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16th June 2013

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

The readings of today's Mass speak to us about the nature of sin, and its consequences. The background to the first reading is that King David's army is fighting a battle. But the King himself is not on the battlefield, but is at home in his palace. During this time, while his men are at war, the King committed adultery with, and made pregnant, the wife of one of his soldiers. To make matters worse, he then tries to cover up this sin by deceiving her husband and eventually having him killed. God sends the prophet Nathan to confront David about what he has done, asking, 'Why have you shown contempt for the Lord, doing what displeases Him?' David misused the power that God had given him for his own selfish ends.

This is the definition of sin. Sin consists of the sinner looking to his own comfort, convenience and pleasure, without considering the needs of other humans or the law of God. All of us fall into the mire of sin. We have a fallen human nature, which makes this easy. We are engaged in a battle against sin, and our eternal lives are at stake.

When we do sin, the first thing we must do is to acknowledge it, to bring it into the open. The next step is to come to the Lord and seek His forgiveness. There is no sin so great that God cannot forgive it if we are truly repentant. But equally, we cannot take God's mercy for granted – we must be sincere about our repentance, wanting to change.

If we fall, the Sacrament of Confession is readily available to help us; not only to remove the sin, but also to strengthen us in the battle against evil. When we hear the words of absolution, we can be certain that through the ministry of the Church the same Christ who healed and forgave the woman in today's Gospel is in our midst.

The closer we get to God, the more we are aware of our sins. This is a good thing, because God desires to remove the burden of sin and fill our hearts with His love. This is what David prayed about in today's psalm, 'I have now acknowledged my sin, my guilt I did not hide. I said I will confess my offense to the Lord, and you Lord have forgiven the guilt of my sin.'

Let us pray for a truly repentant heart, and entrust our whole lives to God's loving mercy.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will be tomorrow, Monday 17th June at 7.30pm in the Church.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

FR INNOCENT: Fr Innocent will be finishing his ministry in our parish on Friday 12th July and will begin a new assignment in the near future. He has served here for the last three and a half years, building up the Syro-Malabar communities throughout the Diocese of Brentwood. We give thanks to God for his dedication and the way in which he has served us. There will be a Mass of thanksgiving for him on Friday 5th July at 7.30pm in the Church, to which all are invited. He will be replaced by Fr Jose Anthiamkalam MCBS, who will arrive at the parish in the summer.

SUMMER PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD: Thank you to everyone who has signed up for the pilgrimage to Aylesford on Saturday 13th July. We have now filled two parish coaches, and one from the primary school. If you have not yet paid for your place, please give your donation to Joe Elwood, or Fr Maurice after Mass this weekend. There will be a meeting for all those going, to discuss the logistics on Saturday 6th July at 10.30am.

HOLY FAMILY JUBILEE MASS: This year the Holy Family College celebrates its 25th jubilee. We will be holding a Mass of thanksgiving this coming Friday 21st June at 7.30pm, to which all past students and all parishioners are invited.

AFRICAN CATHOLIC MISSION MEETING: The African Catholic Mission meeting will be held on Sunday, 23 June 2013, at 3pm in the Church meeting room. Members of the African Communities are kindly invited to attend this important meeting.

NEW PUBLICATION: Fr Stewart Foster, the Archivist of Brentwood Diocese, has recently completed a new book giving biographies of all the deceased clergy of the Brentwood Diocese. Copies are on sale in the repository, priced at £10, and all profits will go to the Brentwood ecclesiastical education and retired/ sick clergy funds.

SVP ST JOHN BOSCO CAMP: The St John Bosco Camp offers children aged 8-13 a sports and activity based holiday on a campsite in the Essex countryside. There are three weeks of the camp: For boys: 20th to 27th July or 27th July to 3rd August. For girls: 3rd to 10th August. For further details and for application forms visit: www.svpboscocamp.org.uk or speak to Fr Mark.

HCPT GALA DINNER AND DANCE (GROUP 161): (Fundraising to bring special children to Lourdes) - Saturday 6th July, at Holy Family Catholic School - Limited number of tickets available - £25 per person, includes 3 course meal, table wine and live band Plus much more! See Peter or Anita for more details: 07976 41 96 80

WYD@HOME BRIGHTLIGHTS: 26-29th July at Aylesford Priory in Kent. A weekend festival for young adults aged 16-30 offering a great programme of prayer, speakers, bands and workshops. Experience the Spirit of World Youth Day in Rio. For more info visit: brightlights.org.uk email: info@brightlights.org.uk or call 0845 805 7010. (This is a project supported by, but not organised by Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. Fr

James Mackay, our Diocesan Youth Chaplain, will be in Aylesford for the weekend supporting young people from our Diocese.)

