

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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12th March 2017

Second Sunday of Lent (A)

Our readings today teach us that as followers of Christ, we need to get out of our comfort zone, because the cross is part and parcel of Christian living, and there is no glory without it.

In the Gospel, Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a mountain with Him, and He is transfigured in their presence, appearing to them in His glory. Peter wants to prolong the experience; he is comfortable and wants to remain there. But Jesus knows that the road to Calvary lies ahead, and that the cross must be faced before the glory of the resurrection.

We like to remain comfortable because we fear the unknown. But we should not be afraid to take a leap of faith and trust in the Lord. Jesus tells His disciples, 'stand up, do not be afraid' – and He says the same to each one of us.

So in this second week of Lent, the question is there for all of us, 'What is the Lord calling me to?' Am I prepared to step out in confidence and trust? Moving out of our comfort zones and being prepared to accept hardship and suffering is never easy.

St Paul gives us good advice in the second reading, 'bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy.'

Fr Maurice

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

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: During Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross in the Church on Friday evenings at 6.45pm. Recalling and praying the Way of the Cross is an excellent Lenten practice to help us prepare for Holy Week. Do come along.

LENTEN 'WALK WITH ME' BOOKLETS: The Lent and Easter 'Walk with me' booklets are now on sale in the repository (in the Church porch), priced £1. The booklets contain a brief reflection, either on the scripture readings of the day or some aspect of the faith. The booklets are pocket-sized and written in a simple and accessible style. They could also make a good gift for a friend or someone who is housebound.

SUMMER 2017 PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: A handful of places are still available for the Parish Lourdes coach pilgrimage (Saturday 22nd – Friday 28th July 2017). If you would like to go, please collect an application form from the presbytery, and return it with a deposit of £150 per place no later than **next Friday 17th March**. Deposits should be paid by cheque, made payable to 'Our Lady & St George's Catholic Church'. Please note there are only 49 places in total, and **only a handful are left**, so if you have not yet returned your form or would like to collect one, **then please do so as soon as possible**, so that we can move ahead with the organisation. The price is £449 for adults, including visits to Paris and Lisieux.

CONFIRMATION 2017: The next session for the Confirmation programme is this Sunday, 12th March, starting at 4pm sharp in the parish hall.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: There will be a meeting of the finance committee this Monday 13th March at 8pm in the presbytery. All members are requested to attend.

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL: Please note that there will be a meeting for members of the Stewards of the Gospel working group on Wednesday 15th March at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. As always, anyone who would like to be involved in Bishop Alan's initiative is welcome to attend.

HCPT ST PATRICK'S FAMILY PARTY NIGHT: Bar – Live Music – Dancing – Irish coffee – Irish Dance Display – Raffle. Next Saturday 18th March, 7.30pm till late at Holy Family Catholic School (Wiseman Site, 34 Shernhall St). £10 adults, £5 children: includes a free Irish supper! Tickets are now on sale from Peter Norman; contact 07976 419 680.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC): All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are asked to attend a meeting on Saturday 1st April, 11am-12pm for a refresher on practicalities surrounding these duties. This meeting is compulsory, and all EMHC are asked to confirm attendance in advance or send apologies. Please contact Jenny Richmond on 07801 628 799 or in-person after Mass to confirm or give your apologies, or if you have questions.

ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE: There will be a practice for all altar servers on Saturday 8th April, 3.00pm-4.30pm, which will include rehearsals for Holy Week and Easter. All servers are asked to attend.

FIRST COMMUNION CARDS: A good range of First Communion greeting cards and gifts are now available on sale in the repository.

LENTEN RETREAT, PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING: There will be a Lenten Retreat at the Parish of Christ the King, 455 Chingford Road E4 8SP on 2 April from 1-4pm, starting with soup and roll.

DIOCESAN CENTENARY: As this is the 100th anniversary of our Diocese, prayer cards have been produced, and we will be saying the prayer after Masses during the year. We now have more cards available; do take one home and say the prayer with your family.

