

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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12th January 2014

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (A)

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Christ's baptism is the second of three Epiphanies of Christ. The first is the Epiphany when, guided by the star, the Magi come to visit the infant Jesus. The second is when he is baptised and the third is when he changes the water into wine.

At Christ's baptism the full reality of who he is was manifested. The Holy Spirit in the form of a dove descended upon him and the voice of God the Father was heard from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, listen to him." Jesus allowed himself to be baptised, despite the protests of John the Baptist, not because he had sins that needed to be forgiven or because he needed to repent. Rather, he entered the waters of the River Jordan in order to make holy the water of Baptism. He, the innocent one, enters the water and in doing so takes on our sins so that later on, on the cross, he can offer himself in sacrifice so that all these sins may be forgiven.

When we are baptised we receive God's life. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit dwell in our souls and this gives the baptised person a pledge of everlasting life in Heaven. We are sealed and possessed as Christ's own. Baptism gives us a guarantee that we are united with Christ and with his Church and we are called to be saints in the everlasting life of heaven. A few days ago Pope Francis suggested that we find out when we were baptised and celebrate the anniversary of our baptism each year.

A child who is baptised may not appear to be any different from another child who is not baptised but an amazing reality has taken place, an amazing gift has been given. This is why the church encourages parents to have their children baptised as soon as possible.

For those of us who are already baptised it's good on today's feast day, and frequently, to renew our baptismal promises, to express our faith in the articles of the Creed and to renounce Satan and all his evil works and all his empty promises and to attach ourselves to Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour. Our task as followers of Jesus is to accept in our daily life this pledge of everlasting life in heaven. Using the seed, which is planted in us in baptism, Christ's grace allows us to grow in holiness, to love our neighbour and to share our faith to the people of our time.

Fr Mark

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 27th January at 7.30pm in the Church.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

RCIA: The RCIA group will resume on Wednesday 15th January.

CONFIRMATION 2014: The next session for the Confirmation programme is Sunday 19th January, 4-6pm in the Parish Hall. Please keep these young people and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 8th June 2014.

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 ADMISSIONS: Closing date for all applications for Reception 2014 (children born between 01.09.2009 and 31.08.2010) is this Wednesday 15th January 2014.

OLSG SCHOOL JOB VACANCY: Site Services Officer. Salary **LEVEL 3 - Scale 6 £24,210 - £25,710 (inclusive of Outer London Weighting)**. Hours: **36 hours Monday to Friday FLEXIBLE WORKING WITH CORE TIMES BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6.00AM – 6.00PM**

An enthusiastic and self-motivated Site Services Officer is required for our busy split site primary school. The successful candidate will be willing to contribute towards the effective provision of site services. This will include cleaning, site maintenance, painting and decorating, security, portage, ground maintenance and health & safety.

It is essential that you have a pro-active approach to meet the needs of the school and therefore core times quoted will need to be flexible. You will possess a high degree of motivation and be fully committed to working in a school environment. You will be required to show initiative and promote a positive image of the site through your work. Previous school experience is not necessary but is desirable.

Application packs available from Walthamstow Job Centre, LMRA Team, 7 – 13 Westbury Road, Walthamstow, London, E17 6RH or by email to

csrecruitment@strictlyeducation.co.uk

CLOSING DATE: Friday 17th January 2014

MARYVALE CERTIFICATE / DIPLOMA IN CATECHESIS: The Maryvale Institute is offering a two-year distance-learning course (with local meetings and support), covering the key areas of the Catholic faith. The course is approved by many UK Bishops, and by the Congregation for Clergy in Rome. For more information please speak to Fr Mark.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) is going to Rome for the Canonizations of Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II. 44 places are on offer at a cost of £349 for young people 18-35. We depart on Saturday morning 26th of April, stay at a villa outside Rome, travel in for the Canonizations and then fly back in time for work/college/uni on Monday morning. Prices includes flights,

transport within Italy and accommodation. For further details, go to www.bcys.net/events, or email info@bcys.net

FREEDOM IN CHRIST CONFERENCE: 16th January 1pm at St Theresa Church, Newbury Park with Frs. Eamonn & Angelus. People can carry deep wounds and hurts from the past by what has happened to them, especially in childhood, or by certain activities contrary to the Word of God (e.g., fortune telling, tarot cards, New Age spiritualities). Christ came to set us free from all forms of spiritual bondage. This conference will address this topic and conclude with a **Mass for the Healing of the Family Tree** at 3pm. Come and see how the Lord can help bring greater healing and liberation to you and your family.

CATHOLIC TV: Are you tuning in to EWTN Catholic Television? With EWTN you can have free Catholic Television in your home. EWTN's programmes are packed with Catholic teaching, discussion, news, family entertainment, live international events, conversion stories, saints lives, and much more. Watch live events with Pope Francis every week. Strengthen your family's faith with a great range of films, documentaries and original series. Pray during the daily Mass, Rosary and Divine Mercy. And for children there is a special Children's Hour 4-5pm Monday-Friday. Available on Sky channel 589, on satellite, and online at www.ewtn.co.uk

RIP

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

Lina Carta, whose Requiem Mass will take place on
Tuesday 14th January at 10.30am.

Joan Sullivan, whose Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 16th
January at 1.00pm, followed by committal at the City of London
Crematorium at 2.30pm

May they rest in peace

ROTAS – JANUARY

Counting:	5/1 E	12/1 C	19/1 A	26/1 D
Hospital:	5/1 B	12/1 D	19/1 A	26/1 B

Offeratory collection for 1st January and 4/5th January totalled £2030.50
Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (A)

6.00pm	Maureen Bee (Ints)
Sun 12 th Jan	<i>The Baptism of the Lord (A)</i>
8.30am	Special Ints
10.00am	Adeline Rosario (RIP)
12.00pm	Parish
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 13 th Jan	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Mia (Ints)
9.15am	Adeline Rosario (RIP)
Tue 14 th Jan	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Adeline Rosario (RIP)
9.15am	Adeline Rosario (RIP)
Wed 15 th Jan	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Adeline Rosario (RIP)
9.15am	Octoviano Fonseca (RIP)
Thurs 16 th Jan	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Angiss Legrand (RIP)
9.15am	Natalie Rosario (Ints)
Fri 17 th Jan	<i>St Anthony</i>
7.00am	Natalie Rosario (Ints)
9.15am	Mrs Legrand, Carlton, Olivia & Sahara (Ints)
Sat 18 th Jan	<i>Feria</i>
10.00am	Natalie Rosario (Ints)
6.00pm	Sheila & Bernard Moss (RIP)
Sun 19 th Jan	<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i>
8.30am	Adeline Rosario (RIP)
10.00am	Adeline Rosario (RIP)
12.00pm	Reynaldo Tacdol (RIP)
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, Augustina Osei.

Morning Prayer:

Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.45 am

Rosary:

Weekdays after morning Mass

Adoration & Exposition:

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat. 10.30am – 11.00am. 5.00pm – 5.30pm (Or on request)