

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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29th June 2014

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of two great pillars of the Church, Saints Peter and Paul. In the early Church, many taught and handed down the faith, and gave their lives for it, but amongst all of these, Peter and Paul are two of the most important.

St Peter was a simple fisherman, who first encountered Jesus at the Sea of Galilee. After fishing all night and catching nothing, Jesus tells Peter to put out his nets, and there was a miraculous catch of fish. Peter was in awe, and realised this was no ordinary man. He said, 'leave me Lord, for I am a sinful man.' In the same way, in today's Gospel, Peter is quick to perceive and express who he knows Jesus is, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' Despite Peter's weaknesses, Christ still chose him to be the rock on which the Church would be built. After Christ's resurrection, once the Holy Spirit had come upon him, Peter brought thousands of Jews into the Church, and commissioned successors to the apostles to spread the Gospel everywhere. He uses the authority given to him by Jesus to do all this. The Church was fiercely persecuted during Peter's time, and, as we hear in the First Reading, Herod has Peter imprisoned, intending to put him to death. The Church prays unremittingly for Peter's protection, and an angel miraculously delivers him. From the very beginning of the Church, it has been necessary for all of us to pray for our leaders – especially Peter's successors, the Popes, and the successors of the Apostles, the Bishops.

St Paul was quite different to Peter. He was a highly educated Pharisee, who studied the Jewish Law under the leading Rabbis of the time. Initially he hated the Church and persecuted it, but after encountering the risen Christ on the road to Damascus, he was changed, and dedicated his life to preaching the Gospel, especially to the non-Jewish people (the Gentiles). He travelled extensively, setting up Churches and communicating with them. His many letters form much of our New Testament, and are read at most Sunday Masses, continuing to guide and inspire us to love the Lord more, even twenty centuries later.

Both Peter and Paul ultimately gave their lives for Christ. Their faith was tested by trials and persecution, but they persevered to the end. Peter was crucified upside down, and Paul was beheaded. Reflecting on these two men, who gave all for the sake of the Gospel, we are reminded that the Church always needs good leaders. The Pope and Bishops in union with him have a heavy responsibility and duty to preach the Gospel in its fullness. They are not called to be managers, but men of holiness, who will bring the people closer to Christ and lead them to heaven.

This is all very timely, because on Tuesday, our new Bishop, Alan, will be consecrated. He will need all our prayers and support. We are having a holy hour on Monday 30th, 6-7pm to pray for him and for our diocese. We also pray for Pope Francis and all the leaders of the Church, that they may be courageous in following the example of Saints Peter and Paul.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 30th June at 7.30pm in the Church.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

HOLY HOUR FOR NEW BISHOP: Bishop-elect Alan will be consecrated seventh Bishop of Brentwood at the Cathedral on Tuesday 1st July. We will be praying for his intentions and for our diocese during a holy hour from **6.00-7.00pm on Monday 30th June**, concluding with Benediction, to which all are welcome.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION FOR BRENTWOOD: The Rev Patrick Daly was ordained as a priest of Brentwood Diocese on Saturday 28th June at Our Lady Immaculate Church, Chelmsford. Please keep Fr Patrick in your prayers.

CHARITY FUNDRAISER: Next 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. Tickets can still be purchased this weekend. Thank you for your support.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2014-15: Thank you to the parents who have already made appointments to see Fr Mark following the recent First Communion Meeting. (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). If you would like your child to make their First Communion please sign up at the back of the Church for a meeting with Fr Mark.

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.

PARISH CATECHISTS: On Monday 7th July, 7.30-9.30pm, Sr Nuala Gannon IBVM will be running a session for all parish catechists in the Church meeting room. This will be an opportunity to share good practice and to explore together questions related to our present approach to Sacramental preparation – for children, young people, adults and the parish community. All catechists are invited to attend.

MILL HILL APF MISSIONARIES (RED BOX): Could all parishioners who have a Red 'Mill Hill' collection box please return it next Sunday (5 / 6th July). We thank Mary Lindo, our new coordinator for this scheme. She can be contacted with any queries on 0208 539 1344.

SVP ST JOHN BOSCO CAMP offers children aged 8-13 a sports and activity based holiday on a campsite in the Essex countryside. Run with a Catholic ethos, the camp is especially for children who may not have any other holiday this year. There are three weeks of the camp: For boys: 26th July to 2nd August or 2nd to 9th August; for girls: 9th to 16th August For more details and for application forms log onto www.svpboscocamp.org.uk, or speak to one of the priests.

