

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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*10<sup>th</sup> November 2013*

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## **THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)**

Today's readings speak about the resurrection, the belief that at the end of time our bodies and souls, separated through death, will be reunited, and the bodies of those who have died in a state of friendship with God will rise in glory.

In the first reading from the Book of Maccabees, we hear of seven brothers who are willing to undergo torture rather than to disobey the Lord. It might seem that eating pork was a small thing to die for, but the Law of Moses forbade it, and these brothers refused to give in. The second of these brothers speaks of their faith in the resurrection; 'we die for His laws in order to live again forever.' They had faith and trust that God would bring them through this great suffering to eternal life.

The Sadducees in today's Gospel denied that resurrection is possible. They question Jesus about it, and try to make the concept sound ridiculous. But Jesus teaches them that resurrection and the afterlife are real. Jesus mentions the account of Moses and the burning bush, wherein God identifies Himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; the God of the living, not of the dead. Even though these three patriarchs had died many years before Moses, God is saying they are all alive in Him.

Jesus not only taught about the resurrection, but He Himself rose from the dead, with a glorified body. The resurrection is the core of our faith, because we too hope, as followers of Christ, to be transformed in glory in the life to come. It is good for us to think about the prospects of heaven, even though we cannot grasp it fully right now, because we are limited. Heaven is more than just the happiness of this life magnified; it is to be in intimate union with God, and in communion with the saints. The Church calls this gift the beatific vision – to see God as He really is.

It is good for us to contemplate the eternal life. We should also keep in mind that a life of eternal bliss with God is not something automatic once this life is over. Christ has died for all people, but we in turn must respond to His offer of love by embracing God's will in our lives. It is the good and faithful servant who will hear the words, 'Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you.' Your life and my life in this world is an investment in eternity, and the time given to us is precious. So let us not be deceived by the attitude of this world. God is love, but His love has expectations – and we must do our best to respond.

Fr Maurice

**BAPTISMS:** By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Church.

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

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**ADVENT CONCERT:** Instead of the Bazaar, this year we will have an Advent concert on Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. There will be input from OLSG School, the two parish choirs and the Ordinariate group. Tickets will £5 for over 16s, children free – and will be on sale in the porch after all Masses. Proceeds will go towards the church heating, which has to be upgraded for this coming winter, at a cost of approximately £6000.

**NOVEMBER MASSES FOR DECEASED:** We will be holding our annual Mass for the deceased members of our parish family this Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. All are invited to attend.

The Ordinariate group will be holding their annual requiem Mass on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please note that all Saturday 6pm Masses are booked up until March 2014.

**CONFIRMATION 2014:** The second session of the Confirmation programme is next Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 4-6pm in the Parish Hall.

**FIRST COMMUNION 2014:** The next session of the First Communion programme is 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 10am.

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

**HCPT FUNDRAISERS:** After all Masses this weekend HCPT Group 161 is selling Krispy Kreme donuts and cakes to raise money to send children with special needs to Lourdes this coming Easter.

HCPT group 161 proudly present the Family 'Disney' Christmas Disco – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, in the Parish Hall of Our Lady & St George, from 6.30pm. An evening of music, dancing, face painting, fancy dress, competitions, raffle, tuck shop and much more. A chance for the whole family to dress up as their favourite Disney characters, have fun and get into the party spirit. There will be hot snacks, but you can bring your own drinks / nibbles too! Tickets available from Peter Norman, Anita Feculak and Emily Mara at schools and after Masses – just ask for one of us. £5 adult, £3 child.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL:** Next weekend (16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> Nov) there will be a second collection on behalf of St George's SVP conference. The collection will help prepare for our senior citizens' Christmas lunch in December. It's our way of thanking and supporting our senior citizens. It's about putting our faith into action and going out

and actually helping people. That's what the St Vincent de Paul society does – befriending people, trying to fill a gap and trying to prevent social isolation. We hope our parishioners will support the appeal.

The Christmas lunch will be on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm at OLSG school lower site. A maximum of 50 places are available. If you or someone you know would like to come, please see the noticeboard in the Church for full details and put your name down. If transport is required contact Chris Finney on 0208 527 7366 or Jenny Richmond on 07801 628 799.

**NIGHT VIGIL:** The Bethel prayer group will be holding a night vigil in Malayalam led by Fr Jose Anthyankulam MCBS, beginning at 10pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November and concluding at 5.00am the following morning, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All are welcome.

**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA:** The Knights will be distributing raffle tickets after Masses next weekend (16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> November) to raise money for CAFOD's 'Wells for Water' programme in Ethiopia. Please return counterfoils and funds the following weekend, 23/24<sup>th</sup> November.

**FAMILY SYNOD 2014:** The Synod of Bishops will meet next year to focus on the needs of the Family. In order to fully understand the views and opinions of Catholics on a range of issues, all are invited to complete a questionnaire either on line (via <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FamilySynod2014>) or on paper. The Marriage and Family Life Office are coordinating this work. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the completion of this survey, please contact Phil Butcher via [familylife@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or telephone 01277 265252. **All responses must be in by the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013.**

**FAITH, CHURCH & MORAL CHOICES TODAY:** You are invited to participate in a simple multiple choice research questionnaire about our Catholic faith. Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/liamhayesresearch>. The data collected will help Liam Hayes, who is undertaking a PhD at Heythrop College.

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**RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Francis Alphonse, whose Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 11am  
May he rest in peace.

***ROTAS – NOVEMBER***

Christian Kitchen:	2/11 <b>Nor</b>	9/11 <b>B</b>	16/11 <b>C</b>	23/11 <b>D</b>	30/11 <b>E</b>
Counting:	3/11 <b>D</b>	10/11 <b>C</b>	17/11 <b>A</b>	24/11 <b>C</b>	
Hospital: If you are unavailable please contact Serge 020 8527 4814	3/11 <b>B</b>	10/11 <b>D</b>	17/11 <b>A</b>	24/11 <b>B</b>	

Offertory collection for 3<sup>rd</sup> November was £1987.16  
Thank you very much for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	Paul Craig (RIP)
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b><i>Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year (C)</i></b>
8.30am	Marie, Gus, Joe Kinnane (RIP)
10.00am	Brian Burns (RIP)
12.00pm	Marie & Klea Toma (RIP)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b><i>St Martin of Tours</i></b>
7.00am	Lauren Nelson (Ints)
9.15am	Lisbo Drego & family (RIP)
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b><i>St Josaphat</i></b>
7.00am	Mr & Mrs Ramsey & family (Ints)
9.15am	Florence Gonsalves & family (RIP)
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b><i>Feria</i></b>
7.00am	Eithne Mary Wootton (RIP)
9.15am	Joseph Henry (RIP)
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b><i>Feria</i></b>
7.00am	Thanksgiving
9.15am	Walter Evans (RIP)
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b><i>St Albert the Great</i></b>
7.00am	Kalpee family (Thanksgiving)
9.15am	Cynthia Ryan (Ints)
7.30pm	Deceased members of the Parish
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b><i>St Edmund of Abingdon</i></b>
10.00am	Alice D'Arcy (RIP)
6.00pm	Ellen Fletcher (RIP)
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b><i>Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year (C)</i></b>
8.30am	Msgr. Zachary & Rego D'Souza (RIP)
10.00am	Deceased relatives of Miguela and Romeo Tolibas
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, Margaret Perry, Bridget Lyons, Kristina Klimasauskaite, Philomena Spranklen, Jeffrey Mitchell, Mary Akinkuolie.

**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)**