us on Shenfield Common to continue the celebration.

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 26th 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 or call Fr Dominic, Vocations Director, 01268 281732. For lots more resources and information, visit 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 or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

SCHOOL VACANCY: St Joachim’s Primary School in Custom House is seeking to appoint 2 enthusiastic, hardworking and inspiring teachers + possible TLR2a (we regret these posts are not suitable for NQTs). Please contact the school for an application form or for further details tel. 0207 476 1658. Application forms can also be obtained online at the CES Website <http://www.cesew.org.uk/standard>.

ROTAS – APRIL

Christian Kitchen:	13/4 C	20/4 D	27/4 E	4/5 F
Hospital: N.B if you are unavailable please contact Serge (020 8527 4814)	7/4 B	14/4 D	21/4 A	28/4 B
Counting:	7/4 B	14/4 D	21/4 A	28/4 D

Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

6.00pm	Denis O'Callaghan (RIP)
Sun 7 th April	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
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	[Ordinariate Mass]
Mon 8 th April	The Annunciation of the Lord
7.00am	Holy Souls
9.15am	Leoncio Tor (RIP)
Tue 9 th April	Easter Weekday
7.00am	Abandoned Souls
9.15am	Reeta K Singh (RIP)
Wed 10 th April	Easter Weekday
7.00am	Deceased members of Agnelo and Louella Rodrigues' family
9.15am	Kathleen Shealy (RIP)
Thurs 11 th April	St Stanislaus
7.00am	Victoria Lobo and family (RIP)
9.15am	McDonagh family (Ints)
Fri 12 th April	Easter Weekday
7.00am	Leonora Edmunds (RIP)
9.15am	Tessie Kalpee (Thanksgiving/Ints)
Sat 13 th April	St Martin I
10.00am	Eufemia, Filomena and Francesco Contaldo (RIP)
6.00pm	Pake, Sean & Hallie Barry (RIP)
Sun 14 th April	Third Sunday of Easter
8.30am	Leonora Edmunds (RIP)
10.00am	Clodagh Cummins (RIP)
12.00pm	Cynthia and Joe Furtado (RIP)
6.30pm	[Ordinariate Mass]

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. 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)