

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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5th October 2014

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Today's first reading and Gospel both use the image of a vineyard to describe the people of God. Vineyards are places where grapes are grown to make wine, and are more commonly found in warm climates, so the people of Isaiah's time, as well as Jesus' listeners would be very familiar with them. A vineyard requires great care and attention to cultivate a quality crop. This image is used by Isaiah to describe God's loving concern for the chosen people of Israel – God tried to cultivate the people through the teaching of the prophets and the covenants He made with them. But they resisted His voice and, as the reading says, were expected to yield grapes but produced sour fruit instead. Seeing the infidelity of the Israelite people, Isaiah foretells their destruction, and this eventually comes to pass with the destruction of Jerusalem and the Babylonian exile in 586BC.

In today's psalm, the psalmist pleads with God not to abandon them; they plead for another chance. They recognise that true happiness and salvation consist in being in a right relationship with God.

Jesus uses the vineyard image from Isaiah to expose the hypocrisy of the religious leaders of the day. The tenants in the parable represent the chief priests, who have the responsibility to take care of God's people, and the landowner represents God. The tenants do not produce fruit for the landowner but when they meet his servants and even his son, they beat and kill them. The servants represent the many prophets God sent to call the Israelites to repentance, which they rejected and killed. The son, of course, represents Christ, who as today's Gospel says, is seized, 'thrown out of the vineyard and killed'. Likewise, Our Lord was driven out of Jerusalem to be crucified outside the city on Calvary.

Jesus asks the chief priests what they think the landowner will do to the unfaithful tenants, and they answer, 'he will bring those wretches to a wretched end', not perceiving that in their rejection of Jesus, they are condemning themselves. Jesus then identifies Himself as the keystone. At the time, the chief priests were overseeing a major renovation of the Temple of Jerusalem, and despite these building works, they reject the one crucial Foundation Stone – Jesus Himself. Hence the Lord says that the Kingdom of God will be taken from them and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

This 'people' is the Church – the new Israel, established by Christ's passion death and resurrection – a new and definitive covenant in His Blood. The Church exists to gather all people, nations and cultures. We are all part of this. The parable of the vineyard applies also to us today. We are placed in the vineyard as stewards of it - each of us having our own responsibilities, and God requires good works from us, just as the landowner expected produce from the land he rented out. We must not be like the wicked tenants, looking out for our own selfish interests, in a life of lies and corruption. We are called to give God His place, and cooperate with Him.

The good fruits will come if, as St Paul advises us, we fill our minds with everything that is true, noble, good and pure, honourable and virtuous. Let us pray today not to become complacent, but in humility to labour and cultivate that part of the vineyard that the Lord has entrusted to us.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2014/15: The deadline for First Holy Communion applications is this **Sunday 5th October**.

CONFIRMATION 2015: The Confirmation programme for young people in school year 10 and above will begin in early November. Application forms will be available from next Sunday (12th), and the closing date will be Sunday 26th October. All prospective candidates will be required to attend a brief interview with Fr Maurice before the programme begins; details to be announced next week.

BECOMING CATHOLIC: For anyone wishing to become Catholic or explore the Catholic faith, a new programme of instruction has just begun. 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 29th and 30th. 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.

SVP HEALING MASS: The SVP Healing Mass will take place this Sunday 5th October starting at 3pm, and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be available for the sick and housebound.

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.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY – ST ANTHONY: Thank you to all those who travelled to Padua, Venice and Verona on pilgrimage. It was a most beautiful and inspiring journey – Stella.

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.

BCCS - ROMFORD DOGS CHARITY NIGHT: The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will be hosting a Charity Night at Romford Greyhound Stadium on Friday 24th October 2014. Ticket are priced at £25 per person and includes entrance, 3 Course Meal with Coffee in the Pavilion Restaurant, free race card. There are also sponsorship opportunities for companies or individuals to have a race in their name at the event. We are expecting this event to be really popular so please book early in order to avoid disappointment. For further details and to book tickets call Julie on 01268 784544 or email jabbott@bccs.org.uk

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 – 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 £1454.94.
Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

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>
Mon 6 th Oct	St Bruno
7.00am	Isobel & Eric Raeburn (RIP)
9.15am	Peter McArdle (RIP)
Tue 7 th Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary
7.00am	John Burnham (RIP)
9.15am	Michael O'Hara (RIP)
Wed 8 th Oct	St Osyth, Religious (Diocesan Memorial)
7.00am	Holy Souls
9.15am	Kristina Klimasauskaite (Ints)
Thu 9 th Oct	Feria
7.00am	Joan Beirne (Ints)
9:15am	Catherine McNamara (Ints)
Fri 10 th Oct	Feria
7.00am	Bridie Lacon (Ints)
9.15am	Angelina Horeau (Ints)
Sat 11 th Oct	Ss Ethelburga, Hildelithe and Cuthburga, Religious
10.00am	Julian Rodrigues (Ints)
6.00pm	Conrad J. Nervil (RIP)
Sun 12 th Oct	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
8.30am	Magdalene Correa (Ints)
10.00am	Len Church (RIP)
12.00pm	Dennis Perkins (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)