

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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14th July 2013

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

The readings today speak to us about conscience. The first reading from Deuteronomy tells us to 'obey the voice of the Lord, to listen to His word.' In the Gospel, the Good Samaritan is moved with compassion to help his neighbour in need, at great cost to himself. He obeyed the inner voice beckoning him to help and not pass by like the priest and the Levite.

In our times the concept of conscience is not much spoken about or understood. A simple definition of conscience is the 'little voice' inside; it is a gift from God, given that we might know right from wrong, and choose and do the good.

Unfortunately, there is a widespread notion in today's culture that 'following one's conscience' simply means doing whatever we feel is right, without any consideration of what is objectively true. In this way, moral issues become a matter of personal preference. Sometimes we may know what is right in our heart of hearts, but fail to do it. We can easily go with the flow, and moral courage is needed to do the right thing. There are many voices - internal (e.g. our own preferences, memories, motivations, disordered desires), and external (e.g. family, friends, the media) competing for our attention.

To guide us correctly, conscience needs to be well formed. We inform our conscience by listening to the Word of God and to the teachings of the Church. Often this is not easy, but we can draw inspiration from the Saints and other who have had the courage to follow their well-informed consciences.

With a well-formed conscience as our guide, may we lead lives 'worthy of the Gospel', making good choices in keeping with our dignity as children of God.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 22nd July at 7.30pm in the Church.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS: This week our schools finish for the summer break. We wish all our pupils, teachers and staff a restful holiday.

FIRST COMMUNION 2014: Parents of children in school year four who wish to enroll their children in next year's First Communion programme, please speak to Fr Mark after Mass to arrange an appointment.

7AM MASSES DURING AUGUST: Please note that there will be no weekday 7am Masses from Monday 29th July until Monday 2nd September. 9.15am daily Masses will continue as normal.

NIGHT VIGIL: The Bethel prayer group will be holding a night vigil in Malayalam, led by Fr John Derbin VC, beginning at 10pm on Friday 26th July and concluding at 5.00am the following morning in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All are welcome.

NURSERY VACANCY: Our Lady and St. George's Catholic Primary School has one vacancy in the nursery for September 2013. If you have a child born between 1st September 2008 – 31st August 2009 and would like them to attend the Nursery please call into the Lower Site school office and pick up an application form.

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.

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

PRIMARY SCHOOL CHAPLAIN: The three Primary schools within the Catholic Parish of Our Lady and All Saints, Basildon, are seeking to appoint a lay chaplain to continue the good work begun by our current chaplain. This role requires experience in Youth Ministry or Catechesis with primary age children, and we are looking for a creative and inspiring person to deepen the strong Catholic ethos in each school. Start any time from September and no later than January 2014. Salary £16,000 p.a. Closing date September 16th 2013. Application details from Fr Dominic Howarth, 01268 281732 or frdominic@basildoncatholics.org

ITALIAN LESSONS: Italian for complete beginners. Lessons start in September at the Pastoral Centre of Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Small and friendly classes taught by a very experienced and qualified Italian tutor. For more information call 0203 3841522 or visit www.smartlanguages.com

CONGRATULATIONS to Angela Greer and Matthew Woodley, who were married in our Church last Saturday. We wish them all of God's blessings for their future happiness and wellbeing.

RIP

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Richard Loughlin, whose body will be brought into the Church on Sunday 14th July at 8.00pm, and whose Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 15th at 9.15am.

May he rest in peace.

ROTAS – JULY

Christian Kitchen:	6/7 Nor	13/7 E	20/7 F	27/7 G
Counting:	7/7 E	14/7 C	21/7 A	28/7 D
Hospital: If you are unavailable please contact Serge 020 8527 4814	7/7 D	14/7 A	21/7 B	28/7 D

Last week's offertory collection was £1160.06
Thank you very much for your generosity.

Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

6.00pm	Assis Dias (RIP)
Sun 14 th July	<i>Fifteenth Sunday of the Year (C)</i>
8.30am	Carmen & Bernard Fernandes (RIP)
10.00am	Dejanire Talma (Ints)
12.00pm	Liljana Kola (Ints)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 15 th July	<i>St Bonaventure</i>
7.00am	Kalpee family (Ints)
9.15am	<i>Funeral Mass: Richard Loughlin (RIP)</i>
Tue 16 th July	<i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>
7.00am	Maria (Ints)
9.15am	Special Ints
Wed 17 th July	<i>Weekday</i>
7.00am	Margaret O'Sullivan (RIP)
9.15am	Ronald Arthur Clark (RIP)
Thurs 18 th July	<i>Weekday</i>
7.00am	Patrick Arthur Clark (RIP)
9.15am	Thomas & Ellen O'Sullivan (RIP)
Fri 19 th July	<i>Weekday</i>
7.00am	J Coeur-de-Lion (Ints)
9.15am	John Rajanathan (RIP)
Sat 20 th July	<i>St Apollinaris</i>
10.00am	John D'arcy
6.00pm	Patrick Fletcher (RIP)
Sun 21 st July	<i>Sixteenth Sunday of the Year (C)</i>
8.30am	Jim Ballard (RIP)
10.00am	Natalie Rosario (Ints)
12.00pm	Millie & Hendry Odgens (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, Margaret Perry

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)