

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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2nd November 2014

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Today is the Solemnity of All Saints. The saints are men and women, young and old, from all kinds of backgrounds, who realised that God created them to be with Him forever. They cooperated with Him to make that happen, and they are now in His presence, praising Him forever. That is the vision St John describes in the First Reading, 'I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne...they shouted 'victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb''.

The wonderful thing about saints is that there is not just one type – there is incredible diversity among them. From towering intellects like St Thomas Aquinas, to St John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests, who struggled with his studies for the priesthood. While St Louis and St Edward were Kings, St Francis of Assisi and St Anthony of the Desert embraced poverty. St Francis Xavier and St Therese of Lisieux are co-patrons of the missions, even though the former travelled extensively preaching the Gospel, and the latter remained in the cloister, but prayed, sacrificed and corresponded with priests in the field. St Josephine Bakhita was captured and traded as a slave several times, but became a nun after many years of harsh treatment and was renowned for her gentle and caring manner.

The saints are God's masterpieces. They reflect His creativity. No one saint exhausts the beauty of God, but they all reflect aspects of it, through living the Beatitudes, as we heard in the Gospel. The saints became saints by giving themselves to God. That thought might frighten us – we may think that if we surrender to God we will lose our freedom, our identity. In actual fact, the reverse is true. Only in God will we become what we were made to be. The saints have unique and vivid personalities, which are perfected by Christ living in them.

St Paul is a good example. He said, 'it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me' (Gal 2:20). Paul retains his identity, his fiery passion, his preaching ability, but in surrendering these gifts to Christ, they get put to best use, and Christ's light shines through.

Saints are not just role models or spiritual celebrities. Saints are our friends. We can emulate role models, but we cannot talk to them, or ask them for help. Saints are alive in Christ, and so we have access to them. We should speak to them in prayer, for they stand in the presence of God and intercede for us. All of us should cultivate relationships with the saints – perhaps have one or two you can call upon often. You could choose one that is like you in some way, and another who is totally different – they all have something to teach us.

Each one of us is called to become a saint. It is through living this life well, here and now, in friendship with God, that we move in that direction. We should not be discouraged; Cardinal Hume said that 'every saint has a past and every sinner a future'. We should instead take comfort because the saints want us to be with them, and will help us get there if we ask for their help.

Fr Maurice

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

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

PRAYER FOR HOLY SOULS: November is the month dedicated to prayer for the deceased. You can write down the names of your deceased loved ones and place them in the purple box in the Church. We will pray for them during this month. Please do not put any money in the box.

MASS FOR THE DECEASED: The annual Mass for all the deceased members of our Parish community will take place on Friday 14th November at 7.30pm, followed by refreshments in the Church meeting room. All are welcome.

PARISH BAZAAR: Please return the counterfoils and money for any raffle tickets you have sold – these will be collected after Mass. If you are able to take and sell additional tickets, please do so; if you are unable to sell any tickets, please return them, as we do not want to waste them. The Bazaar committee will meet next Tuesday 4th November. All committee members and stallholders are expected to attend. There will be a second collection to cover essential bazaar expenses next weekend (8th/9th November).

ALTAR SERVERS: We are appointing a new MC for the Parish, Jason Coeur-de-Lion, who will coordinate training and formation of the Altar Servers. We thank Jason for taking on this important role. There will be a training session on Saturday 22nd November at 2pm, which all Altar Servers should attend.

MISSING SCOOTER: Last Sunday a child's scooter was left in the porch after the 10am Mass. If you took it away, could you please return it to the presbytery, so it can be reunited with its young owner.

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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: The next meeting for the Finance Committee is on Monday 3rd November at 8.00pm in the Presbytery. All members are asked to attend.

TERRY WHEELER: One of our parishioners, Cllr. Terry Wheeler has been elected Mayor of Waltham Forest for 2014-15. There will be a civic reception at Our Lady & St George's this coming Thursday at 6.30pm, followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. Fr Maurice has been appointed chaplain to the Mayor, and all parishioners are invited to come along.

MISSIO RED BOX: Red boxes for the St Joseph's Missionary Society are available this 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.

SVP CAKE SALE – THANK YOU: We would like to thank those who baked and helped sell cakes and to parishioners who supported the sale. £348 was raised. Many thanks.

SVP SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH: This year the Senior Citizens' lunch will be held on Sunday 7th December. Further details later, but there will be a second collection on 15th/16th November for this event.

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 should contact the school on 0208 520 5800.

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.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES WITH BISHOP ALAN – SUMMER 2015: Bishop Alan will lead the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Sunday 26th to Friday 31st July 2015. From £649 by air with full board for six days, five nights, or from £429 by coach. This pilgrimage includes an experienced medical team and plenty of help for those with mobility needs. It is also ideal for couples, individuals, and groups of friends. There is a full programme to opt in and out of, and everyone is welcome. Visit www.brentwoodlourdes.org for much more information and to order a brochure.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Errol Lewis, whose Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 3rd at 11am

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 – NOVEMBER

Counting	2/11 E	9/11 C	16/11 B	23/11 D	30/11 E
Hospital	2/11 B	9/11 D	16/11 A	23/11 B	30/11 D
Christian Kitchen	1/11 Nor	8/11 F	15/11 G	22/11 A	29/11 B

The offertory collection for last weekend's Masses was £1432.47. The recent CAFOD fast day raised £419.87. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

6.00pm	Deceased family members of Cyril & Josephine Colaco
Sun 2 nd Nov	<i>Solemnity of 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>
Mon 3 rd Nov	<i>Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls)</i>
7.00am	Orincilla Onyenaucheya (RIP)
9.15am	Muriel Chetty (RIP)
Tue 4 th Nov	<i>St Charles Borromeo</i>
7.00am	Dairmuid Ui Foghlu
9.15am	Lazaro de Souza (RIP)
Wed 5 th Nov	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Silvestre Salalima (RIP)
9.15am	Sonny Houlihan (RIP)
Thu 6 th Nov	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Deceased relatives of Emiljana Paloci
9:15am	Joan Beirne (RIP)
Fri 7 th Nov	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Victims of Typhoon Yolanda (1 st Anniv.)
Sat 8 th Nov	<i>Feria</i>
10.00am	Phoebe Roach (RIP)
6.00pm	Paul Craig (RIP)
Sun 9 th Nov	<i>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Remembrance Day)</i>
8.30am	Joyce Mould (RIP)
10.00am	Helena Salamonowicz (Ints)
12.00pm	Peggy Halpenny (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, 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)