FRIENDS OF HOLY FAMILY TABLE TOP SALE: Saturday 25th March 2017 - 10:00am - 1:00pm, Walthamstow Site, 1 Shernhall Street, London E17 3EA. A chance to get rid of that clutter, buy a treat or gift or enjoy our delicious refreshments and take a home-made cake for later! To book a table, email the Friends for a booking form at t.friends@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk or phone the school office on 020 8520 0482. Tables £10.00 in advance, £15 on the day subject to availability. Admission 50p adults, children free. Book early to avoid disappointment.

SATs TUTORING: Icilda Stewart is running English Classes for Year 5 & 6 children in the parish hall, focused on preparation for SATs Assessments in May 2017 and 2018. Please note that Maths Classes will also be offered shortly. To find out more please call Icilda on 07949 528 873.

OLSG SCHOOL PLACES: For Children born between 01.09.2013 and 31.08.2014. Parents wishing to apply for a nursery place for September 2017 can download the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) from the school website www.olsgweb.org or collect it from the Lower Site Office (140 Shernhall St, E17 9HU). There will be a choice of full-time or part-time places, term time only. Part time hours are 1) Mornings 8.45am – 11.45am; 2) Afternoons 12.15pm – 3.15pm; 3) Fulltime 8.45am – 3.15pm, part funded. Information packs are available from the Lower Site school office. If you have any queries, please phone Mrs. Moloney on 0208 520 8500.

Our primary school also currently has two spaces in reception and four spaces in Year 2. For more information please contact Mrs Moloney.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Registering to donate to the parish via the offertory envelopes allows the parish to reclaim 25p for every £1 given, at no extra cost to the giver. This makes your generous donations go further, and supports the upkeep of the Church and its buildings, and our schools. If you would like to register for the Gift Aid scheme, or have any questions about it, please call Armie on 07962 501 555.

RCIA (BECOMING A CATHOLIC): The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) 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. Sessions take place on **Thursday evenings at 8pm in the Church meeting room**. If you would like more information about the RCIA process please speak to one of the priests or contact Bernadette Wilson on 07804 611 914.

ROTAS – MARCH

Counting	5/3 E	12/3 F	19/3 D	26/3 E
Christian Kitchen	4/3 Nor	11/3 F	18/3 G	25/3 A
Hospital	5/3 B	12/3 D	19/3 A	26/2 B

The offertory collection last week was £1562.50

Thank you very much for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	Richard & Nora Keane (RIP)
Sun 12 Mar	Second Sunday of Lent (A)
8.30am	Stella Rodrigues (Thanksgiving)
10.00am	Michael Drennan (RIP)
12.00pm	Parish
Mon 13 Mar	Feria
7.00am	Russell Rodrigues (Ints)
9.15am	Julian Rodrigues (Ints)
Tue 14 Mar	Feria
7.00am	Susan Brady (Ints)
9.15am	John O'Donnell (Ints)
Wed 15 Mar	Feria
7.00am	Sr Perpetua (Ints)
9.15am	Mrs Saunders (RIP)
Thu 16 Mar	Feria
7.00am	Mary Apple & family (Ints)
9.15am	Jockey Joans & family (Ints)
Fri 17 Mar	St Patrick, Bishop, Apostle of Ireland (National Feast)
7.00am	Coreen John Lewis & family (Ints)
9.15am	Elizabeth McGann (RIP)
Sat 18 Mar	Feria
10.00am	Moses (Thanksgiving, Ints)
6.00pm	Joel Dias (RIP)
Sun 19 Mar	Third Sunday of Lent (A)
8.30am	Catherine Murnane (RIP)
10.00am	Parish
12.00pm	Stephanie Yamson (Ints)

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, 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, Anthony O'Boyle, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Bill Walsh, 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, Anne Hutton, Comfort Kwawu, Judith Hilton, Gloria and Tracy Joseph, Pdraig Hester, Regina Jose, Kojo Gyebi-Ababio, Thampirajah Baskaran, Linda Campbell.

Morning Prayer:

Rosary:

Reconciliation (Confessions):

Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.45am

Weekdays after morning Mass

Sat. 10.30am – 11.30am. 5.00pm – 5.45pm. 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.

Bible Study:

Mondays at 8pm, Church Meeting Room
