

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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27th October 2013

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

*Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.*

At the beginning of Mass we are invited to pause and examine our consciences. We then ask forgiveness from God for our sins. It shouldn't astonish us that we do sin because our human nature is weakened by the original sin committed at the dawn of history.

It can be consoling to remember that each human person (with the exception of the Most Blessed Virgin) has sinned. Even the saints had to repent of some sins. So trying to tell ourselves that we don't sin doesn't help.

We can be tempted to go along with the fashionable currents (*I'm OK, you're OK*). But as the Apostle John wrote:

*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us. (First Letter of John 1:8)*

As Blessed John Paul the Great said, "*Learn to call sin sin, and do not call it liberation and progress, even if the whole of fashion and propaganda were contrary*".

The most beautiful thing in acknowledging that we are sinners is that we can meet Christ and experience his mercy. Through admitting our weakness we realise our dependence on him. We are not alone and we can't live independently of God and other people. We stand in need of God's grace for our spiritual life, just as we need food and water for our natural life.

In the sacrament of Confession or Reconciliation we meet the mercy of Christ who welcomes us, forgives us and heals us.

I recommend a beautiful talk by Fr Hugh Thwaites SJ on Confession. It is available on the Internet if you type his name and "Confession".

There are also some useful leaflets in the Church porch giving guidance for going to Confession.

Fr Mark

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

ALL SAINTS DAY: Friday 1st November is the Solemnity of All Saints, a holy day of obligation. Masses will be held at 7.30pm on the 31st, and at 7am, 9.15am and 7.30pm on the day.

ORGAN RECITAL: Instead of the Bazaar, this year we will have an organ recital and concert on Saturday November 30th at 7:00pm. There will be input from OLSG School, the two parish choirs and the Ordinariate group. There will be food shared by the different nationalities in the Parish Hall afterwards. Tickets will £5 for over 16s, children free, and there will be a raffle.

CONFIRMATION 2014: The first session of the Confirmation programme, for candidates who have returned application forms and attended an interview, is today, Sunday 27th October, 4-6pm in the Parish Hall. Parents are also invited to attend.

SUPPORTING CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND: This weekend (26-27th October), a missionary group from Bethlehem Nativity is visiting to talk briefly about the current situation for Christians in the Middle East and to sell religious articles made from olive wood from the Holy Land. Proceeds will support our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters. Please be generous in supporting this important cause.

CHRISTIAN KITCHEN: The churches in Waltham Forest are again providing an emergency night shelter during the winter months and our parish is supporting The Cornerstone Anglican church in Leyton on Thursday nights. We need volunteers to help with cooking and giving support to the homeless people using the service. Previous experience isn't needed, just a preparedness to help people in crisis please phone Paul Dowling – 07962406134.

The Christian Kitchen continues to feed the homeless and poor in the car park at Mission Grove E17, despite the efforts of Waltham Forest Council to stop it. The battle is in the High Court and a trial date has been set for 26th February 2014 – we need your prayers for a successful outcome. Please continue to write and send email to your councilors, MPs, MEPs and London Assembly member. The Christian Kitchen's AGM will take place on Tue 29th Oct at 7.30pm at the Blackhorse Rd Baptist church, where the current situation will be discussed.

JUSTICE & PEACE: The next meeting of the Justice and Peace group will be on Monday 4th November at 7.30pm in the meeting room.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA: The Knights of St Columba Council 137 would like to thank you for the support with the cake sale on 13th Oct. £300 was raised for CAFOD's campaign to construct community wells in Ethiopia.

The annual Mass for all the deceased Brother Knights will take place in the Church on Sat 2nd Nov at 10am, followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

HOSPITAL VISITS: If you know of anyone in hospital who would like to be visited by a Priest, please contact the presbytery by email or phone with the details.

RELICS OF ST ANTHONY: The relics of St Anthony of Padua will be in London this week, to mark the 750th anniversary of their discovery by St Bonaventure. They will be at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on Fri 1st Nov (5.30pm veneration, 6pm Mass, 7pm-9.30pm veneration), at Westminster Cathedral all day on Sat 2nd Nov.

