

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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20th July 2014

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

This is my first pastoral letter to you as the new Bishop of Brentwood and I immediately want to thank the whole diocese for the unfailing welcome and support I have received. The diocese is an exciting mix of Essex and East London, full of challenges and opportunities. I look forward to working with you and for you.

When I worked as a University Chaplain some years ago one of my tasks was to welcome students, of all faiths and none, to their new life and the work of the chaplaincy. Odd though it may sound, I spoke first not of God, but of sin and human imperfection. People may or may not believe in God; sadly all human beings are confronted with the effects of human sin.

In today's Gospel parable Jesus talks of the wheat and the weeds that are always with us - we do not live in a perfect world yet the kingdom of heaven is being established despite our weaknesses. By faith we know that it is God who truly defines our world rather than human inadequacy.

At the ordination ceremony in the Cathedral - still very fresh in my mind- Cardinal Vincent Nichols quoted Pope Francis,

"From the lips of the church comes the cry: Give us a bishop, one who will lift us up, who will watch over us with the fullness of the heart of God. Don't send a manager, an administrator, a delegate from the agency... We need someone who knows how to reach up towards the gaze of God and who can guide us towards Him for only in His gaze is our future to be found."

Today's reading from the Old Testament speaks with authority of the 'fullness of the heart of God'. There is infinite strength but also a depth of compassion in God - our God is 'mild in judgement', he governs us 'with great lenience'.

Because of this we can be supremely confident in God despite our sin and weakness which pull us downwards to despair.

Cardinal Vincent also reminded us that Pope Francis has given bishops clear guidelines for ministry. My first work is to be prayer; I am mandated to stay close to the people and to be the servant of the Word of God and of His people.

When I hear these challenges, like Saint Paul, I know that the Holy Spirit helps me in my weakness. I also believe that the Holy Father's words are not directed to me alone. I ask that all the people of the diocese will respond to the Holy Father's invitation to prayer, communion and service.

Life in Christ will transform our parishes, schools and diocesan communities. By the grace of God, the closer we are to Christ, the more Christ-like we become.

Please pray for me in the weeks and months ahead as I will certainly pray for you.

In Christ and Mary, + *Alan, sm*

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 28th July at 7.30pm in the Church.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

SUMMER BREAK: Last Friday, our schools broke up for the summer. It has been a challenging year, but our schools continue to improve. We thank all our staff, governors and pupils for their hard work over the past academic year, and wish all a restful and enjoyable holiday.

CONFIRMATION 2014: Congratulations to the recently confirmed, who collected their certificates last weekend, and many thanks to all who prepared and attended the barbeque afterwards. As a follow-up, there are many opportunities for young people to get involved in the Church – please speak to Fr Maurice for more information. Any certificates that were not collected on Sunday can be picked up from the Presbytery.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2014-15: Thank you to the parents who have already made appointments to see Fr Mark following the recent First Communion Meeting. (The First Communion programme is open to children who are in school year 4 or older and who live in Our Lady and St George parish or whose families regularly attend Mass here). If you would like your child to make their First Communion please sign up at the back of the Church for a meeting with Fr Mark.

FIRST COMMUNION 2013-14 PHOTOGRAPHS: The CDs with photographs of each First Holy Communion child have now been produced. The majority have been delivered but there are some for which a deposit was paid, but contact details were not supplied on the day. There are also CDs of the children that only had a picture taken with Fr Mark / Fr Maurice. All children were photographed. If you are yet to collect these, please contact Vicky (07961 405 197) or Jo (07894 692 403) so we can arrange to get them to you. There is also a disc with photographs taken after the FHC Thanksgiving Mass. Please speak to Fr Mark if your child was in these photographs.

FINANCE MEETING: The next Finance Committee meeting will take place on Monday 21st July at 8pm in the Presbytery. All members are requested to attend.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes begins next Saturday, led by our new Bishop Alan. One of our parishioners, Kristina Klimasauskaite will be making the journey with the diocese, and will be remembering us in her prayers. We wish Kristina and the diocese every blessing during this time. Kristina wishes to express her appreciations for all the help and support received during her recent illness.

ORGAN AND KEYBOARD LESSONS: Instrumental tuition offered in both organ and keyboard by a qualified organist. Organ lessons can take place at the church, and piano lessons either at the church or at home if more convenient. Lessons are offered for pupils of all ages and different stages of playing experience and musical knowledge. For further information please contact Ladislav Ondercin on 07472 861 186 (please leave a message after 5pm) or email ladislav.ondercin@gmail.com.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY – ST ANTHONY OF PADUA (17th – 23rd SEPT 2014): A meeting is being held in the Parish Hall on Sunday 27th July at 3pm, for all those travelling on this pilgrimage. Please note you can book your coach travel on this day.

