

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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26th October 2014

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Today's Gospel reminds us of the two great commandments, love of God and love of neighbour. St Thomas Aquinas defined love of neighbour as 'willing another person's good', i.e. desiring what is best for them. Families manifest their love by helping one another to grow, so that each member becomes the best they can be. In our dealings with others we may find we do not particularly like them, or get on with them, but we are still required to love them, which means to want the best for them. Of course love of neighbour is also intimately bound up with care for the needy. In the First Reading God instructs the Israelites to be compassionate to the poor and to strangers, and not to maltreat them. God cares deeply for the poor, and we too must imitate His pity and reach out to the stranger and those in hardship, to offer hospitality.

When we speak of love of God, however, we mean love in a different sense. We cannot 'will the good of God', as we can our neighbour, because God is all goodness. Thus a second definition of love is helpful, i.e. to define love of God as a union of wills. We love God when we join our will to His: in other words, when we want what God wants, and when we try to think and feel as God does. If we focus our heart, soul and mind on the task of doing God's will, we are loving God.

All your heart: Our hearts must be on fire for God; we must have no attachments greater than our love for Him.

All your mind: He wants us to contemplate Him, to use our minds and our intelligence to ponder His love and willingly offer ourselves to Him.

All your soul: When we put our soul into something we commit ourselves in a lasting way, ready to overcome obstacles so that what we set our heart on can come about. Giving God His place engages all our energy; it is not something that can happen passively.

Love of God and neighbour go together. Indeed we cannot truly love God if we don't love our neighbour. The first letter of St John says, 'those who say I love God and hate their brothers or sisters are liars; those who do not love a brother or sister they have seen cannot love God whom they have not seen (1 John 4:20). So if our love for God is authentic, we must look to the needs of others, especially the outcast and the stranger. I think of Blessed Mother Teresa, who spent hours in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and hours tending to the destitute of Calcutta. Her love of God was manifested through love of neighbour, and she provides a good example for us, having taken this Gospel reading to heart and lived by it.

As we reflect on these great commandments, on which all the others hang, may we be mindful of God's great love for us. Our response, to love Him in return should express itself in the compassion and care we practice to our neighbour.

Fr Maurice

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

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

PARISH BAZAAR: This weekend, raffle tickets for the Parish Bazaar (November 28th/29th) will be distributed. Please sell the tickets and return the counterfoils and money after Masses next Sunday. If you are unable to sell the tickets, please return them next week, as we want to ensure we do not waste them.

The bazaar committee will next meet on 4th November. All committee members and stallholders are expected to attend.

CONFIRMATION 2015: The closing date for return of Confirmation applications is today (26th October). Forms will not be accepted after this date. All prospective candidates are required to attend a brief interview with Fr Maurice before the programme begins. Once your form is submitted, 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.

YOUNG POET LAUREATE: We congratulate Aisling Fahey, one of our parishioners and former student of Our Lady & St George school and Holy Family College, who has been appointed Young Poet Laureate for London. In this role, she will provide comment and reflections on current events across the capital during the coming year, and work with communities to inspire and inform through poetry. Well done, Aisling.

HCPT: Next weekend there will be a parish appeal in support of the HCPT Group 161. On Friday 14th November there will be a family bingo night, further details to follow.

MISSIO RED BOX: Red boxes for the St Joseph's Missionary Society will be available next weekend. Please write your name and address on the box before returning it. If you have any queries, please contact Mary Lindo on 0208 539 1344.

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. For more information please contact the school on 0208 520 8500.

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 Reception 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. 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.

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.

CONFERENCE FOR CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE STUDENTS: There will be a day-long conference for healthcare students and foundation doctors, entitled, 'Being a Catholic in Modern Healthcare', on Saturday November 8th, 9.30am – 4.00pm at Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, SW1P 1QJ. Keynote speakers include Cardinal Vincent Nichols. For more information or to book a place, please email student@catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk

DAY OF HEALING on Saturday 1st November at St. Dominic's, Harold Hill with Fr. Angelus. Come and spend some quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament for the Lord to bring you greater healing at 11am. Experience the healing sacrament of Reconciliation at the same time. Participate in our Mass for Healing with the Anointing of the Sick at 12 noon.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS: We congratulate Jason O'Brien and Nicola Bohan who were married here last week. We wish them all of God's blessings for their future happiness and wellbeing.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Charles O'Neill whose Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday November 4th at 11.30am

Joan Beirne, whose body will be received into the Church on Tuesday November 4th at 5pm, and whose Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 5th at 12 noon.

May they 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 £1454.46
Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

6.00pm	Michael Fitzpatrick (RIP)
Sun 26 th Oct	<i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i>
8.30am	Magdalene Correa (Ints)
10.00am	Tim Campbell (Ints)
12.00pm	Leonora Edmunds (RIP)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 27 th Oct	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Muriel Chetty (RIP)
9.15am	Lazaro De Souza (RIP)
Tue 28 th Oct	<i>Ss Simon & Jude</i>
7.00am	Derrick & family
9.15am	Cynthia Moise (Thanksgiving)
Wed 29 th Oct	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Isobel & Eric Raubum (Ints)
9.15am	Judith Hilton (Ints)
Thu 30 th Oct	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Kristina Klimasauskaite (Ints)
9.15am	Elaine Francis (Ints)
Fri 31 st Oct	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Muriel Chetty (RIP)
9.15am	Jason & Kristina Coeur-de-Lion (Thanksgiving)
Sat 1 st Nov	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>
10.00am	Tom O'Connell (RIP)
6.00pm	Deceased family members of Cyril & Josephine Colaco
Sun 2 nd Nov	<i>All Saints</i>
8.30am	Deceased family members of Cyril & Josephine Colaco
10.00am	Victoria & Michael Adeyemi (Ints)
12.00pm	Sr Josephine (Ints)
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, 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, 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:

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)