

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2016

## **Second Sunday of the Year (C) (Peace Day)**

In Today's gospel we see how Mary averted a minor disaster. Mary goes to the headwaiter and says 'Do whatever he tells you', and it happens! Six large stone jars of water became wine through the power of Jesus. Through the promptings of his mother, Christ begins his ministry. We recall again Mary's last recorded words in Scripture. 'Do whatever he tells you' and we see the result. An extravagant and lavish gift from God.

A famous philosopher once wrote over two thousand years ago "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world'. He was of course, referring to the power of women and in particular the power of mothers, to influence the events of our lives and the direction of society.

In recent years the whole position of women in most countries has changed. Many are in full time occupations outside the home. Some women feel that they are confronted with a choice – motherhood versus a career – while others combine both roles with ease. And still, many prefer the traditional role of remaining at home.

Today, women are seen in a much clearer light to play a big part in defining society and determining the future. And yet women have always down through the ages had a profound effect on the lives of those around them.

We can learn from the quiet wife and mother, in the person of Mary, whose gentle promptings brought about a complete change in the destiny of so many. St Paul reminds us that in the Church there are a variety of gifts, some obvious some hidden. The power of gentle persuasion is such a gift; and perhaps one that many of us can exercise.

Fr Maurice

**BAPTISMS:** By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place this Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Church.

**MARRIAGES:** By appointment. Six months notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests for more information.

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**WEEKDAY MASSES FROM 18<sup>th</sup> JAN:** From 18<sup>th</sup> January, for three weeks, there will be **only one weekday Mass at 9.15am** (i.e. no 7am Mass). 7am Mass will resume on the 8<sup>th</sup> February.

**NEW CHURCH CARPETS:** The carpet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, and in the center aisle of the Church has been replaced. The full cost of the work is approximately £2800. Any donations towards this cost will be gratefully received. Parishioners are asked to please help keep the new carpets in good condition, to take care not to spill wax on or otherwise stain them or to walk on them with muddy shoes. Thanks for your cooperation.

**RCIA (BECOMING A CATHOLIC):** The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) group meets on Thursday evenings at 8pm in the Church meeting room. This group is for people interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and exploring the possibility of entering the Church – or for adults who may have been baptised but never received First Communion or Confirmation. For more information speak to one of the priests.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** The next session for the First Communion Programme will be Saturday 23 January. As usual the children meet in the parish hall, and the parents in the Lower Site of OLSG School, at 10am.

**CONFIRMATION:** The next session for the Confirmation programme is Sunday 24 January at 4pm in the Parish Hall. Please keep the young people and their families in your prayers.

**MASS OFFERINGS:** Saturday 6pm Masses are booked until mid-April 2016, Sunday 8.30am Masses are booked until mid-March 2016, 10am Masses until May 2016, 12pm Masses until mid-March 2016. If a requested date is not available, the next available will be allocated. Many thanks for your understanding.

**ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING (Reminder):** There will be an afternoon training session for all altar servers on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm in the Church meeting room. At the 6pm Mass on that day, a number of servers will be enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen and will receive medals in recognition of their service. **All current servers are requested to make every effort to attend.** Any young person who has made their first communion and would like to join the servers is very welcome to come along. We thank Jason our MC for his leadership.

**VOCATIONS GROUP:** The next meeting of the vocations group will be on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm in the Church meeting room. This group is open to all young people, and we discuss how the Christian life is lived through marriage, priesthood, religious and single life.

**MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES:** On Sunday 7 February at 3 pm, Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass at Brentwood Cathedral in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Patroness of our diocese and all who are ill. Join the bishop to pray for our diocese, anyone who is ill and if you have a devotion to the shrine of Our Lady at Lourdes. This Mass is a wonderful opportunity to thank Our Lady for graces received at the shrine or should you be planning to make a pilgrimage.

**ORDINATION OF BR. PIUS COLLINS, O.PRAEM:** The ordination of Br. Pius to the priesthood will be celebrated at Our Lady Immaculate, Chelmsford, (178 New London Rd,

Chelmsford CM2 0AR) on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm. If you would like to attend the ordination please email [office@olichurch.co.uk](mailto:office@olichurch.co.uk) or phone 01245 352 898.

