

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

132 Shernhall Street, Walthamstow E17 9HU

Tel: 020 8520 5877 Fax: 020 8520 4805

E-mail: parishoffice@olsg.co.uk

Website: www.olsg.co.uk

Fr Maurice Gordon; Fr Patrick Daly
Fr Joseph Anthiamkulam (Syro-Malabar Chaplain);
Fr David Waller (Ordinariate Priest) (020 8554 3763)
Rev. Joseph Baffour-Awuah (Permanent Deacon)
Sr. Anne Marie (Pastoral Care)

Our Lady & St George's Primary School:
Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552
Holy Family Catholic College: 8520 0482/8520 3587

16th November 2014

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

All of us have received many gifts and blessings from God. We have received the gifts of life, family, friends, home, work and education. At a deeper level we have also received the gifts of faith, we receive God's life through the sacraments, and have an on-going relationship with Christ through prayer, the scriptures, Our Lady and the saints. We have many gifts and blessings, material and spiritual. How much do we value all of these blessings? What do we make of what God has given to us?

Today's Gospel, the parable of the talents, shows the generosity of God. The master gives the servants talents in proportion to their ability, and expects them to be put to good use. When the master returns, he praises the two faithful servants who multiplied their gifts, and condemns the lazy servant who buries his. So it will be for us. St Gregory the Great saw the master in this parable representing Christ, who has gone away to heaven through His ascension, but will return again at the end of time. We will all face judgement and will be judged on the use of the gifts we received.

Notice that the servants receive different numbers of talents. Not all of us are equally endowed with talents – some have more than others. But whatever we are given, we are expected to use it. The two servants who made good use of their gifts are told, in exactly the same words, 'come, share in your master's joy, but the third man, who failed to use his single talent is thrown out. He was lazy and made excuses. Whatever gifts and abilities we have, we must be diligent in using them.

That third servant is the opposite of the good and faithful woman described in the first reading. She has many talents, and uses them well, for the edification of her husband, family and the needy. She is just like the two faithful servants in the Gospel; industrious and eager that others may get a return on the investment she makes with her gifts. This woman is an ideal model for the Christian wife and mother. Likewise the psalm encourages fear of the Lord – not a servile fear, but the desire to please Him, and to be diligent in using all that is given to us for good. It speaks particularly to men as providers for their wives and families; 'by the labour of your hands you shall eat' – and thereby sustain the family.

Now is the time to use the gifts we have been given. The Lord does not give us a blueprint, just as the servants were not told exactly what to do with their talents. But one thing is sure, they multiply when they are used, and go to waste when we try to cling on to them.

Is our Lord demanding? Yes, because He is Truth and Goodness, and Truth and Goodness are demanding. We have to stay awake and alert. We have to be good and faithful servants, using the talents the Lord has given us. They are given to us for others. All He asks is that we remain faithful in small matters, and follow His ways diligently in all the details of our lives.

On this Sunday let us reflect on the gifts we have received and use we are making of them, amending our minds and attitudes so that we can work towards one day hearing the Lord say to us, 'Well done good and faithful servant...come and join in your master's happiness.'
Amen.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next Course will take place on Monday 17th November at 7.30pm in the Church.

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.

PARISH BAZAAR: The Bazaar is now just two weeks away. Thank you so much for all your support thus far in selling tickets and donating towards expenses. In the next two weeks, we are asking for donations of stationery, games and toys, CDs, DVDs and bottles (including wines and spirits), toiletries and bric-a-brac. Please return any remaining counterfoils and money for any raffle tickets you have sold – these will be collected after Mass, and please return any unsold tickets. There are posters available this weekend, which you can display in your window to promote the event. Above all, please come along for the Bazaar itself, which takes place on Friday 28th and Saturday 29th November.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Were you baptised Catholic but never made your First Communion? Or were you never Confirmed? Baptised as a non-Catholic Christian? Never baptised at all? Are you interested in becoming Catholic? If you answered yes to any of these and are over 16 years of age, the RCIA programme is for you. 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The next session for the First Communion programme is on 22nd November at 10am in the parish Hall.

ALTAR SERVERS: There will be a training session for Altar Servers on Saturday 22nd November at 2pm, which all Altar Servers should attend.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: For all those who were commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion earlier this year, Sr. Anne Marie is running a follow up evening on Tuesday 25th November at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA: The Knights of St Columba will next meet on Monday 17th November at 1pm in the Church.

ASSISI PILGRIMAGE: There will be a pilgrimage to Assisi in honour of St Francis, 22nd-27th September 2015 - £719, 6 days H/B. Deadline for receipt of deposits is 5th January 2015. This is a very popular destination so book now to avoid disappointment. For more information contact Stella on 0208 527 3879.

PADUA PILGRIMAGE GET-TOGETHER: An evening out has been arranged for all those who travelled to Padua, Italy, on Wednesday 26th November at 7.30pm at EAT17 restaurant, 28-30 Orford Road, Walthamstow E17.

YOUTH SUNDAY: Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service.

FLOWER ARRANGERS: The Flower Team needs new members to help and support the team in preparing and/or maintaining the flowers in the church. Commitment, dedication and a love of flowers are all that is required. Not all the activities involved flower arranging

but if required training would be given. If interested or if you require more information please contact Tessie 07553834737, Pam 07956153074 or Edna 07740735097.

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.

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.

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.

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) wishes to recruit a full-time Despatch Officer (37½ hours p.w.), whose role will be to open daily post and prepare all outgoing post. The duties include photocopying and collating campaign material to be packed with the help of volunteers, keeping records of all outgoing mailings, filing of sample copies, merchandise stock-keeping, store room organization. The position, to commence in January 2015 and be based at SPUC's Kennington HQ, would suit someone with good IT skills, organizational skills and manual lifting ability. Closing date: 12th December 2014. Salary according to age and experience. To request an application pack please contact Patrick Kingman, SPUC, Unit B, 3 Whitacre Mews, London SE11 4AB; email patkingman@spuc.org.uk, phone 0207 820 3121.

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, or pick up a leaflet from the porch.

RIP

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Elaine Francis, who had taught in OLSG School for the last ten years, and was also a First Communion Catechist. Our deep sympathy is with her family at this time. Her funeral arrangements will be made later.

May she 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 £1557.81.
Thank you for your generosity.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

6.00pm	Ellen Fletcher (RIP)
Sun 16 th Nov	<i>Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)</i>
8.30am	Joe & Adeline Rosario (RIP)
10.00am	Rosa Gregori (RIP)
12.00pm	Tobias Buelro Sr. & Aida Rodriguez Asuncion (RIP)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 17 th Nov	<i>St Elizabeth of Hungary</i>
7.00am	Florence and Arny Gonsalves and family (RIP)
9.15am	Damasius Maredza (RIP)
Tue 18 th Nov	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Elvin Constantin (RIP)
9.15am	Norril Constantin (RIP)
Wed 19 th Nov	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Victoria & Michael Adeyemi (Ints)
9.15am	Nicholas Constantis (RIP)
Thu 20 th Nov	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Kirus Charles (RIP)
9:15am	Paul Nesmon (RIP)
Fri 21 st Nov	<i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
7.00am	Lodanise & Charles (RIP)
9.15am	Francis Palmer (RIP)
Sat 22 nd Nov	<i>St Cecilia</i>
10.00am	Special Ints
6.00pm	Natalie Rosario (Ints)
Sun 23 rd Nov	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King</i>
8.30am	Deceased Relatives of R&S Rodrigues
10.00am	Deceased Relatives of Emiljana Paloci
12.00pm	Juilian Arcillas Snr. (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

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)