

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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19th January 2014

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

In today's Gospel reading we see John the Baptist proclaiming Christ and pointing others to Him. Seeing Jesus coming towards him, he says, 'Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.' John declares that the reason for his mission is to make Jesus known.

We who have been baptised have received something amazing. At baptism we are marked for Christ, permanently. We then belong to Him. The Christian has to live a life of grace, in other words, remaining close to Christ, drawing strength from Him, speaking to Him in prayer, seeking His forgiveness in Confession when we fall, and feeding on Him through the Eucharist. These things help us cultivate an interior life, the space where God lives in us.

From this interior life comes the ability to tell others about Christ. The task of spreading the Gospel is not only for priests, it is for all the baptised. Baptism gives each and every one of you a special dignity. Just like Paul in today's Second Reading, each one of you can also say that you 'are called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus.' The word 'apostle' means 'one who is sent'. Who is Christ sending you to? What word do you need to say, what action do you need to take to make Him known?

We face many obstacles in proclaiming Christ. Firstly there is our own pride and darkness within. Secondly, the world tells us that it is not correct to 'impose' our beliefs or values on others. But if Christ is the Truth, we are impelled to proclaim Him, by living lives worthy of Him.

We do have good news to share, that salvation is possible to all people through Jesus Christ. Today we call to mind our dignity as baptised Christians, remembering the words of the First Reading, 'I will make you a light to the nations, so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Let us try, in this coming week, to be a light to those we come into contact with – in our homes, places of work, in our day-to-day business.

Fr Maurice

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.

MASS OFFERINGS: All weekday Masses are fully booked until the end of February. 10.00am Sunday Masses are booked until mid-March, 8.30am and 12 noon Masses are booked until the end of March. Saturday 6.00pm Masses are booked until the end of May. Any Masses requested will be assigned to the next possible date.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The next Finance Committee meeting will take place on Monday 27th January at 8.00pm in the Presbytery. All members are asked to attend.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: The Social Committee that was formed last autumn will meet again this coming Thursday 23rd January at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. All those involved with organizing our Advent concert are asked to attend to discuss social events for the coming year.

SVP MEETING: The next SVP meeting will be on Saturday 25th January at 9.00am in the Church meeting room.

CONFIRMATION 2014: The next session for the Confirmation programme is this 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.

PEACE SUNDAY: Envelopes are available at the back of the Church for Pax Christi, the Catholic movement for peace in England and Wales. Its work is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, it works with all who share its values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. If you wish to donate please take an envelope and put it into the collection next weekend.

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.

WRESTLING WITH ROMANS: The diocesan Commission for Evangelisation and Formation invites you to a study day on St Paul's Letter to the Romans to be held on Saturday 8th March from 10.30 until 3 p.m. at Brentwood Cathedral Hall. Entitled 'Wrestling with Romans' the day will be given by Fr Adrian Graffy, director of the Commission. Copies of Fr Adrian's recent book on Romans will be available at a discount. The day is free of charge and a buffet lunch is provided. Please book your place urgently by email to cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org or by phoning 01277 265 289. Podcasts of earlier study days are available at www.whatgoodnews.org

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

SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Silver Jubilee Year – the 25th Annual Brentwood Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Saturday 26th – Thursday 31st July 2014. Full board, choice of hotels, prices from £618 by air, £418 by coach.

Join hundreds of people from across our Diocese, on a pilgrimage led by our Bishop. Full board accommodation in excellent hotels. Time and space to relax, to pray, and to be refreshed in the deep peace of the Grotto. A varied programme to choose from, including: Mass with Anointing, Visit to the baths, Eucharistic procession and Adoration, Stations of the Cross, Daily Mass (including Mass at the Grotto), Reconciliation Service, Night prayer at the Grotto, and optional excursion to Gavarnie in the Pyrenees.

Very suitable for those with medical needs – strong support is provided, including a doctor from our Diocese and a nursing team. Ideal also for those with limited mobility – assistance will be provided by the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. Young people aged 15+ should book directly with the Youth Service for an exceptional Youth Pilgrimage (see www.bcys.net). For all others, a brochure and booking form is available at www.brentwoodlourdes.org, or contact Cathy O'Connor on 01206 501 146 or cathy@brentwoodlourdes.org.

PERFORMANCE OF HANDEL'S MESSIAH: Everyone is warmly invited to a performance of Handel's *Messiah* at St Bede's Church, Bishop's Avenue, Chadwell Heath, Romford RM6 5RS on **Sunday, 2nd February, at 7.00 pm**. The concert will be given by the Ex London Music College Students (ELMS) Chamber Orchestra, Bravissima (Chorus Director Julia Wilson-James), Lay Clerks from Brentwood Cathedral Choir and Soloists. The conductor is Andrew Wright. Admission is free with retiring collection. Do come if you are free.

RIP

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

Krzysztof Stainislaw Tkacz, who died recently, and whose funeral will take place at the City of London Crematorium on 29th January at 9.00am.

May he 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

Offertory collection for 12th January was £1395.53
Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George
SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

6.00pm	Sheila & Bernard Moss (RIP)
Sun 19 th Jan	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
8.30am	Adeline Rosario (RIP)
10.00am	Adeline Rosario (RIP)
12.00pm	Reynaldo Tacdol (RIP)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 20 th Jan	Feria
7.00am	Fr Jeba (Ints)
9.15am	Tom Lynch (RIP)
Tue 21 st Jan	St Agnes
7.00am	Phoebe Roach (RIP)
9.15am	Mary O'Connell (Ints)
Wed 22 nd Jan	Feria
7.00am	Phena & Michael Coglan (Ints)
9.15am	Fr Jimmy Dowd (Ints)
Thurs 23 rd Jan	Feria
7.00am	Marie Green (Ints)
9.15am	Bridget Lyons (Ints)
Fri 24 th Jan	St Francis de Sales
7.00am	Jim & Mary Gordon (Ints)
9.15am	Fr Mark Swires (Ints)
Sat 25 th Jan	The Conversion of St Paul
10.00am	Adeline Rosario (RIP)
6.00pm	Moss, Nagle family (RIP)
Sun 26 th Jan	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
8.30am	Eliza D'Souza (RIP)
10.00am	Vincent de Souza (RIP)
12.00pm	Peggy McManus (Ints)
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, Archie, George & Issac.

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)