

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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*9<sup>th</sup> June 2013*

## TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

The readings of today's Mass teach us that God always brings something out of nothing. At times of total despair, when all hope seems lost, God has the power to change our hearts and revive us. No matter where we find ourselves, or how desperate our circumstances, God can heal us, and bring forth confidence and new life.

The first reading (1 Kings 17: 17-24) and Gospel (Luke 7: 11-17) both speak about widows who have lost their only sons. The widow in the first reading was visited by the Prophet Elijah at a time of famine. During his visit, her son falls gravely ill and dies. The mother becomes angry with God, but Elijah takes the boy and pleads with the Lord to heal and revive him. The Lord heard the prayer and the child comes back to life. As a result, the woman's faith was restored.

Similarly in the Gospel, Jesus enters the town of Nain, where He and disciples see a funeral procession taking place. Another widow is mourning the loss of her only son. Jesus feels sorry for her and intervenes. 'Do not cry,' He says, and putting out His hand, commands her son to get up. He gets up and begins to walk, and like the woman in the first reading, the crowds all around are strengthened in faith and proclaim, 'God has visited His people.'

In both these events, a period of darkness is followed by a turning point. Through Elijah, and directly in the person of Jesus, God injects His grace into situations of despair, bringing hope and reviving faith.

As Paul recounts in his letter to the Galatians (1: 11-19), he once fiercely persecuted the Church. Saul – as he was then known – was as far from being a Christian as one could be. And yet on the road to Damascus, he encountered the risen Lord, and Saul became Paul, the great teacher of the faith.

In all the readings today, God injects grace into someone's life, and he can always do the same for us if we are open to Him. If we get trapped in sin or difficulties, and feel we have no way out, this is precisely the time to turn to the Lord, to seek His forgiveness in trust. This may take time and great patience, for healing to take place. But never give up – even from rock bottom; cry out to the Lord for His grace, for we have a God who can create wonders from nothing.

Fr Maurice

**BAPTISMS:** By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Church.

**MARRIAGES:** By appointment. Six months notice is required.

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**FR INNOCENT:** Fr Innocent will be finishing his ministry in our parish on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**MASS OFFERINGS:** Please note that all 6pm Masses are fully booked until October this year, and all 8.30am Masses until September. We therefore apologise if we are unable to celebrate your Masses at the times requested. However, there are often spaces available for 7am weekday Masses.

**SUMMER PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD:** Last year we had a very successful Parish mission with John Pridmore and his team. This year, because we are in the Year of Faith, we have decided to organise a parish pilgrimage to a holy place that is not too far away or too expensive for families to attend. Therefore, we are organising coaches to go to Aylesford Priory in Kent ([www.thefriars.org.uk](http://www.thefriars.org.uk)) on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2013. The structure of the day will be:

**8.30am:** Begin with a prayer service at St George's Walthamstow

**9.00am:** Board coaches and depart for Aylesford

**11:00am:** Gathering service at Aylesford. (We will be joining groups from Westminster, Brentwood, Southwark and Arundel and Brighton Dioceses)

**During the afternoon:** There will be activities for children including face painting, a bouncy castle, football and cricket (the priory has large grounds). **Don't forget to bring a picnic lunch.** There will also be Eucharistic adoration, the rosary, and workshops for parents. The sacrament of reconciliation will be available.

**3.00pm: Mass**

**After Mass:** Depart for Walthamstow

To defray the cost of transport, we are asking for £5 per adult (children free). If you would like to go, please speak to Joe Elwood after Mass (or phone 0208 520 3455)

**SENIOR CITIZENS' WEDNESDAY CLUB:** The Wednesday club is organizing a daytrip to Southend-on-Sea this coming Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013. A coach will leave from St Georges Church at 10am on that day. Cost is £7.00 return. To book your seat, call Babs Finney on 0208 925 7672. All are welcome. Please call and book early to avoid disappointment!

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

**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

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AVAILABLE:** The new sets of offertory envelopes are still available at the back of the Church. Please collect yours if you haven't already done so. If you wish to sign up for a set of envelopes, which will allow the parish to claim back Gift Aid, please speak to Cliff D'Souza or Eric Edwards.

**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](http://brightlights.org.uk) email: [info@brightlights.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org).

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### **ROTAS – JUNE**

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

Last week's offertory collection was £1443.26  
Thank you very much for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	Jim Harte (RIP)
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Tenth Sunday of the Year (C)</b>
8.30am	Adeline & Natalie Rosario (Ints)
10.00am	Anton Arulgnaseelan (RIP)
12.00pm	Agatha Clarlery (Ints)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Weekday</b>
7.00am	Johnny Roache (RIP)
9.15am	Chris Weaver (Sick)
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>St Barnabas</b>
7.00am	Joseph Counihan (RIP)
9.15am	Mick Fitzpatrick (RIP)
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Weekday</b>
7.00am	James Carney (RIP)
9.15am	Deceased family members of Alma Willox (RIP)
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>St Anthony of Padua</b>
7.00am	Philip Harradine (RIP)
9.15am	Special Intentions
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Weekday</b>
7.00am	Valmir Joku (Ints)
9.15am	Eileen Broe (RIP)
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Weekday</b>
10.00am	Kalpee family (Thanksgiving)
6.00pm	Mary Drum (RIP) & family (Ints)
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Eleventh Sunday of the year (C)</b>
8.30am	Jean DiValenvoler & family (Ints)
10.00am	Pat McKenna (Ints)
12.00pm	Parish
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)**