

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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19th October 2014

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

In the Gospel reading today, the Pharisees try to set a trap for Jesus, by asking Him a question about paying taxes to the Roman emperor. The issue of taxes was a hot topic at the time, because Jerusalem was under Roman occupation, and the Jews were paying burdensome taxes to a foreign power. In asking Jesus whether it is permissible to pay taxes to the Emperor, they hope He will say something which upsets the Roman authorities, or angers the Jews. Matthew tells us that the Pharisees team up with the Herodians. The Herodians were political supporters of King Herod, whom the Romans put in power. So the Pharisees and Herodians were not even allies or friends, but they joined forces, trying to bring down Jesus.

They try to disarm the Lord with flattery. They call Him 'a truthful man, who teaches the way of God' – of course, if they really believed this was true, they would be His followers. Jesus sees right through their devious intent, and calls them hypocrites. In our own lives, do we use ulterior motives or false flattery to deceive or manipulate others?

Jesus cannot be deceived. He asks the Pharisees for a coin, and points to Caesar's head on it, saying, 'give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God.' Jesus explains that both political and religious obligations can be legitimately met. 'Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar', thus we should strive to fulfil our duties as citizens of our country. Yet, we are to give to God what belongs to Him. What is it that belongs to God? Just as the Roman coins bore the image of Caesar, and our coins bear the image of the Queen, every human person bears the image of God. Thus, our highest obligation in life, irrespective of nationality or citizenship, for man, woman and child, is to give ourselves back to God.

Our duty to God comes first. In the first reading, a non-Jewish king, Cyrus, conquered Babylon, where the Chosen People were in exile. He gives permission for them to return to Israel, and thus sets them free. This indicates that God is supreme over earthly systems of rule.

When God is pushed out, the result is tyranny. The decline of moral standards, particularly in the west, has resulted from the rejection of Christ. No longer is He enshrined as our King. Europe has forgotten its Catholic heritage, and all manner of evil is now accepted, with fierce attacks on life and marriage. The culture of death is all around us.

The solution is to allow Christ to reign over all aspects of our lives, to put him at the centre. If He occupies that space in our hearts and minds, then through us, He will permeate the culture. It takes courage to stand against the evils of the day, but let us take heart from the example of St Thomas More, who said, 'I die the king's good servant, but God's first.'

Let us offer our lives to God, so that we can be His instruments in a world in desperate need of Him.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 20th October at 7.30pm in the Church.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

CONFIRMATION 2015: The Confirmation programme for young people in school year 10 and above will begin in early November. Application forms are now available from the presbytery and the closing date is next Sunday 26th October. All prospective candidates will be required to attend a brief interview with Fr Maurice before the programme begins. Once you have completed and submitted a form, please sign up for an interview on the list on the Church noticeboard. Interviews will take place in the evenings on Monday 27th and Wednesday 29th November, and parents are also asked to attend.

BECOMING CATHOLIC: For anyone wishing to become Catholic or explore the Catholic faith, a new programme of instruction began recently. Sessions take place on Thursday evenings at 8.00pm in the Church meeting room. Please tell any friends or relatives who may be interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the faith.

PARISH BAZAAR: The Bazaar planning committee will meet on Tuesday 21st October at 7.30pm in the Church meeting room. Don't forget that the Bazaar itself will take place on **November 28^h and 29th**. If you would like to help run a stall, please contact Chris Fitzgerald on 0208 524 1119. Raffle tickets will be available in coming weeks.

ISRAEL & HOLY LAND EASTER PILGRIMAGE 2014 REUNION: On Sunday 26th October from 3-5pm in the Parish Hall there will be a social gathering for the pilgrims who travelled to the Holy Land this Easter. It is an opportunity to see a video to remind us of our support for this place and the graces received.

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.

Fr Maurice will be available for the signing of Primary school forms at the following times ONLY: Saturday 8th November; 2-4pm and Monday 10th November; 6-8pm

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.

OLSG Y2 / Y3 SCHOOL VACANCIES: Two families have recently moved from the parish, resulting in vacancies in year 2 and 3 of our primary school. Please speak to Fr Maurice if you would like your child to transfer to a Catholic school.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL FORMS: The closing date for the return of the priest's reference form is 31st October. Fr Maurice will be available to sign these on the following dates **ONLY:** Sunday 19th and Monday 20th, 6-8pm on each day.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA ANNUAL MASS: The Knights of St Columba Co 137 are holding their annual Mass for deceased brothers on Saturday 1st November at 11am at St Joseph's Church, Leyton.

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.

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.

RIP

With sadness, we announce the death of Muriel Chetty, an active member of our parish community for many years. She died last week after a long illness, and our prayers and thoughts are with her family and friends. Her body will be received into the Church on Monday 20th October at 5pm, and her Requiem Mass will take place at 10.30am on Tuesday 21st, followed by committal at the City of London Crematorium.

May she rest in peace.

ROTAS – OCTOBER

Counting	5/10 B	12/10 E	19/10 C	26/10 D
Hospital	5/10 A	12/10 B	19/10 D	26/10 A
Christian Kitchen	4/10 Nor	11/10 C	18/10 D	25/10 E

The offertory collection for last weekend's Masses was £1254.09
Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

6.00pm	Joe Murnane (RIP)
Sun 19 th Oct	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) (World Mission Day)
8.30am	Magdalene Correa (Ints)
10.00am	Katie Browne (Anniv)
12.00pm	Greta Jen Gapp (RIP)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 20 th Oct	Feria
7.00am	Margaret Perry (Ints)
9.15am	Maria Elizabeth Liassi (RIP)
Tue 21 st Oct	Feria
7.00am	Chiemezie Ichongiri (Ints)
9.15am	Rita Stafford (Ints)
Wed 22 nd Oct	Feria
7.00am	Kristina Klimasauskaite (Ints)
9.15am	Lilian Yearley (RIP)
Thu 23 rd Oct	Feria
7.00am	Holy Souls
9:15am	Sr M Agatha of Abbotswick (RIP)
Fri 24 th Oct	Feria
7.00am	Thomas Gordon (Ints)
9.15am	Joseph Rosario (RIP)
Sat 25 th Oct	Feria
10.00am	Lazaro De Souza (RIP)
6.00pm	Michael Fitzpatrick (RIP)
Sun 26 th Oct	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
8.30am	Magdalene Correa (Ints)
10.00am	Tim Campbell (Ints)
12.00pm	Leonora Edmunds (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)