SVP ST JOHN BOSCO CAMP offers children aged 8-13 a sports and activity based holiday on a campsite in the Essex countryside. Run with a Catholic ethos, the camp is especially for children who may not have any other holiday this year. There are three weeks of the

camp: For boys: 26th July to 2nd August or 2nd to 9th August; for girls: 9th to 16th August
For more details speak to one of the priests.

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL: THE JOURNEY: *The Journey* is a 5-day prayer festival for 16-35 year olds, jam-packed with great speakers, worship, social times, workshops and loads more. 21st-25th August 2014 at the National Shrine of Our Lady in Walsingham, Norfolk. Join 1000 young adults on a life-changing journey. There will be a coach going from East London. For more information, visit www.youth2000.org, email info@youth2000.org or phone 0207 221 2124.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: The Marian Mission Educational and Family Support Centre is offering FREE positive summer holiday activities for young people aged 10-19 years, resident in Waltham Forest, from 24th July – 18th August, Monday-Friday 10am-3pm. Activities include digital music production, singing lessons, drama, ICT skills, pool/table football and football tournaments, fashion design, hair plaiting, fabric tie and dye, cultural dance, cookery, cinema and more. Interested parents should call at the centre at 1 Colchester Rd, Leyton E10 6HA for an application form. See flyer on the noticeboard. For further details contact 07940 143 545 or 07891 180 264.

GIFT AID: Gift Aid is a government scheme that allows the parish to reclaim tax on all donations made by UK taxpayers, at no cost to you. If you are not currently enrolled in the Gift Aid scheme, please pick up a Gift Aid form from the back of the Church or for further information, please contact Hana on 07939 485957. This provides much-needed additional income for the upkeep of the Church and support of our schools.

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This programme has helped 6,000 couples who were experiencing difficulties in their marriage in the past year. For confidential information about or to register for the programme commencing with a residential weekend on 19th -21st Sept 2014, the email info@retrouvaille.org.uk ; call or text 0797 338 0443 or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

RIP:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Elizabeth Sinclair (Eilish), whose Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 24th July at 9.45am, followed by interment at Chingford Mount Cemetery.
(Note there will be no 9.15am Mass on this day)

May she rest in peace.

ROTAS – JULY

Counting	6/7 C	13/7 E	20/7 B	27/7 C
Hospital	6/7 A	13/7 B	20/7 D	27/7 A
Christian Kitchen	5/7 Nor	12/7 G	19/7 A	26/7 B

The offertory collection for 13th July was £1135.86
An additional £149.38 was raised for the Sea Sunday appeal.
Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

6.00pm	Patrick Fletcher (RIP)
Sun 20 th July	<i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8.30am	James Bollard (RIP)
10.00am	Kathy Mynor (RIP)
12.00pm	Parish
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 21 st July	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Rita Gibbons (Ints)
9.15am	Andy Stone (Ints)
Tue 22 nd July	<i>St Mary Magdalene</i>
7.00am	John Allcock (RIP)
9.15am	Michael Kilcooley (Ints)
Wed 23 rd July	<i>St Bridget of Sweden (Patroness of Europe)</i>
7.00am	Natalie Rosario (Ints)
9.15am	Kathleen Roche (RIP)
Thu 24 th July	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Jordan Rego (Ints)
9.45am	<i>REQUIEM MASS: Elizabeth Sinclair</i>
Fri 25 th July	<i>St James, Apostle</i>
7.00am	Victor Ibideji (Ints)
9.15am	Basil & Marianne Rego and family (Ints)
Sat 26 th July	<i>Ss Joachim & Anne (Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary)</i>
10.00am	Victor Ibideji (Ints)
6.00pm	Rebecca Storr (RIP)
Sun 27 th July	<i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8.30am	Bridie Cullen (RIP)
10.00am	Suta Kovci (RIP)
12.00pm	Parish
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>

We pray for those in our parish community who are ill:

Christoper 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, Natalie Rosario, Ronald Rolle. Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati. Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave, 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, Michelle Boyle, Carla Cornelius, Cecelia Gibbs, Arthur Gibbs, Ural Gibbs, Gilbert Gibbs, Archie, George & Issac, Boyce Chandasingh.

Morning Prayer:

Rosary:

Adoration & Exposition:

Reconciliation (Confessions):

Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.45am

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)