

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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26th January 2014

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

In the Gospel today we hear the call of the first disciples. All of these men were in their place of work, doing their jobs as fishermen, when Jesus came to them and said 'follow me.' This might sound like a chance encounter, but in reality, these men had been chosen in God's mind from the beginning, and now they hear the call for the first time.

From all eternity, God has a plan for each one of you, and for me. Our encounter with the Lord is not just a matter of chance; he calls us by name to follow Him. In His will is our peace. His personal love for each one of us, and our ability to respond, is what gives life meaning.

Where do we discover God's will? Jesus found the disciples doing what they were supposed to be doing on an ordinary day: cleaning and mending their nets. If we try to do well what God expects of us in each moment, then His grace will find us when He has something more to say or ask of us. Most of us follow the Lord in small steps – we should not rest on our laurels, waiting to be called to something great – every day there are numerous simple calls, to be more loving, patient, forgiving, to reach out to others, doing the best we can in our situation.

But what if we have not yet experienced Christ and His love for us? All we need to do is open our hearts a little bit and invite Him in. God will not reject the prayers of anyone who sincerely seeks to know and please Him. In the end, our faith is about a personal encounter, an ongoing relationship with the Lord. As Pope Emeritus Benedict wrote, 'Being a Christian is not the result of a lofty idea...but the encounter with a person, which gives life a new horizon and decisive direction.'

We need a new horizon and decisive direction, because otherwise we walk in darkness. But as Isaiah foretold, Christ invades the darkness to free us, because He loves us. Knowing His love for us, we would want to please Him. This changes our attitude to life, we become more forgiving, more trusting, and we won't give up easily.

Perhaps our prayer today could be, 'Lord, help me to grow more and more in your love.'

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.

CONFIRMATION 2014: The next session for the Confirmation programme is Sunday 2nd February, 4-6pm in the Parish Hall.

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.

BENEFACTORS REQUESTED: The *Maryvale course on the Faith* is a professionally run two-year course. It costs approximately £500 per year per person. Having people do the course will help our ability to evangelise. Please speak to Fr Mark if you could help people pay for the cost of the course.

PRO-LIFE VIGIL: There will be a processional prayer vigil led by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal at Marie Stopes abortion facility, 88 Russell Road, Buckhurst Hill on Saturday 8th February 2014. The event begins with Mass at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, 557/559 High Rd, Woodford Green, IG8 0RB at 9.00am. At 9.45am there will be a prayerful and peaceful procession to the abortion centre, processing with an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Holy Rosary and hymns. At 12pm the procession will return to the Church, followed by tea and a get-together. Please bring a packed lunch.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE: On Monday February 10th, the Vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, please join us in a day of prayer and fasting for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. See www.goodcounselnet.co.uk for more information.

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING: Praise & Worship Evening at SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on **Sunday 26th January 2014 7.30pm to 9.00pm**. Everyone welcome.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Experienced sales/marketing professional required for a full-time role by Churchmarketplace – the online supply portal developed by, and for, the Catholic Dioceses of England and Wales. Please contact paolocamoletto@rcdow.org.uk, tel. 020 7798 9036, for a job description and person specification. Closing date 7th February 2014.

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.

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
Christian Kitchen	4/1 Nor	11/1 A	18/1 B	25/1 C

Offertory collection for 19th January was £1762.61
 Standing orders for October 2013: £1823.85, November 2013: £1478.85,
 December 2013: £1218.85

Thank you very much for your generosity.

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

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>
Mon 27 th Jan	St Angela Merici
7.00am	Barbieri Filippo (RIP)
9.15am	Samuel and Visyvasam Annammah
Tue 28 th Jan	St Thomas Aquinas
7.00am	Mary Quinn & family
9.15am	Emelia Ruffan (RIP)
Wed 29 th Jan	Feria
7.00am	Giuseppe Masella (Ints)
9.15am	Annie Kilcooley (Ints)
Thurs 30 th Jan	Feria
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Aaron Dillsworth (RIP)
Fri 31 st Jan	St John Bosco
7.00am	Joachim Cardinal Meisner (Ints)
9.15am	Bishop Scicluna (Ints)
Sat 1 st Feb	Feria
10.00am	Cardinal Rainer Maria Woelki (Ints)
6.00pm	Rozalia Zagninska (RIP)
Sun 2 nd Feb	The Presentation of the Lord
8.30am	Samuel Kwame Kramo Nantwi (RIP)
10.00am	Lionel Guerraz & family (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, Augustina Osei, Archie, George & Issac.

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)