

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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6th July 2014

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

As we come to the end of the school year, and the summer holidays begin, most people are looking forward to a break. Life is full of activity and we can be overburdened by the demands of work and family, but can also be weighed down by fears and anxieties within ourselves. In today's Gospel, Jesus invites all who labour and are overburdened to come to Him, and He will give us rest. What are the things that burden us?

Perhaps we have family members to take care of, who present us with difficulties, or we feel frustrations at work. Perhaps we find it difficult to live a moral life in this culture, or we are burdened by patterns of sin or weaknesses in our own character. Maybe life seems unfair and God seems distant. In some way all of us are carrying burdens, which weigh us down.

Christ offers us rest. This rest does not take away the struggle, but gives us inner peace, which helps us to cope each day, knowing that we are loved and cared for by God our Father. To receive this rest we have to come to know Him, to open our hearts to Him, to invite Him into every situation, no matter how bad it is or how anxious we feel.

Jesus says, 'my yoke is easy and my burden light.' A yoke is a wooden device fastened over the necks of two animals, e.g. horses, which is attached to a plough or cart, allowing the two animals to pull it together. With Jesus, the yoke is light, because we pull together with Him, and He helps us to bear our burdens and to carry our cross.

In our age there is a tendency towards self-sufficiency: the wiser we get in the world's estimation, the more we want to determine our own life. Our egos can become inflated, giving us a disproportionate sense of our own importance. Jesus blesses His Father for 'hiding these things from the learned and clever,' not because education is bad, but because it is possible to become so sophisticated as to lose the sense of God, focussing the mind totally on the self.

It takes humility to recognise that we cannot carry our burdens alone. Humility is an antidote to prideful self-sufficiency. In the first reading, Zechariah prophesies the coming of a humble King, who will bring peace to all nations. In the Gospel, Jesus says, 'I am gentle and humble of heart.' We too must show the same humility, and become like little children, trusting in the Lord, letting Him carry our burdens with us. Only in Him do we find rest.

Fr Maurice

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

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

NEW BISHOP FOR BRENTWOOD: Our new Bishop, Alan Williams was ordained last Tuesday, 1st July at Brentwood Cathedral, at the hands of Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, in the company of more than 20 brother Bishops, over 150 priests and deacons, many religious sisters and brothers, and hundreds of lay faithful, as well as civic dignitaries and representatives from other faiths. A full write-up of this momentous occasion, along with audio excerpts and photographs is available on the Brentwood Diocese website www.dioceseofbrentwood.org. We pray for Bishop Alan and for our Diocese as he begins his pastoral ministry.

MORNING MASS ON FRIDAY 11th: On Friday 11th July, there will be a Requiem Mass beginning at 9.45am, which will replace the usual 9.15am Mass.

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 PHOTOGRAPHS: There is a disc with photographs taken after the First Communion Mass of Thanksgiving. Please speak to Fr Mark if your child was in the photograph taken following the Mass. Thank you to Emily for kindly taking the photographs and putting them on the discs.

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.

PARISH CATECHISTS: On Monday 7th July, 7.30-9.30pm, Sr Nuala Gannon IBVM will be running a session for all parish catechists in the Church meeting room. This will be an opportunity to share good practice and to explore together questions related to our present approach to Sacramental preparation – for children, young people, adults and the parish community. All catechists are invited to attend.

SEA SUNDAY: Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. Please give generously to support its important work. For more information about its work visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

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.

COMMUNITY ORGANISING AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: There will be a one-day conference for schools, colleges and parishes in London to explore community organizing and Catholic Social teaching in the light of Pope Francis' inspirational vision and leadership. Speakers include Dr Paul Doherty OBE, Head Teacher of Trinity College, Dr Austen Ivereigh a Catholic journalist, Fr Michael Capps, Provincial of the Franciscans,

Parish of St Thomas of Canterbury, and Emmanuel Gotorra from Citizens UK. The conference takes place from 10am – 3.15pm on Wednesday 16th July, at Trinity Catholic School, Mornington Road, Woodford Green, IG8 0TP. All are welcome.

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 and for application forms log onto www.svpboscocamp.org.uk, or speak to one of the priests.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES by coach – great value, 6 days 5 nights in Lourdes, plus luxury coach travel and a central hotel, from just £418. Join 450 pilgrims of all ages on the 25th Diocesan Pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan Williams. There are a few coach places left, departing Brentwood on Friday 25th July, returning on Friday 1st August. The price includes all meals in Lourdes as well as a full Diocesan programme of Masses, liturgies, processions and social events. There is still time to book – full details at www.brentwoodlourdes.org or call Cathy O'Connor about booking, 01206 501146.

STAY AND PLAY AT SHERNHALL PRESCHOOL: Term-time only, 9.15am to 11am, cost £1.50. Come along and join us.

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY: The next meeting of the Essex Recusant Society will take place on Saturday 26th July at 2.15 pm at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood, Essex. The Society's AGM will be followed by a talk given by Dr. Francis Young of the King's School, Ely. The title of the talk will be, ' England's Catholic Genius: Thomas White, 1592 - 1676. For further information please contact the Secretary, Miss Isobel Parks on 01268 289678.

RIP:

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

William James Farrell, whose Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 10th July at 9.15am in the Church.

Thomas Sinclair, whose Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 11th July at 9.45am, followed by interment at Chingford Mount cemetery.

John Allcock, whose funeral will take place at the City of London crematorium on Friday 11th July at 2.15pm.

May they 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 29th June was £1334.80
Thank you very much for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	Anthony Mulvey (RIP)
Sun 6 th July	<i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8.30am	Bruno D'Souza (Ints)
10.00am	Yvette Caution (RIP)
12.00pm	Frank Keavey (RIP)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 7 th July	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Bishop Alan Williams (Ints)
9.15am	Mary and Felicity McKeon (RIP)
Tue 8 th July	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	John Allcock (RIP)
9.15am	Josy (Thanksgiving)
Wed 9 th July	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Jane Godson (RIP)
9.15am	Fitzroy Preville (Ints)
Thu 10 th July	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Holy Souls
9.15am	Requiem Mass: William James Farrell (RIP)
Fri 11 th July	<i>St Benedict</i>
7.00am	Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion (Ints)
9.45am	Requiem Mass: Thomas Sinclair (RIP)
Sat 12 th July	<i>Feria</i>
10.00am	C. Colaco (Ints)
6.00pm	Charles Gustave (RIP)
Sun 13 th July	<i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8.30am	Chris Colaco (Thanksgiving)
10.00am	Kajtimi and family (Ints)
12.00pm	Paur, Norberd & Aluis Maredza (RIP)
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)