

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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*31<sup>st</sup> May 2015*

## **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (B)**

This weekend we contemplate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, which is the centre of our faith. The doctrine of the Trinity reveals to us who God *is*. God exists eternally as three Divine Persons; not three gods, and not as three parts to God, but as one God in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This may sound strange, but we should not be surprised that the nature of God is surprising. Why do we believe this? We believe in the Trinity, because God has revealed Himself to us as such; it is not something we can arrive at by our own reason, although in the light of revelation, reason can help us to penetrate it.

How did God reveal Himself? The answer is, it was gradually, over the course of ages. In the Old Testament, God reveals Himself as the one and only God, to a chosen people, the Israelites, and shows His power, compassion, faithfulness and love for them – and they are taught to observe His commandments. All this Moses refers to in today's first reading.

Then, in the fullness of time, we have Jesus, who while affirming that there is only one God, claims to be equal to God Himself. As He told Philip, 'to have seen Me is to have seen the Father; I and the Father are one.' This same Jesus says that He shall send the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles to guide the Church He established; this Holy Spirit is also God, because He will guide them 'into all truth'. Today's Gospel emphasises the unity of the three Persons: the Apostles are instructed to baptise in the Name (singular) of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Holy Trinity is a community of Persons, like a family. When we were baptised we were adopted as sons and daughters into that family, and we belong to it. God wishes that all people would belong to His family as His children. As His children we can inherit the riches of our Father, which will make the wealth of this world and the materialism of our culture, seem like foolishness. We will inherit this by living as faithful children of God, and imitating our Lord in taking up our own crosses.

Every Christian family is called to reflect the Trinity, to be a community where each member can freely exchange love with the others. How can our families be better icons of the Trinity? Families are not just a collection of individuals sharing a roof. They should be praying together; the family is the domestic Church. They should also love deeply, and love grows in spending time together. Parents: give time to your children and cherish them, as the gifts God has given you to nurture. Family time and parent-child time is crucial: Pope Francis encouraged parents to 'waste time with [their] children' Strive to make your homes places of joy; the family that is able to rejoice together, pray, play and laugh together create a taste of heaven on earth.

**Fr Maurice**

**BAPTISMS:** By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Church.

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

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**FIRST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING:** A Mass of thanksgiving for the all the children who received their First Holy Communion this year will take place on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 10am.

**CONFIRMATION THANKSGIVING:** Thanks to all who participated in last week's Confirmation celebration. There will be a Mass of thanksgiving on 19<sup>th</sup> July at 12 noon.

**SUPPORTING PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS:** We are organizing an evening of prayer and song, in support of our persecuted brothers and sisters throughout the Middle East. This will take place in the Church on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July from 7.30pm – 9.00pm. A collection will be taken for Aid to the Church in Need.

**PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD:** Following the success of the last pilgrimage to Aylesford, Kent, which many of you attended two years ago, the parish is arranging a coach for this year's pilgrimage, which takes place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July, departing the Church at 9am. Events include Eucharistic Adoration, the rosary, and workshops for parents and grandparents, with time for a picnic and children's entertainments (face painting, bouncy castle, football/cricket) through the afternoon. Concludes with Mass at 3pm, and returning to Walthamstow by 6pm. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church – please add your name if you would like to go. Seats are £5 each.

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:** There will be an appeal and second collection for the Little Sisters of the Poor on the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> June. You can read about their work on <http://www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/>

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI, 22-27 SEPTEMBER:** Please note final bookings are now being taken for anyone still wishing to travel. There will be a meeting on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 3pm in the Parish Hall, to discuss final travel arrangements. Payment for coach travel to Gatwick will be finalized here. Further enquiries contact: Stella 0208 527 3879.

**FINANCE MEETING:** The next meeting of the finance committee is Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 8pm in the presbytery. All committee members are asked to attend.

**MAINTENANCE MEETING:** The next meeting of the maintenance committee will take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm in the presbytery. All committee members are asked to attend.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** There are currently some slots available for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Mondays, 12-1pm, 1-2pm and 3pm-4pm. We do require at least a couple of people to be present at all times when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. If you are able to commit some time in prayer with the Lord, please leave your details on the sign up sheet by the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, or contact Louella on 07545 625 109.

**SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY:** The School of Community is a group that meets weekly for one hour on Thursdays (6.15pm-7.15pm). The aim of the group is to pray together and discern the action of Christ in our everyday lives and show how our faith is relevant in daily life. No formal commitment is required to join the group; participants are free to come, as they are able. For more information contact [walthamstow.soc@gmail.com](mailto:walthamstow.soc@gmail.com)

**CATHOLIC CONVENTION AND HEALING SERVICE:** including Mass, inspiring talks, praise and worship, Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration and healing prayers on 11th July at The Capital FM Arena, Bolero Square, Nottingham NG1 1LA from 8am-4pm led by Fr. Xavier Khan Vattayil, Director of the Sehion Retreat Centre, Kerala. Mass will be celebrated around 9.30am. No booking required. Just turn up and join thousands of Catholics for a faith-filled enjoyable day. There is no charge but an offering will be taken. More information on [www.sehionuk.org](http://www.sehionuk.org).

**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.

**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.

**TEACHING VACANCY:** St Benedict's College, Colchester, is seeking a well-qualified, innovative and enthusiastic RE teacher for September 2015. Further details are available on our website <http://www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk> or by telephoning Mrs Angela Jones, HR administrator, on 01206 549222.

**RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Fr Jim McCormack, who served as a priest of the diocese for over 50 years, including some years in Ilford and Chingford. His body will be received into Our Lady of Light & St Osyth's Church, Clacton-on-Sea, on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 4.30pm and his Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 11.30am.

May he rest in peace.

**ROTAS – MAY / JUNE:**

Hospital	31/5 D	7/6 A	14/6 B	21/6 D	28/6 A
Counting	31/5 E	7/6 C	14/6 B	21/6 D	28/6 F
Christian Kitchen	30/5 D	6/6 Nor1	13/6 E	20/6 Nor2	26/6 F

**The offertory collection for last week was £1300.12  
Thank you for your generosity.**

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

6.00pm	Richard Balfe (RIP)
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>The Most Holy Trinity</b>
8.30am	Felicia Lopes (RIP)
10.00am	Parish
12.00pm	Dorothy Preville (RIP)
6:30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Jun	<b>Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St Mary &amp; St Helen, Brentwood (Diocesan Feast)</b>
7.00am	The Sullivans (Ints)
9.15am	Boyce Chandisingh (RIP)
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun	<b>Ss Marcellinus &amp; Peter (Martyrs)</b>
7.00am	Shukura Babirye Sebunya & Ijaz Miles Kato Sebunya (Ints)
9.15am	Desmond Bertrand (RIP)
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	<b>St Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions (Martyrs)</b>
7.00am	Neria Reyes (RIP)
9.15am	Beloved family of Alma Wilcox (RIP)
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Tony Horan (RIP)
9.15am	Richard Mackey (Ints)
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<b>St Boniface</b>
7.00am	Elizabeth Carroll (Ints)
9.15am	Patricia Brooks (RIP)
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<b>St Norbert</b>
10.00am	Raymond Finney (Ints)
6.00pm	Veronica J Baptisee (RIP)
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<b>The Body &amp; Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</b>
8.30am	Members of St George's Blessed Sacrament Confraternity
10.00am	Sean Lundy (RIP) & Joe & Rhona Elwood (Ints)
12.00pm	Berlynda Moise (Thanksgiving)
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, 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)**