

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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15th December 2013

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

Below are some of Pope Francis' memorable quotes about why Catholics should go to confession:

- 1) "Confession helps people feel shame for the wrong they have done and embraces them with God's love so that they know they are forgiven and can go out strengthened in the battle to avoid sin in the future"
- 2) "But if a person, whether a layperson, priest or sister, goes to confession and converts, the Lord forgives. And when the Lord forgives, he forgets. This is important."
- 3) "The confessional is not a dry-cleaners, a business of sorts that just washes out the stain of sin."
- 4) "...when the door starts closing a bit because of our weakness and sins, confession reopens it."
- 5) "I can't be baptised two or three or four times, but I can go to confession, and when I go to confession, I renew that grace of baptism."
- 6) "It's not a torture chamber where you'll be raked over the coals."
- 7) "Confession is an encounter with Jesus whose mercy motivates us to do better"
- 8) "It's not a psychiatric session that neglects the question of sin or a mental email to God that avoids the face-to-face encounter with the Lord through the priest."
- 9) "The sincere and humble admission of one's weakness, of having 'a sliver of Satan' in my flesh', shows the power of salvation comes from God, not oneself"
- 10) "Confession 'is going to praise God, because I – the sinner – have been saved by him', who always waits and always forgives, 'with tenderness.'

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

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS: Our schools finish this Friday for the Christmas break. We wish all our pupils and staff a happy and restful Christmas. The Primary school reopens on Tuesday 7th January (Monday 6th is an inset day for staff).

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSIONS: Advent is the time to prepare our hearts to celebrate the first coming of Christ, in the flesh. What better way to prepare than to make a good confession and encounter the healing love of Christ? Confessions are heard from 10.30-11.00am and 5.00-5.30pm every Saturday or at other times on request. Our parish reconciliation service will be this Wednesday 18th December at 7.30pm.

In the other local parishes, reconciliation services are at the following times:

St Thomas of Canterbury, Woodford Green – Monday December 16th at 7.30pm

Christ the King, Chingford – Monday December 16th at 7.30pm

St Joseph's Leyton – Tuesday December 17th at 7.30pm.

To anyone who has been away from this Sacrament, perhaps for some years, I encourage you to come back to this source of grace. Do not be afraid! Christ himself is waiting for you. He will heal you, and you will be at peace with God.

There are short guides on Confession available in the porch, which may be helpful in preparation for the sacrament.

CONFIRMATION 2014: The next session of the Confirmation programme is this Sunday 15th December, 4-6pm in the Parish Hall. Please continue to keep the young people and their families in your prayers.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE: The annual Christmas Carol service, in aid of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will take place next Sunday 22nd December at 4pm in the Church.

PILGRIMAGE TO PADUA: St Antony of Padua Pilgrimage – 17th-23rd September 2014, £749, 6nights half board. Please return your booking forms to Stella as soon as possible to secure your place. Thank you!

MALAYALAM SERVICES: The Syro-Malabar Mass will take place at the earlier time of 6.00pm on Wednesday 18th December, as the Parish reconciliation service will begin at 7.30pm. (Confessions will also be available in Malayalam). On Sunday 22nd December, Mass will be at 2pm (rather than at 4.30pm).

CHRISTIAN KITCHEN: The Christian Kitchen remains under threat from the council. A street protest and carol singing event will take place on Saturday 21st December at 12 noon in Walthamstow Town Square (near the Central Library) – your support is vital please come along with your family and friends.

GIFT AID: Gift Aid is a government scheme that allows the parish to reclaim tax on all donations made. If you are not currently enrolled in the Gift Aid scheme, please pick

up a Gift Aid form from the back of the Church. For further information, please contact Hana on 07939 485957. Many thanks.

OLSG SCHOOL: If your child was born between **01.09.2009 and 31.08.2010**, and you would like to apply for a place at Our Lady & St George School, please speak to Fr Maurice.

YOUTH 2000: Join hundreds of young Catholics this New Year's Eve to celebrate our faith and reconnect with the Church. With live worship, engaging talks, fellowship, Holy Mass, life-changing services and dynamic workshops. 29th December-1st January at Maria Fidelis School, North Gower Street, Euston NW1 2HR. For more information visit www.youth2000.org or call 0207 221 2124.

LOOKING FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP?: The tech industry is struggling to recruit talented staff. Citizens UK (of which St George's is a member) have built partnerships with some of London's cutting-edge tech companies, to help address London's youth unemployment problem. They hope to get 1000 young people into the industry by 2016. 24 have already been recruited and they are looking for another 40 to start in February. Interested young people aged 16-23 should contact Cliff D'Souza on 07801 628 799 for details on how to apply. Closing date for applications is Sunday 22nd December.



RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Sinclair, who died last week.
Her funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 17th December at 10am.

Your prayers are also asked for the repose of the soul of Martin Morris, the father of our parishioner Hazel Belizaire, who died in Birmingham last week.

May they rest in peace.

ROTAS – DECEMBER

Christian Kitchen:	30/11 E	7/12 Nor	14/12 F	21/12 G	28/12 H
Counting:	1/12 E	8/12 B	15/12 A	22/12 B	29/12 D
Hospital: If you are unavailable please contact Serge 020 8527 4814	1/12 D	8/12 A	15/12 B	22/12 D	29/12 A

Offertory collection for 8th December was £1797.12
Thank you very much for your generosity.

Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

6.00pm	Edward Fletcher (RIP)
Sun 15 th Dec	Third Sunday of Advent (A)
8.30am	Special Ints
10.00am	Victoria & Michael (Wedding Thanksgiving)
12.00pm	Parish
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 16 th Dec	Advent Weekday
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Phoebe Roach (RIP)
Tue 17 th Dec	Late Advent Weekday
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Mr & Mrs Cesar Portalibre (Thanksgiving)
Wed 18 th Dec	Late Advent Weekday
7.00am	Vincenzo & Marina Tudda (Ints)
9.15am	Special Ints
Thurs 19 th Dec	Late Advent Weekday
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Eithne Mary Wootton
Fri 20 th Dec	Late Advent Weekday
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Bridget Folan (RIP)
Sat 21 st Dec	St Peter Canisius
10.00am	Special Ints
6.00pm	Ambrose Dillsworth (RIP)
Sun 22 nd Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)
8.30am	Mary, Gus, Joe Kinnane and Tony Mulhern (RIP)
10.00am	Special Ints
12.00pm	Parish
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>

We pray for those in our parish community who are ill:

Christoper 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, Natalie Rosario, Ronald Rolle. Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati. Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave, Mary and Anthony O'Boyle, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Joan Beirne, Bill Walsh, Margaret Perry, Bridget Lyons, Kristina Klimasauskaite, Philomena Spranklen, Jeffrey Mitchell, Mary Akinkuolie, Michelle Boyle, Carla Cornelius, Cecelia Gibbs, Arthur Gibbs, Ural Gibbs, Gilbert Gibbs.

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)