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER PRAYER FESTIVAL: The Youth 2000 prayer festival takes place each summer in Walsingham. It's a fantastic, low cost, Eucharistic Retreat where young people and young adults meet like-minded Catholics and often come back with their lives completely changed. Over 1,000 young people aged 16-30 descend on Walsingham for four days of engaging talks, prayer, fellowship, adoration sports and a whole lot more. The web site is: <http://www.youth2000.org>
There will be a coach from East London, which departs Friday evening 23rd August (with pick ups in Stratford, Ilford and Walthamstow) and returns Monday 26th August (bank holiday). For more information about the coach, email Joanne - Youth2000EastLondonCoach@gmail.com

BRENTWOOD VOCATIONS: Who is God calling you to be? What is God calling you to do? If you are aged 17-35 and have been asking yourself these questions, then you would be very welcome at the next Vocations Discernment Group, on Friday 28th June, when our speaker is Sr Josephine Canny OA, a Religious Sister with over forty years' experience of religious life. We meet in Brentwood, and the group is both welcoming and informal. For more details, or to ask any questions, please call Fr Dominic, Vocations Director, on 01268 281732 or email frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Geraldine Murphy whose Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 17th June at 10.30am in the Church.

Noreen O'Brien whose Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 27th June at 11.00am in the Church.

May they rest in peace.

THANKS: Ann Fitzpatrick would like to thank everyone who supported their family following the loss of Mick, a loving husband and father. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

ROTAS – JUNE

Christian Kitchen:	1/6 Nor	8/6 A	15/6 B	22/6 C	29/6 D
Hospital: If you are unavailable please contact Serge 020 8527 4814	2/6 A	9/6 B	16/6 D	23/6 A	30/6 B

Last week's offertory collection was £1163.39
Thank you very much for your generosity.

Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

6.00pm	Mary Drum (RIP) & family (Ints)
Sun 16 th June	<i>Eleventh Sunday of the year (C)</i>
8.30am	Jean DiValenvoler & family (Ints)
10.00am	Pat McKenna (Ints)
12.00pm	Parish
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 17 th June	<i>Weekday</i>
7.00am	Elsie Tobin (RIP)
9.15am	Rhona & Joe Elwood (Ints)
Tue 18 th June	<i>Weekday</i>
7.00am	Joan Feehan (RIP)
9.15am	Ray Macbeth (RIP)
Wed 19 th June	<i>Weekday</i>
7.00am	Malar (RIP)
9.15am	Mick Fitzpatrick (RIP)
Thurs 20 th June	<i>Weekday</i>
7.00am	Patricia Kendall (RIP)
9.15am	Brenda Riley (Ints)
Fri 21 st June	<i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>
7.00am	Ray Macbeth (RIP)
9.15am	Mr Varney (RIP)
Sat 22 nd June	<i>Ss John Fisher and Thomas More</i>
10.00am	Michael Fitzpatrick (RIP)
6.00pm	May & Tom Nagle (RIP)
Sun 23 rd June	<i>Twelfth Sunday of the year (C)</i>
8.30am	Thomas Flynn (Ints)
10.00am	Jack Cullen (RIP)
12.00pm	Chrishanth (Ints)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>

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, Maureen Bee, Denis Collins, Esperanza Buenaventura, Joyce Ross, Christine Raymond, Jacky Boyrow, Thelma Lewis, Tasmin Sparks, Eileen Karim, Sandra Gibson, Angelina Hoareau, Archie Garrod, Gilda Baptiste, Margaret Messenger, Martin Keane, Muriel Chetty, Masangela Tardioli, Alix Charlery, Adeline Rosario, Natalie Rosario, Ronald Rolle. Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati. Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave, Phoebe Roach. Mary and Anthony O'Boyle, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Joan Beirne, Bill Walsh

Morning Prayer:

Rosary:

Adoration & Exposition:

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.45 am

Weekdays after morning Mass

Mon – Fri: 7.30am-8.30am and at the following times:

Mon: 10.00am – 7.00pm Weds: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Fri: 9.45am – 10.45am Sat: 10.30am-11.30am

Sat. 10.30am – 11.00am. 5.00pm – 5.30pm (Or on request)