

## **CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE**

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Holy Family Catholic College: 8520 0482/8520 3587

### **Sunday 1 February 2015**

#### **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) – (Education Day)**

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus is at the beginning of his public ministry. He goes into the synagogue and began to teach the people. His teaching made a deep impression on them because unlike the scribes, he taught with authority. He is the fulfilment of what Moses speaks about in the First Reading. Jesus is now the prophet, bringing God's mercy and healing but he not only speaks of God, he is God. This gave him the authority in teaching and the people were affected and touched by what he said. One man who was listening was possessed by an evil spirit. When he heard Jesus speak, the evil spirit recognised Jesus and it shouted 'I know who you are, the Holy one of God.' Jesus recognises the evil spirit and confronts it straight away, saying sharply 'be quiet, come out of him'. In this situation, the light of Christ exposes the darkness of sin and evil within this man. When Jesus speaks his word, the spirit is banished and healing takes place. Evil is no match for God's power. God's word has the power to change and transform lives. We cannot heal ourselves, we need God's grace to help us identify the areas of our lives which need healing and to bring us to repentance. Otherwise, our hearts can become hardened and resistant to His offer of healing love.

Today's responsorial Psalm says 'O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.' It is easy to become discouraged and disillusioned if we are struggling with a particular evil habit. We need courage to face it and bring it into the light of God's love. We come face to face with Christ in the Sacraments. These encounters with Him heal and strengthen us. No matter how many times we fail. God's love is unconditional. He never gives up on us but invites us to turn back to Him.

The people in the synagogue were amazed to see Jesus cast the evil spirit out of this man. They wondered what it meant. There was something mysterious about

Him that attracted them and made them ask questions. This same Jesus is present to us in the Sacraments and this should inspire a sense of wonder in us. We can, of course, lose the sense of excitement about our faith because our relationship with the Lord like all relationships can become routine and cold. We need to regain the sense of wonder in our relationship with the Lord so that we may listen more attentively to His word and allow Him to shape our lives. As Christ healed the possessed man in the Gospel, He has the power to bring healing to our lives, if we are open to Him.

Fr Maurice

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**BAPTISMS:** The next Baptism course will take place on Monday 2 February at 7:30pm in the Church. All those with children to be baptised must attend.

**MARRIAGES:** By appointment. Six months notice is required.

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**CONFIRMATION:** The next session for the Confirmation programme will take place this Sunday 8 February 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 7 February 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.

**Social Committee** next meets on Tuesday 3 February at 7:30pm in the Church meeting room.

**Maintenance Committee** next meets on Thursday 19 February at 8pm in the presbytery.

**HCPT Dinner and Dance** takes place on Saturday 21 March, tickets costs £25pp. Book your table early and avoid missing out!! Speak to Anita, Peter or Em on 07976419680.

**RCIA** meetings have resumed on Thursday evenings at 8.00pm. Anyone interested in becoming Catholic, being confirmed as an adult or learning more about the faith is welcome to come along.

**Passion of The Christ** – a movie screening will be held on Friday 6 March at 8pm. Limited to 12 places only – ring Stella on 0208 527 3879 for more details.

**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.  
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**Eucharistic Ministers meeting for all who serve the hospital will be held next Saturday 7 February at 3pm in the Church meeting room. Sr Frances will lead in prayer and discussion. Please attend.**

**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](http://www.brentwoodlourdes.org) for much more information and to order a brochure, or pick up a leaflet from the porch.

**Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer**, Brentwood to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2:30pm, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015. All are welcomed! Please call 01277 373959 for more information.

**Eucharistic Adoration** – thank you to all from our community who come share in the Eucharistic Adoration. We need more people to commit to the following hours:

Monday, 10 – 11am, 12 – 1pm, 1-2pm and 4-5pm.

Wednesday: 11am – 12pm, 12-1pm and 1-2pm.

Spend time with Jesus. Please provide your name on the sheet available in the porch.

**VACANCY** – NQT Primary Class Teacher, start date: September 2015; NOR:218  
St Mary's Catholic Primary School (V.A) in Chingford  
0208 529 4723 [www.stmaryschingford.com](http://www.stmaryschingford.com)

Closing date for applications is 20 February 2015; shortlisting date is 24 February;  
interview date is 2 March 2015.

For more information email [school@st-maryspri.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:school@st-maryspri.waltham.sch.uk)

**Last week's collection was 1273.68.** Thank you very much for your generosity.

**RIP**

Bernard Butcher, whose Requiem Mass will take place on  
Wednesday 4 February at 12 noon

Patrick Deere, whose Requiem Mass will take place on  
Thursday 12 February at 1:30pm.

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

6.00pm	Mrs Teri Cole
Sunday 1 Feb	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (B) – Education Sunday</b>
8.30am	Parish community
10.00am	Deacon Joseph & family intentions
12.00pm	Robert Stinton (RIP)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Monday 2 Feb	<b>PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - Feast</b>
7.00am	Jason & Kristina Coeur-de-Lion intentions
9.15am	Tom Downey (RIP)
Tuesday 3 Feb	<b>St Anne Line, M</b>
7.00am	Tom Downey (RIP)
9.15am	Mary Larkins (RIP)
Wed 4 Feb	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Mary Larkins (RIP)
9.15am	Francis Houlihan (RIP)
Thu 5 Feb	<b>St Agatha, V M</b>
7.00am	Natalie Rosario intentions
9.15am	Adeline Rosario (RIP)
Friday 6 Feb	<b>St Paul Mike and Companions, Mm</b>
7.00am	Rosie Curran (RIP)
9.15am	Matthew Joseph Davey
Sat 7 February	<b>Feria</b>
10.00am	Swan Kwok intentions
6.00pm	Michael Fitzpatrick (RIP)
Sunday 8 Feb	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b>
8.30am	Agnes Byrne & Rose O Hare intentions
10.00am	Philomena Girling intentions
12.00pm	Boyce Chandrasingh intentions
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:**

**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**

**Reconciliation (Confessions):**

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