

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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19th April 2015

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

The Gospel this Sunday gives another account of a post-resurrection appearance of Jesus to His disciples in the upper room, but from a different perspective to the account we heard last week. The two disciples met Jesus on the road to Emmaus, and recognised Him when He broke bread with them. Those disciples returned to Jerusalem to share their account of what had happened with the others, when suddenly Jesus appears again amongst them all.

At this point, all the disciples felt uncomfortable and perhaps a deep sense of shame. They had abandoned Him during his Passion, and now having Him among them, their guilt would make them feel agitated. We too can feel agitated and guilty when we abandon the Lord through our own sin. But Jesus does not wish to leave the disciples, nor us, in this state. His first words to them were 'peace be with you.' This gentle greeting healed them, eased the tension and calmed their nerves. He was actually forgiving them, reconciling them to Himself and lifting the guilt and shame from them.

After we sin, Jesus wants us to return quickly to him; He wants to lift the burden of guilt from us. That is why He gives his disciples the mission to preach 'repentance for the forgiveness of sins to all nations'. Repentance means a fundamental change of heart, a conversion, a turning to the Lord accompanied by a sincere resolve not to commit the sin again. When we repent and are genuinely sorry, Jesus forgives us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus paid the ultimate price for our sins by His suffering and death and the cross. The forgiveness of Jesus flows to us from the cross.

In the Gospel today, Jesus restores the relationship with His disciples as he shows them the wounds in his hands and feet. It is the pain that Our Lord suffered from those wounds that heals the disciples and heals us too of our sins: 'By His wounds we are healed.'

Fr Maurice

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

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

SECOND COLLECTION: SMA FATHERS: This weekend there will be an appeal and second collection to support the work of the Society of African Missions (SMA Fathers). We welcome Fr Raj Manchal who is making the appeal.

CONFIRMATION: The next Confirmation session will take place this Sunday 19th April at 4pm in the Parish Hall.

VOCATIONS GROUP: We will starting a small group of young people to discuss and pray about vocations – to priesthood, religious / consecrated life and marriage. The group will be open to young men and women and will meet every 6-8 weeks. The first meeting will take place on Vocations Sunday, which is next Sunday 26th April at 5pm in the Church meeting room. This initiative will be supported through prayer by the Sunday evening adoration group.

PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY: Our fifth Annual Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place on Sunday 17th May at 2pm, beginning at the Upper Site of OLSG School, followed by the walk along Shernhall Street to the Church, where the rosary will be prayed in a number of languages. Save the date and come along! More information in coming weeks.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Fr Patrick will be leading a coach from the Parish on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham (Norfolk) on Saturday 23rd May. The coach will depart at 7.45am. The coach seats 48; each seat is £15. Please bring a packed lunch. Please sign up on the pink sheet on the Church noticeboard.

ROTAS: The new rotas for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are now available in the Church porch.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: The new offertory envelopes are now available in the Church porch. Please take your box if you are enrolled in the Gift Aid scheme. If you are not enrolled Gift Aid, please see below:

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. Thank you to all those who completed the Gift Aid forms last week; they will be distributed again this week for those who did not have a chance to complete them. This will help us to update our database. The Gift Aid Scheme provides much-needed additional income for the upkeep of the Church and support of our schools. For more information please contact Hana on 07939 485957.

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS: On Wednesday 16th April, BBC2 screened a documentary called 'Kill the Christians', about the brutal persecution of Christians by Islamists in the Middle East. The programme is available on the BBC iPlayer for the next month at <http://bbc.in/1DKGQ67>.

If you wish to help our fellow Christians in the Middle East, a good Catholic charity working in this area is Aid to the Church in Need <http://acnuk.org.uk/>

POETRY & MUSIC EVENING: There will be a evening of poetry and music involving a number of parishioners, including Aisling Fahey, Young Poet Laureate for London which will take place on Saturday 16th May, 7.30pm – 8.30pm. The event is free to attend, but there will be a retiring collection for the HCPT.

HEALING MASS at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood will be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on Wednesday 22nd April. Call 01277 373 959 for more info.

PRIEST SECRETARY REQUIRED IN CANNING TOWN: 9am – 1.30pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, starting late May. Full details at www.stmargaretsct.com or email the parish office on stmargaretsct@gmail.com. Closing date: Monday 4th May.

BRENTWOOD YOUTH SERVICE EVENTS:

Spring Youth Gather - 9th May – a perfect introductory event for those in years 7-9 at Stubbers Outdoor Activity Centre, Upminster.

March for Life UK – 16th May – we are taking a minibus to Birmingham to join this pro-life rally. There will also be a preparation evening in Brentwood with input from our youth chaplain Fr James, and a chance to make a BCYS pro-life banner!

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – 23rd May – join Bishop Alan, the BCYS and parishes from across the diocese on a pilgrimage to England's Nazareth, the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham – patroness of our youth retreat centre, Walsingham House.

More information about all events on Facebook, at www.bcys.net or by calling 01277 265 286.

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING at SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place on Sunday 26th April, 7.30pm-9.00pm. All are welcome.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Paquerette (Peggy) Oxenham, whose Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 22nd April at 10.00am

May she rest in peace.

ROTAS – APRIL:

Hospital	5/4 A	12/4 B	19/4 D	26/4 A
Counting	5/4 B	12/4 F	19/4 D	26/4 C
Christian Kitchen	4/4 Nor1	11/4 G	18/4 Nor2	25/4 A

The offertory collection for last week was £1404.32.
Thank you very much for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	Jaime Bustamente (RIP)
Sun 19 th Apr	Third Sunday of Easter (B)
8.30am	Parish
10.00am	Joan Welch (Ints)
12.00pm	Brian Louis Duggan (RIP)
6:30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 20 th Apr	Feria
7.00am	Maria Green & family (Ints)
9.15am	Liam Kearns (RIP)
Tue 21 st Apr	Feria
7.00am	Sr Mary Lardner (Ints)
9.15am	Ignatius Bonaparte (RIP)
Wed 22 nd Apr	Feria
7.00am	Sheila Maynihan (RIP)
9.15am	Greta Jen Gapp (RIP)
Thu 23 rd Apr	St George, Patron of England, Parish Patron
7.00am	Sheila Maynihan (RIP)
9.15am	Len Church (RIP)
Fri 24 th Apr	St Mellitus, Bishop
7.00am	Prinsley Rodrigo (Ints)
9.15am	Samuel Charles (RIP)
Sat 25 th Apr	St Mark, Evangelist
10.00am	Bernie Perrin (RIP)
6.00pm	Eleanor Fletcher (RIP)
Sun 26 th Apr	Fourth Sunday of Easter (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)
8.30am	John Joseph Cullen (RIP)
10.00am	Jan Salamonowicz (RIP)
12.00pm	Tobias Buelvo (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, 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, Luis & Lukas, Ann Hutton, Comfort Kwawu.

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)