

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Our Lady & St George's Primary School:
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11th January 2015

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This Sunday the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This feast brings to an end the season of Christmas. At this time, the Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany, which occurred on the occasion of His Baptism in the Jordan.

In Mark's Gospel, John the Baptist tells us that 'Somebody is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals'. John continues that he has baptised with water, but the one to come 'will baptise you with the Holy Spirit'.

At Jesus' baptism, the Holy Trinity is revealed to us as three persons in One God. The voice from heaven confirmed the relationship between Jesus and the Father: 'You are my Son, the Beloved'. The Holy Spirit, 'like a dove' descended on him. Jesus is God's only Son, revealed in the person of Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.



Fr. Patrick

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 12th January 2015 at 7.30pm in the Church.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

VICAR GENERAL APPOINTMENT: Father Kevin Hale (Parish Priest at Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea) has been appointed by Bishop Alan as Vicar General for the Diocese. The role of the Vicar General is to assist the Bishop, being deputized to act in his name and support governance and administration of the Diocese. Please pray for Fr Kevin as he undertakes this new role of service for the Diocese.

CONFIRMATION: The next session for the Confirmation programme will take place on Sunday 18th January at 4pm in the Church. Please continue to keep the young people and their families in your prayers.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The next session for the First Communion programme will be on Saturday 10th January 2015 at 10.00am. All the children and parents are expected to attend. As usual the parents' session will take place in the Lower site of Our Lady & St George primary school, and the Children's session will take place in the parish hall.

The children will be making their first confession the following Saturday, 17th January at 10am. There will be a short reconciliation service.

RCIA meetings will resume on Thursday 15th January at 8.00pm.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE: The maintenance meeting will take place on Monday 19th January 2015 at 8pm in the presbytery.

DIVINE MERCY HEALING SERVICES resume this Sunday 11th January at 8.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

PARISH ASSISI PILGRIMAGE: There will be a pilgrimage to Assisi in honour of St Francis, 22nd-27th September 2015 - £719, 6 days H/B. Deadline for receipt of deposits is 5th January 2015. This is a very popular destination so book now to avoid disappointment. For more information contact Stella on 0208 527 3879.

REMINDER FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 1.9.10 – 31.8.11:
The closing date for Reception admission forms is Thursday 15th January 201

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.

HEALING MASS AT ABBOTSWICK HOUSE OF PRAYER, BRENTWOOD to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm Wednesday 21st January 2015. All are welcome! Please call 01277 373 959 for more information.

VACANCY FOR A TEMPORARY SECRETARY at the Brentwood Religious Education Service. Further details available from Mgr George Stokes / Sr Jude at Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood – Tel 01277 265 285 or 01277 265 284. Closing date Friday 16th January 2015.

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY: The next meeting of the Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society) will be held on Saturday 7th February 2015 at 2.30 pm. at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood. There will be a presentation at the meeting on "Mercy in World War One". This is about the work of the Sisters of Mercy in the First World War. For further information please contact Sister Isobel Parks OSU on 07962138287.

THOMAS MERTON – RESTLESS PILGRIM: The 31st January 2015 is the centenary of Thomas Merton's birth. To mark this occasion, Fr Brian O'Shea, Parish Priest of St Thomas of Canterbury, Grays will give a talk on the above title, on Monday 26th January at 7.30pm at the Brentwood Cathedral Conference Centre. For more information contact the Adult Religious Education Office on 01277 265 255.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES WITH BISHOP ALAN – SUMMER 2015: Bishop Alan will lead the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Sunday 26th to Friday 31st July 2015. From £649 by air with full board for six days, five nights, or from £429 by coach. This pilgrimage includes an experienced medical team and plenty of help for those with mobility needs. It is also ideal for couples, individuals, and groups of friends. There is a full programme to opt in and out of, and everyone is welcome. Visit www.brentwoodlourdes.org for much more information and to order a brochure, or pick up a leaflet from the porch.

ROTAS – JANUARY

Counting	4/1 D	11/1 C	18/1 C	25/1 E
Hospital	4/1 B	11/1 D	18/1 A	25/1 B
Christian Kitchen	3/1 Nor	10/1 F	17/1 G	24/1 A

Last week's collection was £2144.73. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George this week

6.00pm	Ann Stapleton (RIP)
Sun 11 th Jan	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>
8.30am	Tina Hackett (RIP)
10.00am	Elaine Francis (RIP)
12.00pm	Special Ints
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 12 th Jan	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Fr Maurice Gordon (Ints)
Tue 13 th Jan	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Fr Patrick Daly (Ints)
Wed 14 th Jan	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Mick O'Hara (RIP)
Thu 15 th Jan	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Bernadette Obilxa & family (Ints)
Friday 16 th Jan	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Denni McKalff (RIP)
Sat 17 th Jan	<i>St Anthony, Abbott</i>
10.00am	Special Ints
6.00pm	Len & Babs Finney (Ints)
Sun 18 th Jan	<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8.30am	Michael Geelan (RIP)
10.00am	Special Ints
12.00pm	John Monahan (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, 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, 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)