

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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28th September 2014

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Most of us make resolutions with good intentions, but may not get round to carrying them out. We tell ourselves we'll do something good, but somehow it doesn't happen. We fail to write that letter, or visit that person, or carry out that good deed, or whatever. There are many expressions that describe this situation, such as 'talk is cheap', 'put your money where your mouth is', 'walk the talk', 'actions speak louder than words', and so on. A professor at my college said, 'when all is said and done, there is more said than done.' There is a gap between what we know to be right and our doing of it – and this gap arises from our frail human condition.

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives a parable of two sons invited to go to work in their father's vineyard. The first refuses initially but later goes, whilst the second promises to go but never does. In both cases, the action is more important than words. Our love for God, our faith, must also be more than words. It must always move us to action, whether through personal repentance, seeking the Lord more closely in prayer, or reaching out to our brother or sister in need. Holy thoughts are good, but they only do us real good when we act on them.

Jesus commends the good actions of the 'tax collectors and prostitutes,' which are making their way into the Kingdom of God ahead of the spiritual leaders of the day, who are full of their own pride and lack humility. These tax collectors and prostitutes are like the first son in the parable, who initially resisted the will of God and went their own sinful, stubborn way. But later they say 'yes' to God's will and undergo conversion.

If Jesus were talking to us today, He might say, 'the drug addicts, the alcoholics, the gang members' are making their way into the Kingdom of God before you.' That might sound shocking but if they really have come to know the grace of repentance and the mercy and love of Jesus for them, it makes sense; it might be that we know *about* Jesus in our heads, but He hasn't touched our hearts really.

Many of you will remember John Pridmore, who came to give our Parish Mission in 2012. Here was a former local gangster who one day hit rock bottom and pleaded with God for another chance. Just at that moment he describes his feeling of consolation and for the first time in his life he knew that God was real and loved him – and his life changed.

As the First Reading tells us, 'when the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live'. Renouncing sin means to recognise our wrongdoing and seek to repair the damage caused by our transgressions. We come to the Lord for forgiveness, in humility, because we know well that we are all susceptible to falling from grace. But knowing the mercy of God, we can approach Him with confidence.

Our actions do not always match our words, but it is better to be a person who resists God's will but eventually does it, like the first son in the Gospel, than to be a person who says he will do God's will but never does. Best of all, of course, is to say 'yes' to God's will and then do it, like Mary, who pondered the word of God in her heart and carried it out.

Fr Maurice

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

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

FROM FR MARK: I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for the good wishes, cards and gifts which I have been given on leaving the parish. I was very touched by the kindness shown to me at the "Farewell Mass" last Friday and I would like to thank Fr Maurice for inviting me and also everyone else who was involved in the Mass and in the celebration afterwards. Please keep me in your prayers. God bless, Fr Mark.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2014/15: The First Holy Communion programme is open to Catholic children in school year 4 and above. The deadline for applications is **Sunday 5th October**. Please speak to Fr Patrick if you require an application form.

BECOMING CATHOLIC: For anyone wishing to become Catholic or explore the Catholic faith, we will be beginning a new programme of instruction on Thursday 2nd October at 8.00pm in the Church meeting room.

SVP CAKE SALE: The Society of St Vincent de Paul are holding a cake sale after Masses on the weekend of 4th/5th October to raise funds for their work in helping those in need, we look forward to your support. Thanks to parish volunteers who dedicate their time and resources for this.

SVP HEALING MASS: The SVP Healing Mass will take place on Sunday 5th October starting at 3pm. We all need healing in some areas of our lives, whether physical, spiritual, emotional, or relational. All are encouraged to attend this Mass and Healing Service.

OLSG SCHOOL: RECEPTION INTAKE: If your child was born between **01.09.2010 and 31.08.2011**, the Waltham Forest Primary Brochure containing criteria for all schools and information on how to apply is now available. Brochures can be obtained directly from Waltham Forest Admissions – telephone 020 8496-3000 (personal callers: Sycamore House, Forest Road E17 4JX – Admissions Team available Monday to Friday 9.30am-4.30pm) libraries, nursery settings and primary schools. The brochure can be downloaded from the Waltham Forest website, 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 2015** 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.olsgweb.org or obtained from the school office from Monday 29th September 2014. The completed form and any documentation should be returned to the Lower Site school office by **15th January 2015**.

