

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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25th May 2014

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

When Francis was elected Pope in March last year, on his first day he decided he did not want to move into the Apostolic palace, but would instead live in a guesthouse. He gave as his reason that the papal apartments, though big and spacious, are too isolated. 'People can only come in dribs and drabs', he said, 'and I cannot live without people. I do not see myself as a priest on my own. I need a community.' Within himself, he felt this was the right thing to do, to be with others.

Despite the growth in communications technology, people are often more lonely and isolated than ever. According to the charity Age UK, a million older people in the UK haven't spoken to anyone for a month. And even with social media among the young, people are still lonely. Mother Teresa called loneliness 'the greatest disease in the Western world.' It makes lives feel empty and meaningless, and can lead to bitterness and despair. A lonely heart becomes hard.

Pope Francis does not want to be in isolation, but to be in the midst of others, showing gentleness and tenderness to those around him. Being attentive and present to the needs of others breaks the cycle of loneliness. Not only that, but God is always present to us. Jesus promises in today's Gospel, 'I will not leave you orphans.' He promises to send the Holy Spirit, and through the power of that Spirit, God dwells in each of us. We are drawn into a relationship with God, and with one another, through the Holy Spirit.

For this relationship to grow, we must work at it. God gives us the help we need. We have received God's life in Baptism, and need to keep this alive in us if we are to remain connected to Him, and avoid becoming self-centered. It is easy for us to lose this grace, and if we have wandered off and gone our own selfish ways, the invitation is always there to come back. We can find healing and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Confession, which restores the lost life of grace. This life is strengthened through the Sacrament of Confirmation, described in today's first reading, and is fed and nourished in the Eucharist.

The purpose of food is to satisfy hunger. Jesus gave Himself as our food to satisfy the deepest hunger of our heart – to know that we are loved. In these weeks, many children in our parish are receiving the special gift of Jesus' body and blood for the first time. As we pray for them, let us ourselves cherish the Sacraments of the Church, especially the Eucharist, the major means by which Jesus fulfils His promise in today's Gospel, that He will not leave us orphans.

Fr Maurice

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

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Over the next three Sundays, 80 children in our parish will receive their First Holy Communion. This week, we pray particularly for the following children, and their families: Christian Ngwi, Mary Flavia Namakula, Micheline Zubeli, Naomi Bangolu, Gerard Mulumbi, Angel Foster, Vicente Timothy Valdesco, Valeria Lopez-Ruiz, Emily Burns, Maria Mana, Brenda Mana, Lynden Byron Wallace, Charles, Sebastian Scanlon, Mekhi Lorenzo Neunie-Dyett, Nathanael Devon Millwood, Dilucshy Bashkaran, Shay Lynch, Ana Kola, Melvin Vidrica, George Budd, Isabella Patricia Hayley Martin, Troy St Catherine Smith, Benedict Chukwueze, Lexdot Kuuku Yawson Jr., Maeve Cahill, Micaela Medel, Blessing Matumu, Qushauna Morgan, Maeve Anne Lucas, Joshua Didier Hippolyte, Kelsey Gabriel M. Escueta, Vince Matthew A. Torrevillas, Lucas Benjamin Cusucs, Nathaniel Devon Millwood, Jasmeen Adwoa Banya, Jayson Alexis Obidos, Eddie McDonagh



MORNING MASS ON BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY: Please note that there will be no 7.00am or 9.15am Mass on Bank Holiday Monday, 26th May. Mass will instead be celebrated at 10.00am.

CHARITY FUNDRAISER: On Friday 4th July from 8pm, we will be hosting a charity fundraising event in the Parish Hall, to raise money for the Naughton family, former parishioners here, who have three boys with Duchenne's muscular dystrophy. The event includes a live band, raffle, auction and licensed bar, and tickets will be on sale this weekend.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: The next meeting for the Social Committee will take place on Wednesday 4th June at 7.30pm.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The next meeting for the Finance Committee has been moved to Monday 16th June at 8.00pm.

GIFT AID: Gift Aid is a government scheme that allows the parish to reclaim tax on all donations made by UK taxpayers, at no cost to you. If you are not currently enrolled in the Gift Aid scheme, please pick up a Gift Aid form from the back of the Church or for further information, please contact Hana on 07939 485957. This provides much-needed additional income for the upkeep of the Church and support of our schools.

CATHOLICISM SERIES: Thanks to all who have so far attended the screenings of the Catholicism Series, a ten-part DVD presentation on the Catholic faith. **The final episode will be screened on Wednesday 28st May at 7.30pm, and the topic of this presentation is the four last things.** All are welcome.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2014-15: There will be a meeting for parents who would like their children to make their First Communion next summer (2015). This will take place in the Parish Hall at 7:30pm on Monday 23rd June. The First Communion programme is open to children who are in school year 4 or older and who live in Our Lady and St George parish or whose families regularly attend Mass here.

