

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Sunday 11^h March 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Dear Parishioners,

Today, the 'middle' Sunday of Lent, is known as Laetare Sunday. The title comes from the opening words of the Entrance Antiphon for the Mass "Laetare Jerusalem" or "Rejoice, O Jerusalem" We tend not to think of Lent as a time to rejoice, but some small signs of joy are permitted at Mass today such as the use of rose-coloured priest veatments instead of Lenten purple. The shadow of the Cross still looms large, but we look forward with hope to Easter, when light will conquer the darkness.

We are offered the opportunity today to pause and reflect on our Lenten journey. St Paul says "You are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it" Many of our efforts during Lent are aimed at improving ourselves, being more generous with our time or resources, more attentive to the needs of others – living as true followers of Jesus. What changes do I need to make to become "God's work of art"?

In St John's Gospel we hear: 'the [person] who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does he does in God.' Some questions we might ask this Lent are: Am I living a truthful life? Am I honest in my dealings with others, trying always to choose to do what is right and good? How might I step into the light this Lent? Continued Prayers and Blessings to you and your family this Lent.

Fr. Niall (Fr. Niall)

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

Baptism Course The next Baptism Course will be on Monday 12 March at 19:30 pm in the Church. Please bring along the Godparents as well.

Parish Sacrament and Preparation Course: The next Sacrament of Confirmation preparation session is on this Sunday 11th March at 4p.m. in the parish hall. Please keep the candidates in your prayers.

Dates for your Diary: Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service on Monday 19th of March 7:30pm. There will be 4 priests available for individual Confessions after a short period of preparation.

Each Friday in Lent there will be **Stations of the Cross** in the church at 6:45p.m. All welcome.

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 or call Armie, our Gift Aid Organiser, 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.

RECEPTION AFTER EASTER VIGIL – HELP URGENTLY NEEDED: At the Easter Vigil (Saturday 31st March), we will welcome two new members to our parish family through the celebration of Baptism. Afterwards there will be a reception in the meeting room to welcome the new members. We kindly request donations of finger food,(a list of specific items will be put on notice board next week) drinks, and assistance with preparation and clearing away. If you are able to assist in any way, please put your name on the board in the Church porch, to help us with planning. For more information please call: Bernadette on 07804 611 914.

Parish May Procession on Sunday 13th of May. Fr Nixon will meet with the organising committee on Monday 12th March at 7p.m. in the church. Each parish organisation and each nationality are requested to send a representative to this meeting. Information on flags and banners, ushers and posters will be delegated.

Mothering Sunday : A very happy mother's day to all Mums. Thank you for all you do for your children and family.

HCPT Appeal Following last weekend's appeal the enormous sum of £1434.86 was raised. Thanks to all parishioners for their generosity.

Chrism Mass 28th Wednesday 28th March A 50 seater coach has been booked for parishioners wishing to attend the Chrism Mass in Brentwood Cathedral. The coach will leave from outside St. George's Church promptly at 5.00pm. Pick up after the Chrism Mass will be outside Cathedral at 9.30pm. The cost per person is £5.00 which will be collected on the evening. If you wish to go please write your name on the list on the notice board in porch.

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL Following the meeting with parishioners on 22nd January to discuss the First Formal Proposal to group St. George's with St Patrick's, your responses have now been summarised. The summary of your feedback has been forwarded to the Diocese. A copy is on the SOTG notice board and on display in the Church meeting room. Parishioners still have until 16th March to respond and any further responses will be submitted as an addendum. Recently Fr. Niall, Fr. Nixon and Conrad met with Fr. Kevin and his SOTG to discuss the feedback from both parishes.

Our Lady and St. George's Catholic Primary and Nursery School: Parents wishing to apply for a nursery place for September 2018 can download the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) from the school website www.olsgweb.org or collect it from Lower Site School Office, 140 Shernhall Street, Walthamstow E17 9HU. Closing date is Friday 23rd March 2018. Please note that this only applies to children born between 01.09.2014 -31.08.2015. If you have any queries, please contact the school office on 020 8520 8500 (Option 1 Lower Site).


Pilgrimage to Goa, India - St. Francis Xavier 26th November - 4th December 2018 £1379 incl return flights & taxes, accommodation in the beautiful Bougainvillea Guest house, breakfast and dinner. Book directly via Pax travel www.paxtravel.co.uk or contact Stella 020 85273879.

Augustine Fadina, Rest in Peace Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Augustine Fadina, Rest in Peace, who died this week. We pray that God may comfort his mother Agness and the siblings at this time. Funeral arrangements have yet to be finalised.

Mass Attendance 708. The collection last week was £1580.76 Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity.

ROTAS

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| <u>Counting Rota</u> | 25/02E | 04/03E | 11/03B | 18/03E | 25/03B | 01/04F |
| <u>Hospital Rota</u> | 25/02B | 04/03D | 11/03A | 18/03B | 25/03D | 01/04A |



Joke of the week: Week : I asked my mum to buy some Japanese food. Sushi did!! (Attributed to Tim Vine)

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George up to 18th March 2018

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| 06:00pm | Joaquim Dias (Rest in Peace) |
| Sun 11 March | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT |
| 08:30am | Parishioners |
| 10:00am | Nancy Daly's Intentions |
| 12:00noon | Tony Eastman (Rest in Peace) |
| Mon 12 March | Feria |
| 07:00am | Mary Murphy's Intentions |
| 09:15am | Mary Burton's (Intentions) |
| 04:00pm | Whipps Cross Hospital Mass (Intentions –All Staff and Patients) |
| Tue 13 March | Feria |
| 07:00am | Mary Murphy's Intentions |
| 09:15am | Mr and Mrs. Joseph Martha (Rest in Peace) |
| Wed 14 March | Feria |
| 07:00am | Deceased of the Murphy Family |
| 09:15am | Fr. Michael Lynch (Rest in Peace) |
| Thu 15 March | Feria |
| 07:00am | Deceased of the Kelleher Family |
| 09:15am | Canon Tony McKentey (Rest in Peace) |
| Fri 16 March | Feria |
| 07:00am | Richard and Nora Keane (Rest in Peace) |
| 09:15am | Sr. Rosario's Intentions |
| Sat 17 March | Feria |
| 10:00am | Elizabeth McGann (Rest in Peace) |
| 06:00pm | James Harte (Rest in Peace) |
| Sun 18 March | FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE LENT |
| 08:30am | Parishioners |
| 10:00am | Agnes Byrne (Intentions) |
| 12:00noon | Stephanie Yamson (Intentions) |

Prayer List

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,, 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, Regina Jose, Kojo Gyebi-Ababio, Thampirajah Baskaran, Linda Campbell, Brid O'Halloran, Betty Ramsey, Hazel Belizaire, Roderick Mayers, Tina Henriques, Christopher O' Neill, Alan and Ross Smith, Stefan,

Morning Prayer: Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.40am

Rosary: Weekdays after morning Mass Reconciliation (Confessions): 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.

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

Bible Study: Mondays at 8pm, Church Meeting Room.