

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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*5<sup>th</sup> April 2015*

## **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

On this Easter Sunday we join the Church throughout the world in celebrating Christ's resurrection from the dead. On Good Friday we commemorated His death on the cross, and the Church was packed. But our Lord's suffering and death was not the end. He rose again, and broke the power of death, making eternal life and friendship with God possible again for each one of us.

Jesus' resurrection was real, a fact of history. The apostles testify to it in today's First Reading – that they saw Him die, and later – after He rose, they ate and drank with Him. Those apostles, as well as Paul in the Second Reading, spend their lives proclaiming the truth of the resurrection and the importance and necessity of faith in the one who rose from the dead.

St Paul says, 'you have been brought back to true life with Christ; you must look for the true things in heaven.' The Christian is aware that he is not at home in this world; we are only passing through. If we search our hearts and are true to ourselves, there is a longing in us for something more than this world and all its goods can provide.

The resurrection of Jesus reminds us that there is life beyond the grave. We know that everything here below will pass, but we are created for eternal life.

Last week, Fr Denis Hall, a priest of the diocese died. When I was just ordained, he was my first Parish Priest and I looked up to him – he was a great support to me. He was a big figure in East London and about 4000 people came to mourn his passing last week. He was ordained 50 years this month, and celebrated his jubilee just a couple of weeks ago. These events reminded me that life is passing for all of us. In one sense it is the end of an era for Fr Hall, but we pray that he now enjoys that for which he was created; eternal union with God.

We too are all created for this end: to be with God forever. If we want to reach this goal, which is heaven, we must identify the stones that need to be rolled away in our lives – those things that need to change. In a few moments we will renew our baptismal promises, recommitting ourselves to serve Christ and reject evil.

Easter calls us to focus again on the purpose of our lives; to prepare for the life beyond. In this, Christ is our hope. Those who are faithful to Christ need not fear death, because our Lord has conquered it.

Let this mystery penetrate our hearts and minds today. As we do our best to follow Christ and avoid sin, let us live in the hope of eternal life.

**Fr Maurice**

**BAPTISMS:** By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Church.

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

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**WELCOME:** At this Easter time we welcome all those visiting family and friends, or who are back from university, and all those who are coming back to the Church. We wish you the peace and the joy of the Risen Lord this Easter.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** We warmly congratulate Victor Dangarembizi who was baptised, received Confirmation and First Communion at the Easter Vigil, and George Chimezie, Alexes Erano and Sarah Erano, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We wish them God's blessings and welcome them into our community.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Please note that there will be one 10am Mass each day during the coming week.

**CONFIRMATION:** The next Confirmation session will take place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm in the Parish Hall.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** The next session of the First Communion programme will be a practice session on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 10am in the Church. Parents and children should all attend this session.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Please note that Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will cease from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March and resume after Easter on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday, and there will be a special programme of events in the afternoon, commencing at 1.30pm with the rosary and adoration, with confessions available. Followed by Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Mass and refreshments. For more information contact Louella on 07545 625 109.

**MASS BOOKINGS:** Please note that all Sunday 8.30am and 10am Masses are booked until 21.6.15; all 12 noon Masses until 28.6.15; all Saturday 6pm Masses until 1.8.15. All weekday Masses are also booked up until May. If a date requested is not available, the next available Mass will be allocated instead.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:** Our annual Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm, beginning at the Upper Site of OLSG school. There will also be a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – and Fr Patrick will be accompanying a coach from the parish. More details on these two events in coming weeks.

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

**OUR LADY & ST GEORGE SCHOOL VACANCIES:** There are currently vacancies in Nursery, Year 2, Year 3, and Year 5. If you are interested in sending your child to a Catholic school or would like more information about the school before making a decision please contact the school office on 0208 520 8500.

**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.

**PRIEST SECRETARY REQUIRED IN BASILDON:** 9am – 1pm, Monday – Friday, start late April; salary £10,400. A friendly, caring and warm person with proven computer, communication and administration skills, discretion and the ability to manage busy diaries very effectively is sought. Job description and full application details are on the parish website [www.basildoncatholics.org](http://www.basildoncatholics.org). To discuss the role please phone Fr Dominic on 01268 281 732 after 12<sup>th</sup> April. Closing date Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

**FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY:** A Financial Administrator is required to support the Finance Office and Property Office teams at Cathedral House, Brentwood, on a fixed term basis (6 months), working three days a week (21 hours). If you – or any of your family or friends – are interested, please first contact [recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org) for a copy of the job description and person specification. You should then send in your CV, with a covering letter demonstrating how your experience and skills match the essential requirements and attributes of the role as per the job description and person specification. Closing date for CVs/applications is Friday 10th April.

**YOUTH MINISTRY VACANCY:** Assistant Manager of Walsingham House (WH) required from September. WH is the Youth Retreat Centre for our Diocese. This role involves the delivery of evangelistic day and residential retreat programmes for young people age 11-18. Salary £11,000 - £14,000 (depending on prior experience) plus live-in accommodation incl. utility bills. Please contact the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service Director, Kevin Ferros, for further details: [info@bcys.net](mailto:info@bcys.net) or 01277 265286. Closing date 20th April. Start date mid August.

**PIANO & ORGAN RECITAL FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS:** There will be a piano and organ recital at Holy Trinity Church, 185 Hermon Hill, South Woodford on Easter Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.15pm in aid of the UK-registered charity 'Iraqi Christians in need'.

**RIP**  
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Stephen Cartey, whose Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon  
  
May they rest in peace.

**ROTAS – APRIL:**

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

**Last week's collection was £1454.80. Thank you very much for your generosity.**

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

8.00pm	Easter Vigil: Parish
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b>
8.30am	Orlando Carvalho (RIP)
10.00am	Kitty & Richard Madeey (Ints)
12.00pm	Parish
6:30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Monday within the Octave of Easter</b>
10.00am	Mike & Sophie Sullivan & family (Ints)
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Tuesday within the Octave of Easter</b>
10.00am	Stephen Pious (RIP)
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Wednesday within the Octave of Easter</b>
10.00am	Special Ints
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Thursday within the Octave of Easter</b>
10.00am	Steven Cartey (RIP)
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Friday in the Octave of Easter</b>
10.00am	Lina Jose Riono (RIP)
12.00pm	Requiem Mass: Steven Carty
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Saturday in the Octave of Easter</b>
10.00am	Private Intention
6.00pm	Bustamante Arrieta family (Ints)
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)</b>
8.30am	Tessie Kalpee (Ints)
10.00am	Cliff De Souza (Ints)
12.00pm	Andrea Okoloekwe (Ints)
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, 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, Luis & Lukas, Ann Hutton, Comfort Kwawu.

**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)**