ABBOTSWICK RETREAT: 'Chill & be Filled with the Lord!' – You are welcome to join us for a day of discovery in prayer on 7th June 2014 from 10.30am-4pm at Abbotswick, the Diocesan House of Prayer, Brentwood. This guided retreat led by Sr Ann O'Sullivan (Sisters of St Gilda's), will focus on the essential and walking with the Lord. A suggested donation £18 per person includes a light lunch and all refreshments. Please call Abbotswick

on 01277 373959 or Sr Ann on 07752563520 for further information. Booking is essential and all are welcome!

VACANCY AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL: With the forthcoming retirement of the present Cathedral Personal Assistant, the Cathedral Dean, Fr Martin Boland, is looking for a PA to support him in running both a large, busy parish and the many diocesan events that take place at the Cathedral. Among other qualities, this position requires someone with:

- excellent secretarial and computing skills
- good social skills and an ability to deal in a pastoral manner with a wide range of people and situations
- an understanding and commitment to the life and work of the Catholic Church

The successful candidate will be trustworthy, discreet, reliable and hardworking. For more information including a detailed job description and salary details, please contact Fr Martin Boland by June 15th at cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com or telephone: 01277 265235

MEDIA TECHNICIAN VACANCY: 36 hours per week - 44.2 weeks per year
Salary Scale 4, Point 18 - £19,104 (full time equivalent). Trinity Catholic High School wishes to appoint a Media Technician from June 2014 to work within the Film and Media Studies department. The successful applicant must be organised, flexible and computer literate. If you are interested in applying for the above post, details and an application form are available on the school website <http://fc.tchs.uk.net> or email sam_gillary@fc.tchs.uk.net. Closing date for receipt of completed application forms is Monday 2nd June 2014.

CONCERT AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES, WANSTEAD: June 7th at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Wanstead 8.00pm. A concert by Holst Chamber Choir of sacred (to include Purcell; Holst, Bruckner) and secular (to include Elgar; ABBA and other light) music. Conducted by Andrew Wright Diocesan Director of Music. Ticket prices £7 for adults and £4 concessions. Family tickets available if there are 2 adults, for £14. This includes a glass of wine afterwards. The money raised will go to the upkeep of the Pastoral Centre. For more information contact Jane Smith on cjanesmith@o2.co.uk or 020 8989 3178

RIP

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

Yvette Caution, whose Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 28th May at 1.00pm.

Augustina Osei, whose body will be brought into the Church on Thursday 19th June at 7.00pm, and whose Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 20th at 12 noon.

Mary Akinkuolie whose funeral will take place in Lagos, Nigeria. A memorial Mass will be held here on Tuesday June 13th at 9.15am.

May they rest in peace.

ROTAS – MAY

Counting:	4/5 D	11/5 B	18/5 A	25/5 C	
Hospital:	4/5 A	11/5 B	18/5 D	25/5 A	
Christian Kitchen	3/5 Nor	10/5 G	17/5 A	24/5 B	31/5 C

The offertory collection for 18th May was £1993.81
Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6.00pm	Ambrose Dillsworth (RIP)
Sun 25 th May	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>
8.30am	Adolphe & Adeline Rosario (RIP)
10.00am	Peggy Halpenny (RIP)
12.00pm	Guy Ambury and Patricia Galbrath (RIP)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 26 th May	<i>St Philip Neri</i>
10.00am	Josephine Hayden (RIP)
Tue 27 th May	<i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>
7.00am	Krishna & Tessie Kalpee (Thanksgiving)
9.15am	Marie Kelly (RIP)
Wed 28 th May	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Holy Souls
9.15am	Davillia Bamboche (RIP)
Thu 29 th May	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Jody Duff (Ints)
9.15am	C Colaco (Thanksgiving)
Fri 30 th May	<i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
7.00am	Ram Ramsey
9.15am	Joan Hayden (RIP)
Sat 31 st May	<i>Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Brentwood (Diocesan Feast)</i>
10.00am	Special Ints
6.00pm	Michael Fitzpatrick (RIP) & Hannah Gaughan (RIP)
Sun 1 st June	<i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>
8.30am	Bridie Lacon (Ints)
10.00am	Parish
12.00pm	James Wynn (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, Michelle Boyle, Carla Cornelius, Cecelia Gibbs, Arthur Gibbs, Ural Gibbs, Gilbert Gibbs, Archie, George & Issac, Boyce Chandasingh.

Morning Prayer:

Rosary:

Adoration & Exposition:

Reconciliation (Confessions):

Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.45am

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)