OLSG SCHOOL: If your child was born between **01.09.2009 and 31.08.2010**, the Waltham Forest Primary Brochure containing criteria for all schools and information on how to apply is now available. Brochures can be obtained from Waltham Forest Admissions – telephone 0845 200 1551, call into Sycamore House, Walthamstow Town Hall Complex, Forest Road E17 4JX or download from www.walthamforest.gov.uk.

To apply to Our Lady and St. George’s Catholic Primary School you will need:

- To complete the Common Application Form that is available on line at www.eadmissions.org.uk or directly from Waltham Forest Admissions. This form needs to be returned to Waltham Forest Admissions by **15th January 2014**, which is the closing **date for applications**.

AND

- The Supplementary Information Form which can be downloaded from Our Lady and St. George’s website www.olsqweb.org or obtained from the school office from Monday 21st October. The completed form and any documentation should be returned to the Lower Site school office by **15th January 2014**.

Parents are invited to come and have a look round the school on Wednesday 6th or Thursday 7th November at 10am or 2pm. Parents should telephone the school and let them know what day and time they would like to come and visit.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Moloney on 0208 520 8500.

Fr Maurice will be available for the signing of Primary school forms at the following times **ONLY:** Sunday 10th November, 4-6pm; Monday 11th November, 6-8pm.

CONGRATULATIONS: We congratulate Kenneth Kinyera and Dimpna Nwokecha, who were married at our Church last Saturday. We wish them all of God’s blessings for their future happiness and wellbeing.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Halpenny, who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 31st October at 1pm in the Church.

May she rest in peace.

NOVEMBER MASS FOR DECEASED: We will be holding our annual Mass for the deceased members of our parish family on Friday 15th November at 7.30pm.

ROTAS – OCTOBER

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| Christian Kitchen: | 5/10 Nor | 12/10 G | 19/10 H | 26/10 A |
| Counting: | 6/10 B | 13/10 E | 20/10 A | 27/10 C |
| Hospital: If you are unavailable please contact Serge 020 8527 4814 | 6/10 A | 13/10 B | 20/10 D | 27/10 A |

Offertory collection for 20^h October was £1694.76
Thank you very much for your generosity.

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

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| 6.00pm | Ambrose Dillsworth (RIP) |
| Sun 27 th Oct | Thirtieth Sunday of the Year (C) |
| 8.30am | Sr. de Paul (Thanksgiving) |
| 10.00am | Parish |
| 12.00pm | Leonora Edmunds (RIP) |
| 6.30pm | <i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i> |
| Mon 28 th Oct | Ss Simon & Jude |
| 7.00am | Margaret Halpenny (RIP) |
| 9.15am | Special Intentions |
| Tue 29 th Oct | Feria |
| 7.00am | Margaret Halpenny (RIP) |
| 9.15am | John & Margaret Moore (Ints) |
| Wed 30 th Oct | Feria |
| 7.00am | Kate & Norman Tobin (RIP) |
| 9.15am | Linda Campbell (Ints) |
| Thurs 31 st Oct | Feria |
| 7.00am | Kristina Kalpee (Thanksgiving) |
| 9.15am | Mary & Jim Gordon (Anniv. - RIP) |
| 7.30pm | Archbishop Antonio Menini (Ints) |
| Fri 1 st Nov | SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION |
| 7.00am | J Coeur-de-Lion (Ints) |
| 9.15am | Election of a new Bishop for Brentwood (Int) |
| 7.30pm | Vocations to the Priesthood |
| Sat 2 nd Nov | Commemoration of the faithful departed – All Souls Day |
| 10.00am | Mary Maher (RIP) |
| 6.00pm | Mike Kearns (RIP) |
| Sun 3 rd Nov | Thirty-First Sunday of the Year (C) |
| 8.30am | Debbie Vernazza (RIP) |
| 10.00am | Hil Kovci (RIP) |
| 12.00pm | Roman, Antonio (RIP) |
| 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, Bridget Lyons, Kristina Klimasauskaite, Philomena Spranklen, Jeffrey Mitchell.

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)