**51<sup>st</sup> Eucharistic Congress** will take place in CEBU, the Phillipines, 24 – 31 January 2016. You may ask what is the Eucharistic Congress? It is a gathering of people from all over the world to promote an awareness of Christ in the Eucharist. This year's theme is **CHRIST IN YOU, OUR HOPE OF GLORY**. The last Eucharistic Congress was held in Dublin in 2012. We congratulate our Phillipino community and we pray for the success of the Congress.

'**Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood** to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on Wednesday 3rd February 2016. Please call 01277 373959 or visit [www.abbotswick.org](http://www.abbotswick.org) for more information. All are welcome!'

### **SCHOOL GOVERNOR TALK**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2016 – **Susan Watts** – Theme: Data Dashboard & RAISEOnline Data For Governors. Cathedral House, Brentwood. 9.30am – 12.00pm. This course is open to all current school Governors. If you would like to register a place please contact: Lisa Gunther at [lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or on 01277 265285

### **STUDY DAY WITH FR NICHOLAS KING SJ**

Fr Nicholas King, well-known biblical scholar, will lead a study day at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30 until 3 p.m. The topic of the day will be 'The Helplessness of God'. Biblical texts will be explored to help us reflect on leadership and authority in the Church. The day is free, and tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch. It is essential to book your place and this should be done by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com)

### **VACANCIES -**

Trinity Catholic High School wishes to appoint a **Technician** to work in the Science department and a **D&T Technician** for the D&T department is required as soon as possible. Please download the application form from the school website. Only standard application forms are accepted and not CVs. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Sam Gillary on 020 8504 3419 ext 170 or email. Successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

**SICK CALLS TO HOSPITAL:** In light of strict data protection rules it is important that on entering hospital you tell the nurses that your details or those of your relatives be passed to the Catholic chaplain, if you wish to be visited. We visit the wards during the week and also provide a 24-hour on-call service in case of emergency.

### **ROTAS – JANUARY**

Hospital	3/1 <b>A</b>	10/1 <b>B</b>	17/1 <b>D</b>	24/1 <b>A</b>	31/1 <b>B</b>
Counting	3/1 <b>B</b>	10/1 <b>D</b>	17/1 <b>F</b>	24/1 <b>C</b>	31/1 <b>D</b>
Christian Kitchen	2/1 <b>Nor1</b>	9/1 <b>G</b>	16/1 <b>Nor2</b>	23/1 <b>A</b>	30/1 <b>B</b>

#### **RIP:**

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Dennis Collins.  
His requiem Mass will take place on Monday 25 January at 12 noon in the Church. May he rest in peace.

The offertory collection for 10 January was £1355.57.  
Many thanks for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	Sr Anne Marie (Ints)
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) (Peace Day)</b>
8.30am	Patrick Joseph Geelan (RIP)
10.00am	Rod and Dolly Mayers (ints)
12.00pm	Parish
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Feria</b>
9.15am	Special intentions
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Feria</b>
9.15am	Sesha Irudayanathan (RIP)
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Feria</b>
9.15am	Trevor Vinson
Thu 21 Jan	<b>Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</b>
9.15am	Mr & Mrs Bala & Queenie (RIP)
Fri 22 Jan	<b>Feria</b>
9.15am	Mr Poobalan (RIP)
Sat 23 Jan	<b>Feria</b>
10.00am	Holy Souls (for all departed)
6.00pm	Nagle & Moss families (RIP)
Sun 24 Jan	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) (Education Day)</b>
8.30am	Parish intentions
10.00am	Richard Mackey (ints)
12.00pm	James Mason (RIP)

### **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, 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, 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 Klimauskaite, Philomena Spranklen, Jeffrey Mitchell, Michelle Boyle, Carla Cornelius, Cecelia Gibbs, Arthur Gibbs, Ural Gibbs, Gilbert Gibbs, Archie, George & Issac, Luis & Lukas, Anne Hutton, Comfort Kwawu, Judith Hilton, Gloria and Tracy Joseph, Pdraig Hester, Regina Jose

### **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.** During these times the priest is in the Reconciliation Room, inside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left. Confessions are also available at other times on request; please call at the house.