Parents are invited to come and have a look round the school on Wednesday 5th 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.

OLSG NURSERY INTAKE: Children born between **01.09.2011 and 31.08.2012** Parents wishing to apply for a nursery place for September 2015, can download the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) from the school website www.olsgweb.org or collect it from the Lower Site School Office, 140 Shernhall Street, Walthamstow E17 9HU.

There will be a choice of full time or part time places term time only. Part Time Hours: Mornings 8.45am – 11.45am, Afternoons 12.15pm – 3.15pm, Full time (8.00am to 3.15pm) part funded

Packs are available from the Lower Site School Office from Monday 29th September.

The closing date for completed forms is Friday 13th February 2015.

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

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.

RELIGIOUS PROFESSION: The Novices of the Marian Missionary Sisters of the Poor will be making their First Religious Profession on Saturday 4th October at the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Helen, Brentwood. If you would like to attend the ceremony and reception, please contact Mother Maria on 07940 143 545 or 0208 518 7499.

DEANERY MUSIC DAY: The Diocese of Brentwood is holding a Deanery Music Day in our church and parish hall on Saturday 4th October. It is being lead by Frances Novillo, the Representative for the Royal School of Church Music for London and the South East and will include talks, demonstrations, practical sessions and workshops for parish musicians and anyone else who would be interested in learning about music/developing their skills in church music. If interested, please see Ladislav Ondercin or any other parish musician after the Masses on Sunday morning or during the week.

JEWS AND CATHOLICS IN DIALOGUE: In anticipation of the fiftieth anniversary of Vatican II's *Nostra Aetate*, the diocesan Commission for Evangelisation and Formation announces an Ecumenical Study Day entitled 'Milestones in Modern Jewish Catholic Relations', which will take place on Saturday 25th October at Brentwood Cathedral Hall, 10.30am - 3 p.m. The day will be given by Sr Margaret Shepherd of the Sisters of Sion, who is Secretary of the Bishops' Committee for Catholic Jewish Relations and Director of the Sion Centre for Dialogue and Encounter in west London. There is no admission fee and a buffet lunch will be provided. Please book your place by contacting cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org or by phone to 01277 265289.

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.

ROTAS – SEPTEMBER

Counting	31/8 E	7/9 D	14/9 A	21/9 E	28/9 D
Hospital	31/8 D	7/9 A	14/9 B	21/9 D	28/9 A
Christian Kitchen	30/8 F	6/9 Nor	13/9 G	20/9 A	27/9 B

The offertory collection for last weekend's Masses was £1471.06.
The recent collection for Aid to the Church in need raised £1154.11.

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

6.00pm	Burnham family (ints)
Sun 28 th Sept	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
8.30am	Magdalene Correa
10.00am	Sydney Lassie-Darreo (RIP)
12.00pm	Victoria John Baptiste (RIP)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 29 th Sept	Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
7.00am	Trevor George Percy (RIP)
9.15am	Cynthia Moise (Ints)
Tue 30 th Sept	St Jerome
7.00am	Clare Hayden (RIP)
9.15am	Maurice Angland (RIP)
Wed 1 st Oct	St Therese of the Child Jesus (Lisieux)
7.00am	Rosemary Dart & Family (Ints)
9.15am	Thanksgiving
Thu 2 nd Oct	The Holy Guardian Angels
7.00am	Thanksgiving
9:15am	Kristina Klimasauskaite (Ints)
Fri 3 rd Oct	Feria
7.00am	Thanksgiving
9.15am	Margaret Perry (Ints)
Sat 4 th Oct	St Francis of Assisi
10.00am	Thanksgiving
6.00pm	J Lasrado (Thanksgiving)
Sun 5 th Oct	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
8.30am	Lucy Uzice (Thanksgiving)
10.00am	John O'Shea (Anniv.)
12.00pm	Fran Reka (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, 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, Elaine Francis

Morning Prayer:

Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.45am

Rosary:

Weekdays after morning Mass

Adoration & Exposition:

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

Reconciliation (Confessions):

Sat. 10.30am – 11.00am . 5.00pm – 5.30pm (Or on request)