DAY OF HEALING on Saturday 5th July at St Dominic's Church, Harold Hill with Fr Angelus. Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions available at 11:00am, Mass of the Holy Souls at 12 noon, followed by a Eucharistic healing service. Come and experience the healing grace of God.

ABBOTSWICK HOUSE OF PRAYER – HEALING MASS: celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power on Wednesday 16th July 2014 at 2.30pm. For further information please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org. Please join us, all are welcome!

UNUSED MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS? Do you have a musical instrument gathering dust in a drawer or cupboard, once used by you or your children, but no more? At St Teresa's, Basildon, children are working with classical musician James Rhodes to form a school orchestra. Could you donate your instrument? Please contact Fr Dominic Howarth, 01268 281732, or email frdominic@basildoncatholics.org. We will pay postage or arrange a pick up, and your instrument will be put to very good use – it could truly transform the life of one of our children, as they discover new talents. Thank you.

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING at SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on **Sunday 29th June 2014 7.30pm to 9.00pm**. Everyone welcome.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES by coach – great value, 6 days 5 nights in Lourdes, plus luxury coach travel and a central hotel, from just £418. Join 450 pilgrims of all ages on the 25th Diocesan Pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan Williams. There are a few coach places left, departing Brentwood on Friday 25th July, returning on Friday 1st August. The price includes all meals in Lourdes as well as a full Diocesan programme of Masses, liturgies, processions and social events. There is still time to book – full details at www.brentwoodlourdes.org or call Cathy O'Connor about booking, 01206 501146.

SIXTH FORM ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY: 36 hours (plus 2 hours overtime) per week - 45.4 weeks per year; Salary Scale 5, Point 22 - £21,588 (full time equivalent). Trinity Catholic High School wishes to appoint an experienced Sixth Form Administrator from July 2014. The successful applicant must be organised, flexible and computer literate. If you are interested in applying for the post, details and an application form are available on the school website <http://fc.tchs.uk.net> or email jlamarque@fc.tchs.uk.net. Closing date for receipt of completed application forms is Friday, 4th July 2014

TEACHING VACANCY: St Peter's RC Primary School, Dagenham: After a recent 'Good' Ofsted, we need a teacher to cover a maternity leave from September 1st 2014. We have a lovely, supportive staff and fantastic families. 30 super year 5 children need a teacher – please call Daniel Craft, Head Teacher, on 0208 270 6524 or email dcraft.301@bdcs.org.uk.

RIP:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Thomas Sinclair, who died recently. His funeral will take place on Friday 11th July at 9.45am, followed by interment at Chingford Mount cemetery.

May he rest in peace.

ROTAS – JUNE

Counting:	1/6 E	8/6 D	15/6 B	22/6 D	29/6 A
Hospital:	1/6 B	8/6 D	15/6 A	22/6 B	29/6 D
Christian Kitchen	31/5 C	7/6 Nor	14/6 D	21/6 E	28/6 F

The offertory collection for 22nd June was £1619.52
Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

6.00pm	Chris Colaco (Ints)
Sun 29 th June	Ss Peter and Paul
8.30am	Adeline Rosario (RIP)
10.00am	Flory D'Souza (RIP)
12.00pm	Felicia D'Souza (RIP)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 30 th June	Feria
7.00am	Mr P.K. Chacko (RIP)
9.15am	Deceased family members / thanksgiving of Angelia Hoareau.
Tue 1 st July	Feria
7.00am	Gemma Tinant (RIP) and Michella, Matt and Milly Cloak
9.15am	Magdalene Correa (Ints)
Wed 2 nd July	Feria
7.00am	Magdalene Correa (Ints)
9.15am	Magdalene Correa (Ints)
Thu 3 rd July	St Thomas, Apostle
7.00am	Angel Escueta (Ints)
9.15am	Thanksgiving
Fri 4 th July	Feria
7.00am	J Coeur-de-Lion and K. Kalpee (Ints)
9.15am	Ram Ramsey (RIP)
Sat 6 th July	Feria
10.00am	Special Ints
6.00pm	Anthony Mulvey (RIP)
Sun 6 th July	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30am	Bruno D'Souza (Ints)
10.00am	Yvette Caution (RIP)
12.00pm	Frank Keavey (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)