

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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14th September 2014

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

This Sunday we keep the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, also known as the Triumph of the Cross. The feast has its origins in the early fourth century, when St Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places associated with the life of Christ. She had the second-century Temple of Venus, which tradition held was built over the tomb of Jesus, razed in the year 320, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre over the tomb. During the excavation, three crosses were discovered, and legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman. The True Cross became an object of veneration. To this day, the Eastern Churches, both Catholic and Orthodox keep this feast on the anniversary of the Basilica's dedication. It entered the calendar of the Western Church in the seventh century, when Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off after capturing Jerusalem in 614. According to the story, the Emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb, and became a barefoot pilgrim, in imitation of Christ Himself.

The feast, more than anything else, is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to heaven opened.

When Moses lifted up the bronze serpent over the people, it was a foreshadowing of the salvation through Jesus when He was lifted up on the cross. The cross is the instrument of our redemption. It is the most potent and universal symbol of the Christian faith. We revere the instrument by which Jesus Christ, our Lord, saved us. Once understood as an object of scorn and shame, now the cross has become for us the sign of glory - that is the Triumph of the Cross.

We make the Sign of the Cross before prayer, which helps to fix our minds and hearts on God. After prayer we make the Sign of the Cross to keep close to God. During trials and temptations our strength and protection is the Sign of the Cross. At Baptism we are sealed with the Sign of the Cross, signifying the fullness of redemption, and that we belong to Christ. Let us look to the cross frequently and realise that when we make the Sign of the Cross we give our entire self to God - mind, soul, heart, body, will and thoughts.

O cross, you are the glorious sign of victory. Through your power may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 22nd September at 7.30pm in the Church.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

FR PATRICK DALY: This week we welcome our new Assistant Priest, Fr Patrick Daly.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN): There will be an appeal and second collection for ACN this weekend to support their work in helping persecuted and oppressed Christians around the world – an important cause, as recent events remind us. There will also be a small bookstall selling ACN merchandise and books.

FR MARK: Fr Mark will return for a thanksgiving Mass next Friday 19th September at 7.30pm, to which all are invited. If you wish to contribute to the collection for Fr Mark, please return your envelopes this Sunday. After the thanksgiving Mass there will be a celebration in the Parish Hall; if you are able to help with the organization or contribute food/drink, please put your details on the flipchart in the Church porch.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ON LIVING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH? You are warmly invited to attend an evening to ask these questions including those on Moral Issues and Catholic Social Teaching, Theology and Scripture, The Church and its history and The Church in today's world or any question you may have always wanted to find the answer to. Our experienced panel members will help you! Join us on Wednesday 24 September 2014 at **Our Lady and St George Parish Hall**, Shernhall Street, Walthamstow, London E17 9HU from 7.30 p.m. No charge and wine and nibbles are provided.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be on Monday 15th September at 8.00pm in the Presbytery. All members are requested to attend.

PARISH BAZAAR: The next meeting of the Bazaar Committee will take place on Tuesday 16th September at 7.30pm in the Church Meeting Room. The Parish Bazaar will take place on 28th-29th November. Churchill Estates have agreed to sponsor us, and will give £10 for every parishioner who agrees to place one of their boards outside their home for a few weeks. Next week, one of the committee members will be available to provide more information and take down names.

HCPT GROUP 161 CAKE SALE: The deanery HCPT group will be holding a cake sale after Masses next weekend 21st/22nd September to raise funds for their work in taking special needs children to Lourdes.

RELIGIOUS PROFESSION: The Novices of the Marian Missionary Sisters of the Poor will be making their First Religious Profession on Saturday 4th October at the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Helen, Brentwood. If you would like to attend the ceremony and reception, please contact Mother Maria on 07940 143 545 or 0208 518 7499.

DEANERY MUSIC DAY: The Diocese of Brentwood is holding a Deanery Music Day in our church and parish hall on Saturday 4th October. It is being lead by Frances Novillo, the Representative for the Royal School of Church Music for London and the South East and will include talks, demonstrations, practical sessions and workshops for parish musicians and anyone else who would be interested in learning about music/developing their skills in church music. If interested, please see Ladislav Ondercin or any other parish musician after the Masses on Sunday morning or during the week. The day promises to be interesting and fun and we would welcome as many people as possible who would like to attend.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN EVENING: There will be an open evening on Thursday September 25th at the Walthamstow House site for children transferring to secondary schools in September 2015. Dr Stone will speak to parents at 6pm followed by a tour of the school. A prospectus and supplementary information form (including a priest's reference) will be available for each family attending. The closing date for the return of the supplementary information form to the school is 31st October 2014.

