

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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5th January 2014

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

In the Gospel today the wise men are following the star that will lead them to Christ. The star guides them on their journey, like a spiritual sat nav. The problem with sat navs is that they don't always send us the way we expect. Sometimes, like the wise men, we may still have to stop and ask for directions. We may lose our bearings, and need to re-evaluate where we are going.

In the same way that the wise men consulted those who knew the scriptures, we should search for answers to the deeper questions: who is Christ? What does He mean for my life? We can search for answers and feed our minds with good spiritual reading, by praying with Scripture, perhaps watching Catholic television (e.g. EWTN), and even discussing the faith in your family and with friends. We all need help along the way.

Eventually the wise men are led to the Christ child. After they meet Him, they return to their own country by a different way. This is important, because nobody who truly experiences and knows Christ can go back to their old ways. Encountering Christ changes everything.

The wise men set out on their journey with faith that they would find the infant King. On discovering Him they were filled with joy, and joyfully proclaimed Him to others.

If we love our Lord, and realise that he loves us, we will be joyful. Our task is to spread this joy. If people see that we are joyful, they will be attracted to Christ. It's no good going around with long faces; as Pope Francis said, 'we should not look like someone who's just come back from a funeral.'

The beginning of this New Year is an opportunity for us to let our faith be rekindled, so that through us, others may know the joy of the Lord.

Fr Maurice

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

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

START OF TERM: This week our schools resume after the Christmas break. We wish our staff and students a successful and enjoyable term.

DAILY MASSES: The regular 7.00am and 9.15am daily Masses will resume from Monday 6th January.

PARISH GROUPS: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on Monday 6th January. The over 60s club will resume on Wednesday 8th January. The RCIA group will resume on Wednesday 15th January. The next SVP meeting will be on Saturday 11th 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.

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

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.

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 the following:

- Cleaning
- Site Maintenance, Painting and Decorating
- Security
- Porterage

- Ground Maintenance
- 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

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: Legacy Officer vacancy: the Apostleship of the Sea is looking to appoint a Legacy Officer to join its team based in Central London. The purpose of this role is to manage the charity's legacy programme to sustain the charity's work supporting seafarers. Applicants should have a minimum of two years' experience of working in legacy fundraising. This post is part-time, salary dependent on skills and experience. For more information contact John Green johngreen@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk. Applications close 24th January 2014.

VALENTINE GALA DINNER: The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society invites you to join them for a fabulous evening at their Valentine's Gala Dinner, being held on Friday 14th February at Stockbrook Golf & Country Club, Billericay. With tickets priced at £45 per person to include a drinks reception, fabulous gifts, dinner, dancing, live entertainment and much more, this is an event not to be missed! Places are limited and we would recommend you book early in order to secure your tickets. Contact Julie Abbott (01286 784 544 / jabot@bccs.org.uk).

RIP

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

Mary Catherine McKenna, whose Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 6th January at 10.30am.

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

May they rest in peace

ROTAS – JANUARY

Counting:	5/1 E	12/1 C	19/1 A	26/1 D
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Offertory collection for 29th December was £1170.86
Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6.00pm	Kelly Moss (RIP)
Sun 5 th Jan	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>
8.30am	Special Ints
10.00am	Catherine Dillsworth (Ints)
12.00pm	Cynthia Moise (Ints)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 6 th Jan	<i>Feria of Christmastide</i>
7.00am	Robert Stinton (RIP)
9.15am	Bond family & Shields family (RIP)
Tue 7 th Jan	<i>St Raymond of Penyafort</i>
7.00am	Susan Brady (Ints)
9.15am	Special Ints
Wed 8 th Jan	<i>Feria of Christmastide</i>
7.00am	Adeline Rosario (RIP)
9.15am	Special Ints
Thurs 9 th Jan	<i>Feria of Christmastide</i>
7.00am	John & Mary Staunton (RIP)
9.15am	Special Ints
Fri 10 th Jan	<i>Feria of Christmastide</i>
7.00am	Srs Jude & Rosario (Ints)
9.15am	Special Ints
Sat 11 th Jan	<i>Feria of Christmastide</i>
10.00am	Special Ints
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>

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)