

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Sunday 18th March 2018 **Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B)**

Dear Parishioners,

Those poor Greeks. Did you notice that they never actually get to meet Jesus? At the start of today's Gospel, some Greeks who are followers of Jesus come to Jerusalem. They are travellers, outsiders, and would like to meet Jesus in person. But when Philip and Andrew relay their request, Jesus begins to talk about how his "hour" is coming. It is the last we hear of the Greeks who disappear from the story altogether.

But they are important nonetheless. Firstly, they indicate that word about Jesus is spreading, that in the words of the Pharisees, "the world has gone after him". More importantly, they prompt Jesus to reveal that, when his hour comes, he will draw "all people" to himself.. In the space of a few short verses, we go from a brief mention of a group of foreigners seeking Jesus, to Jesus making it crystal clear that his saving mission is for all people. of all time, both Jews and Gentiles - including those Greeks! There is no suggestion from Jesus that some groups are "in" and some groups are "out". All are included. All are invited. All are welcome.

I remember once a person describing their home as a domestic church, a place of welcome. As we continue our journey through Lent and soon into Holy Week, let us listen carefully to these words of Jesus. He came for all. He wishes to draw all people to himself. Is our church, parish, community a place open to all , outsiders included? Is our place of worship inclusive and, where all who enter experience God's love and mercy?

May you and your family have a blessed Lenten week.

Fr. Niall (Fr. Niall)

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

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.

Palm Sunday Next Sunday is Palm Sunday . Palms will be blessed at all the Masses. The 10am Mass will begin in the parish hall and then we process to the church.

Holy Week Eucharist Minister & Readers rota: Can you have a look at the rota notice board tick your name to confirm you are still able to minister. If you cannot please put a **X** as you will need to be replaced. Jenny Richmond

Good Friday Retiring Collection: There will be a retiring collection on Good Friday for two worthy causes to support the Church in the Holy Land and for St George's SVP Conference to pay for children to go to St John Bosco holiday camp for a week. It may be the only holiday they would get this year, and for the children to have an opportunity to have an exciting, activity-packed camping holiday in the Essex countryside setting. So make a note in your diary we know we can rely on your generosity. Jenny Richmond

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.

St John's RC Special School, Woodford Bridge School is recruiting full time Class Assistants to work with students aged 5-25 with a wide range of special needs. Hours 9.00am to 3.30pm, term time only, experience preferred. Immediate and September starts available. For an application pack please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk, closing date 16th April. Successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.
www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk

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).

Altar Servers' Albs Parishioners are invited to take home an altar server's alb or more so that they are washed and clean for Holy Week and Easter. Please pop into the Sacristy after Mass and take some home with you and return next weekend. Thank you.

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.

Mass Attendance 801. The collection last week was £1440.48 Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity.

ROTAS

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



Joke of the week: Week : " Can you tell me what you call someone who comes from Corsica?" I said "course I can" (Attributed to Tim Vine)

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George up to 25th March 2018

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)
Mon 19 March	SAINT JOSEPH SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
07:00am	Brigitte Berney (Rest in Peace)
09:15am	Giuseppe Marrai (Rest in Peace)
04:00pm	Whipps Cross Hospital Mass (Intentions –All Staff and Patients)
Tue 20 March	Feria
07:00am	Giuseppe Marrai (Rest in Peace)
09:15am	Sr. Perpetua's Intentions
Wed 21 March	Feria
07:00am	Sr. Annunziata's Intentions
09:15am	Dilys Holmes (Intentions)
Thu 22 March	Feria
07:00am	Vashti Rampersad (Rest in Peace)
09:15am	Deborah Clarke (Rest in Peace)
Fri 23 March	Feria
07:00am	Ram Ramsey (Rest in Peace)
09:15am	Protection of the Unborn Child
Sat 24 March	Feria
10:00am	Catheilne Murnane (Anniversary)
06:00pm	Sheila and Bernard Moss (Rest in Peace)
Sun 25 March	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
08:30am	Parishioners
10:00am	Annie Kilcooley (Rest in Peace)
12:00noon	Andrew Okoloekwe and Ignatius Okoloekwe (Rest in Peace)

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, Monica Burgh

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