CAFOD EVENTS: Next weekend the Justice & Peace group will have a petition available to sign regarding the situation in Gaza, which will be sent to Philip Hammond in the Foreign Office. On Tuesday 16th September there will be a coffee morning at Chigwell Convent, from 10am-12.30pm, which will give an opportunity to hear an update on CAFOD's recent activities. On Sunday 21st September there will be a climate change coalition march in the centre of London, 12:30-16:00 – beginning at Temple Place, London and making its way to the Houses of Parliament. If interested in attending the coffee morning or the march, contact Tim Campbell on 07981 657 729 or timothy.campbell@ntlworld.com.

AFRICAN CHAPLAINCY MASS: The Pan-African annual Mass will take place on Sunday 21st September at 3pm at St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, Southwark. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick Lynch, and followed by a reception at Amigo Hall where Bishop Howard Tripp will launch the first book on the African Catholic mission. For further details, contact Deacon Joseph, coordinating chaplain (8521 2359; africath@clara.co.uk)

ORGAN AND KEYBOARD LESSONS: Instrumental tuition offered in both organ and keyboard by a qualified organist. Organ lessons can take place at the church, and piano lessons either at the church or at home if more convenient. Lessons are offered for pupils of all ages and different stages of playing experience and musical knowledge. For further information please contact Ladislav Ondercin on 07472 861 186 (please leave a message after 5pm) or email ladislav.ondercin@gmail.com.

JEWS AND CATHOLICS IN DIALOGUE: In anticipation of the fiftieth anniversary of Vatican II's *Nostra Aetate*, the diocesan Commission for Evangelisation and Formation announces an Ecumenical Study Day entitled 'Milestones in Modern Jewish Catholic Relations', which will take place on Saturday 25th October at Brentwood Cathedral Hall, 10.30am - 3 p.m. The day will be given by Sr Margaret Shepherd of the Sisters of Sion, who is Secretary of the Bishops' Committee for Catholic Jewish Relations and Director of the Sion Centre for Dialogue and Encounter in west London. There is no admission fee and a buffet lunch will be provided. Please book your place by contacting cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org or by phone to 01277 265289.

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.

ROTAS – SEPTEMBER

Counting	31/8 E	7/9 D	14/9 A	21/9 E	28/9 D
Hospital	31/8 D	7/9 A	14/9 B	21/9 D	28/9 A
Christian Kitchen	30/8 F	6/9 Nor	13/9 G	20/9 A	27/9 B

The offertory collection for 7th September was £1402.67
Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George
EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

6.00pm	John & Josie Keenan (RIP)
Sun 14 th Sept	<i>The Exaltation (Triumph) of the Holy Cross</i>
8.30am	Arjay Jose (Ints)
10.00am	Winifred Louis (Ints)
12.00pm	Kristina Kalpee & Jason Coeur-de-Lion (Ints)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 15 th Sept	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
7.00am	Josephine and family (Ints)
9.15am	Kitty Sweeney (RIP)
Tue 16 th Sept	<i>Ss Cornelius and Cyprian</i>
7.00am	Josephine O'Neill (RIP)
9.15am	Philip Mitchell (Ints)
Wed 17 th Sept	<i>St Robert Bellarmine</i>
7.00am	Holy Souls
9.15am	Muriel Chetty (Ints)
Thu 18 th Sept	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Judith Hilton (Ints)
9:15am	Margaret Perry (Ints)
Fri 19 th Sept	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Elaine Francis (Ints)
9.15am	Catherine McNamara (Ints)
Sat 20 th Sept	<i>Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong</i>
10.00am	Ellen Mary Frances Caplehorn (Ints)
6.00pm	Michael Spillone (Ints)
Sun 21 st Sept	<i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8.30am	Richard Loughlin (RIP)
10.00am	Josephine & Paul Moise (RIP)
12.00pm	James Walsh (RIP)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>

We pray for those in our parish community who are ill:

Christopher 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:

Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.45am

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

Reconciliation (Confessions):

Sat. 10.30am – 11.00am. 5.00pm – 5.30pm (Or on request)