

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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**21 May 2017**

## **Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)**

In this month of May, we celebrate the Virgin Mary, Our Lady, and her role in the history of salvation. This year is extra special because it is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima, Portugal, as well as the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of our Diocese of Brentwood.

This Sunday, 21st May, we are holding our annual procession to honour Our Lady. In every culture, important anniversaries, local heroes and religious festivals are marked by public parades, to unite the participants and inspire onlookers. In the Church, public processions – whether carrying Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, or in honour of the saints, have a long history, going back many centuries. They are an outward expression of the Catholic faith.

In England, devotion to Our Lady has been a major feature of Catholic life for centuries, with many shrines dedicated to her. Pilgrims have visited the shrine at Walsingham for almost 1000 years. In 1251, Our Lady appeared to St Simon Stock at Aylesford in Kent, giving him the Brown Scapular, which is worn by millions of the faithful worldwide.

Some of our past Monarchs have also had a deep love for the Blessed Mother and turned to her in times of need - St Edward the Confessor (reigned 1042-1066) named England Mary's 'dowry', and King Richard II (reigned 1377-1399) consecrated the country to her protection.

Catholics honour Mary because, full of grace, she cooperated with God's will and freely consented to bring Our Lord Jesus Christ into the world. On the cross, Jesus gave His mother to all of us, and now in heaven, she is a powerful advocate with her Divine Son. We love her because He loves her, and we can be confident that she will help us in our needs and difficulties, and lead us ever closer to Him.

Our procession is a public sign that although we come from many countries around the world, we unite in seeking Mary's maternal intercession, and we pray especially for the conversion of this country and for the zeal to re-evangelise it.

**The procession today begins at 2pm at the Upper Site of Our Lady and St George School, and will proceed along Shernhall Street to the Church, where decades of the Rosary will be prayed in a number of languages. There will be a barbeque afterwards in the parish garden. Please come along. Parishioners are welcome to wear traditional clothes and/or bring flags from their home countries for the procession.**

**Fr Maurice**

**BAPTISMS:** By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place next Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Church. Prospective Godparents are also encouraged to attend.

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

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**PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY – TODAY:** Our Procession in Honour of Our Lady takes place today, beginning at 2pm at the Upper Site of Our Lady and St George School (near Shernhall Street). Do come along – there will be a barbeque afterwards in the parish garden. Pray for good weather, and come along!

**FR MAURICE 40<sup>TH</sup> ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY:** This year, Fr Maurice celebrates 40 years of Ordination to the Priesthood. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm** in the Church, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall and garden. Please save the date – all parishioners are warmly welcome. **Next week, there will be envelopes available if you would like to contribute to a collection for Fr Maurice.**

**CONFIRMATION 2017:** This Sunday the Confirmation group is involved in our Marian procession, and will lead a decade of the Rosary. The next session is next Sunday at 4pm in the parish hall. Please pray for the young people, who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 4<sup>th</sup> June.

**OUR LADY STATUE:** To celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, a statue of Our Lady of Fatima is visiting homes of our parishioners from the month of May through to the end of October. If you would like to have the statue in your home for a day during this time, please contact Louella on 07545 625 109.

**MEETING FOR PARISH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:** For all those who have signed up for our Parish Lourdes pilgrimage (22-28 July), the next meeting will be next **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm in the parish hall**. A representative from the tour company will attend, and more information about the timetable and other logistics will be provided. All pilgrims are asked to attend this meeting.

**WELCOMERS MEETING:** There will be a meeting for existing welcomers and any parishioners who would be interested in joining the welcoming team, on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May, 12-1pm in the Church meeting room. The welcomers have an important role in greeting people when they arrive for Mass, handing out leaflets and providing assistance. If you, or your family would be interested in helping with this, please come along to the meeting.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** The new offertory envelopes are now available in the porch – **if you haven't already taken yours, please do so**. If you cannot find your box, or you wish to join the Gift Aid Scheme, please email [finance@olsg.co.uk](mailto:finance@olsg.co.uk) or call Armie on 07962 501 555. The scheme allows the parish to reclaim 25p for every £1 given by UK taxpayers 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 are part of the scheme and your tax situation changes in the future, please let us know.

**DAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – SPACES FILLING FAST:** This being the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our diocese, there will be a Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Our parish will be organising a coach, and a sign-up sheet is now on the noticeboard. The coach will depart the parish at about 8am, and there will be a Mass at 3pm in Walsingham on that day, which will fulfil the Sunday obligation. A cost of £15 per seat for transport expenses will be collected on the day. **Please note that there will be no 6pm Saturday evening Mass on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at St George's.**

**DIOCESAN CENTENARY LECTURES:** On the Wednesdays of June, there will be a series of Centenary Lectures covering the history of our diocese, at Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall, Ingrave Road, CM15 8AT, beginning at 7.30pm. Details are as follows: Wed 7 June: Fr Stewart Foster – Foundation and Early Years; Wed 14 June: Canon Brian O’Shea – Bishops Beck, Wall and Casey; Wed 21 June: Fr Martin Boland – the Modern Era; Wed 28 June: Dr Paul Docherty – Patron Saints of the Diocese.

**UPCOMING SEMINARS AT BRENTWOOD:** **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June** 10.30am-12pm, Fr Martin Boland – “The beautiful will save us: beauty in the thought of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI”. **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June**, 10.30-12pm, Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon - ‘God has a dream for each one of us’. **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July**, 10.30am-12pm, Bishop Alan Williams - “Contemplative prayer – is it for me?” All seminars take place in the Conference Hall at Cathedral House, 28 Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT.

**BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN CENTENARY CELEBRATION MASS:** On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am at Brentwood Cathedral (Ingrave Road CM15 8AT) there will be a Solemn Choral Mass celebrated Bishop Alan, at which will be premiered the Missa Brevis composed by Diana Burrell, specially commissioned by the Brentwood Cathedral Choir for the Diocesan Centenary.

**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.

**E17 ART TRAIL 2017:** The E17 Art Trail will be taking place this year from June 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 18<sup>th</sup>. The Art Trail is a festival of the arts that is held in public and private spaces across Walthamstow. It is intended to showcase local talent and creativity. As part of the celebrations, Our Lady & St George Church is hosting two art exhibitions. The Holy Family school GCSE and A Level students will be displaying the work the week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> June. On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June from 10am to 6pm a local artist will be putting on a show of her drawings and paintings in the Church hall. All are very welcome to come and visit – see poster in the Church foyer for more information.

**RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jill Swires, mother of Fr Mark Swires, who died last week. Her Requiem Mass will take place at Brentwood Cathedral, Ingrave Road, CM15 8AT on 25<sup>th</sup> May at 11am, followed by burial in Uppminster Cemetery.

May she rest in peace.

**ROTAS – MAY**

Counting	7/5 B	14/5 F	21/5 B	28/5 B
Christian Kitchen	6/5 Nor	13/5 F	20/5 G	27/5 A
Hospital	7/5 B	14/5 D	21/5 A	28/5 B

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

6.00pm	Juliet Dias (RIP)
Sun 21 May	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter (Day of Prayer for Human Work)</b>
8.30am	Natalie Rosario (Ints)
10.00am	Angelina Hoareau (RIP)
12.00pm	Parish
Mon 22 May	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Ram Ramsey (RIP)
9.15am	Richard Balfe (RIP)
Tue 23 May	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Holy Vocations
9.15am	Pauline Allen
Wed 24 May	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Thomas Minnah (RIP)
9.15am	John Teahan (Ints)
Thu 25 May	<b>St Bede the Venerable (Priest, Doctor of the Church)</b>
7.00am	Darren Rodrigues (Ints)
9.15am	Maria Sanches (Ints)
Fri 26 May	<b>St Philip Neri (Priest)</b>
7.00am	Elizabeth Carling (Ints)
9.15am	Margaret Moore (Ints)
Sat 27 May	<b>St Augustine of Canterbury (Bishop, National Feast)</b>
10.00am	Krishna and Tessie Kalpee (Ints)
6.00pm	Joel Dias (RIP)
Sun 28 May	<b>The Ascension of the Lord (A)</b>
8.30am	Oscar Santiano
10.00am	Jitesh Maisuria (Ints)
12.00pm	Paul Milevicius

### **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, 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, Brid O'Halloran, Betty Ramsey.

### **Morning Prayer:**

### **Rosary:**

### **Reconciliation (Confessions):**

**Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.40am**

**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.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Monday-Friday 7.30-8.30am; Mondays: 10am-7pm; Wednesdays 10am-4pm; Fridays 9.45-10.45am; Saturdays 10.30-11.30am.

### **Bible Study:**

Mondays at 8pm, Church Meeting Room

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