

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Charity Number: 234092

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT C (10TH MARCH 2019)


Dear Parishioners,

Temptation is an urgent attraction to a person, idea, action or habit that our inner voice of conscience tells us will not enhance our lives or those of the people for whom we are responsible. Temptations pull us apart and challenge our inner desire to be authentic. We know the more mature and loving part of ourselves should say 'no,' but we so often feel helpless before the attractiveness that captivates our desire. Caught between two possible decisions, we often feel alone, powerless and far from God.

Today's Gospel tells us that when we feel alone in the struggle, God is with us, strengthening us, and that in Jesus, God is reassuring us that all temptations can be conquered. This trust does not take away the internal struggle, as this struggle is part of the gift of being a human being. Animals act on instinct. We too are driven by instinct but because there is a space of freedom between what we are attracted towards and our response to that attraction. This space gives us the potential to develop our conscience and to train ourselves not to act on instinct alone, but on values. This will never be easy, but is among us in Jesus of Nazareth, as one like us, helping us to develop our conscience and live according to true values.

Jesus experienced in his life a struggle with the three basic temptations: excessive pleasure, power and honour. He also shared our instinct towards survival, from which comes our attraction to those with whom we feel similar and safe. Jesus also shared our instinctive desire to flee from or fight those we perceive as threats. Jesus invites us beyond our instinctual desires and attraction, and when he does, he will always walk with us through challenges and temptations.

Have a Blessed Week

 (Fr. Niall)

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

The next Marriage preparation course will be held in the parish hall on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th of March 7.30 pm to 9.30pm.

The next Baptism preparation course on Monday 11th March 19:00 in the Church.

The Confirmation Preparation programme continues today Sunday 10th March at 4 p.m.

Stations of the Cross during Lent will be on Fridays in the church at 6:45p.m. All welcome.

This weekend 9th and 10th March the HCPT will be having an appeal and retiring collection to fundraise for their Easter pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run on Monday 27th May 2019. This May bank holiday event has a lovely atmosphere and takes in many of London's landmarks, finishing in front of Buckingham Palace with all the event facilities, food and entertainment close by in Green Park. For each place, we ask for a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £100 before Gift Aid. For further information, please contact Julie at jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912 277413.

Concerned for the safety and wellbeing of our young people? Courtyard is an exciting project already supporting parishes in north London to reach out and accompany young people. Courtyard is ready to come to Walthamstow – on Wednesday, 13th March at 7.30pm in the parish hall. You can hear the Courtyard story and how it can work for us. Our youth face a crisis around gangs, violence, and so much more, yet as parish communities we can do a lot more. The meeting on 13th March is important don't miss it – for more details phone Paul Dowling 07962406134

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO POPE FRANCIS A study day on this theme will be held at the Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH on Saturday 16th March. Six years after his election we look at Pope Francis' efforts to bring renewal to the Catholic Church. The speaker will be Fr Alban McCoy OFM Conv, who is Dean of St Edmund's College, Cambridge. The day begins at 11 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. Please make your booking by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com

Mission Appeal The Missionary Sisters of England and Wales will be giving a Mission Appeal on next weekend 17th March at all the Masses A retiring collection will be taken to help with their work.

Live Simply A reminder to everyone that our Live Simply activity for this month is to “Turn lights off when leaving a room” Thank you to those of you who have written your ideas on the livesimply notice board in the church porch. This is a parish undertaking so let’s support each other and share our ideas on how we can take care of God’s creation. If any of you have energy saving ideas please write your idea on the board, say how you are getting on with the project or just leave a comment. You can write directly on the board or use a post it note. Ask your children for their ideas, and invite them to engage with the board. If you would like another leaflet or calendar please collect them from the counter in the porch. Thank you

Film Club A group of parishioners have been discussing starting a film club. The idea is that we would show general release films on a Sunday afternoon possibly once a month. There would be no charge for attending. We are in the early stages of planning this initiative. Please email if you would like to help or just tell us if you think it’s a good idea, bernadette.wilson@ntlworld.com

Next Sunday we welcome Bianka Ferrer-Nowicka into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. Blessings to the family.

Congratulations to Fr Joseph , the Syro-Malabar chaplain who passed his state exam last week.


Lenten Retreat Lenten retreat at the Parish of Christ the King today the 10th March from 4pm, with Adoration and Benediction at 6pm. All very welcome to join us.

The parish choirs are having extra practice on Thursday evenings in preparation for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Thank you all for your dedication.

Mass Attendance last weekend 720 and 190 at the Syro-Malabar Mass. The collection last week was £1610.61p. Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity.

ROTAS

Counting Rota	03/02B	10/02E	17/02B	24/02E	03/03F	10/03E
Hospital Rota	03/02D	10/02A	17/02B	24/02D	03/03A	10/03B



Joke of the Week This taxi drove past me and it was covered in chilli sauce.....it was a mini kebab
(Attributed to Tim Vine)

Bible Study: Mondays at 8pm, Church Meeting Room

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Joan Parnell Raw (Rest in Peace) (Redmond)
Sun 10 March	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
08:30am	Eva Santiano (Intentions) (Edna)
10:00am	Choi-yeo Kwan and Shun-Chui Kwan (Rest in Peace) (Ping)
12:00noon	Tony Eastman (Rest in Peace) (Family)
02:30pm	Syro-Malabar Malayalam Mass
Mon 11 March	FERIA
09:15am	Tim Keane (Get Well) (Mary Keane)
04:00 pm	Whipps Cross Hospital Mass
06:00 pm	Eva Santiano (Rest in Peace) (S. Rodrigues)
Tue 12 March	FERIA
09:15am	Milo Sheehan (Rest in Peace) (Mary Keane)
06:00pm	Pamela Wanliss (Rest in Peace) (Marina)
Wed 13 March	FERIA
09:15am	Eva Santiano (Rest in Peace) (Aurora)
06:00pm	Coreen Louis (Betty)
Thu 14 March	FERIA
09:15am	Madeline Flynn (Rest in Peace) (Mary Keane)
06:00pm	Sr. Scholastica Igbounugo (Upper Walthamstow Community)
Fri 15 March	FERIA
09:15am	Sr. Martha's Intentions (Birthday 102 Years) (Maria)
06:00pm	Sr. Agatha's Intentions (Upper Walthamstow Community)
Sat 16 March	FERIA
10:00am	Jeremy Ravi (Rest in Peace)
06:00pm	Nora and Richard Keane (Rest in Peace)
Sun 17 March	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
08:30am	Elizabeth McGann (Foundation Mass)
10:00am	Thanksgiving (Grace)
12:00noon	Stephanie Yamson (Intentions) (Sylvia Yamson)
02:30pm	Syro-Malabar Malayalam Mass

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 and Mrs Charles, Esperanza Buenaventura, Joyce Ross, Christine Raymond, Jacky Boyrow, Thelma Lewis, Tasmin Sparks, Eileen Karim, Sandra Gibson, Archie Garrod, Martin Keane, Alix Charlery, 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 and Issac, Luis and Lukas, Comfort Kwawu, Judith Hilton, Gloria and Tracy Joseph, Regina Jose, Kojo Gyebi-Ababio, Thampirajah Baskaran, Linda Campbell, Brid O'Halloran, Hazel Belizaire, Tina Henriques, Christopher O' Neill, Alan and Ross Smith, Stefan, Monica Baugh, Eileen O Kane, Louis Marie, Grace Mecaley, Agnes Fadina

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 Mondays: 10am-7pm; Wednesdays 10am-4pm; Fridays 9.45-10.45am; Saturdays 10.30-11.30am.