

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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14th June 2015

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)

In the Gospel today Jesus describes the Kingdom of God with the parable of the mustard seed. The farmer in the parable scatters the seed all round, and then, slowly but imperceptibly the seed begins to sprout. The seed has intrinsic power and grows of its own accord. The farmer can help it to grow by watering, weeding and fertilising the ground, but ultimately he is not in control of the process. He cannot make the ripe grain appear ahead of its appointed time; he does what he can do, and then waits in trust and patience for the harvest – and when the harvest comes he is ready to reap it.

With this parable, Jesus explains that the Kingdom of God is a divine work, not a merely human achievement. God brings about its growth, which at times is imperceptible. We cooperate with the process but we cannot control it ourselves. The Kingdom will be established as we submit our lives to Christ and recognise Him as our king. We come to Him in humility, knowing our weaknesses and vulnerability, and our need of Him. The first reading gives us hope because it shows that God has special regard for the lowly who seek him. 'He stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow.' This evokes the words of Mary in the Magnificat; 'He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.'

The Kingdom of God is for everyone who wishes to enter it, for the poor and lowly, and for repentant sinners. God works with us to bring about His harvest, to gradually perfect us so we become more like Him. This is not something we can achieve by our own efforts. As with the farmer in the parable, it is a work of God. Yet we must do our part too. Our part in bringing about the Kingdom is to live an upright life, to live the commandments and beatitudes, to become virtuous, avoid sin and do penance. But even this can only be done by the grace of God.

Today's psalm speaks of being 'planted in the house of the Lord' – that is what happened to us when we were baptised; we were planted in God's house – and by remaining close to Him we can continue to bear fruit throughout our lives, even if we are old.

Every good act that we can do, however small, will help to bring about the Kingdom, because God's grace magnifies our good actions, when done in union with Him. Through His power the tiny seed becomes a big shrub and puts out branches, by which others can benefit. In a world where a person's worth is judged by success and celebrity, let us have faith that God can work through each one of us: even if we are weak and insignificant, God can use us for good.

Fr Maurice

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

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: There will be an appeal and collection for the Little Sisters of the Poor on this weekend.

CONFIRMATION THANKSGIVING: There will be a Mass of thanksgiving for all the newly confirmed young people and their families on 19th July at 12 noon.

SUPPORTING PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS: We are organizing an evening of prayer and song, in support of our persecuted brothers and sisters throughout the Middle East. This will take place in the Church on Saturday 11th July from 7.30pm – 9.00pm. A collection will be taken for Aid to the Church in Need.

PARISH HALL BOOKINGS: please note that all enquiries must be emailed to Maulline Sam, Parish Hall Manager on the following email address: maulline_sam@btinternet.com. You will receive a response within 5 working days.

PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD: UPDATE: There will be a preparation session to run through the logistics of the pilgrimage to Aylesford (11th July). This will take place next **Friday 19th June at 7.00pm in the Church. All those travelling with the parish are requested to attend for this briefing** (or at least one member of each family must attend). The contribution for each seat (£5 per person) will be collected on that evening. There will be 3 coaches, and each has been assigned a leader, as per the signup sheets on the noticeboard: Coach 1 will be led by Joe Elwood, Coach 2 by Noemi Lambson and Coach 3 by Aurora Santiano. The leaders on each coach will identify those in their group and collect payment from them at this preparatory session. We pray for a successful pilgrimage.

MAINTENANCE MEETING: The next meeting of the maintenance committee will take place this Monday 15th June at 8pm in the presbytery. All committee members are asked to attend.

AFRICAN MISSION MEETING: Members of the African Communities are cordially invited to attend the African Mission meeting on Sunday 21 June 2015 at 3pm in the Church. Please make every effort to attend and also encourage other members to attend as well.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: There are currently some slots available for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Mondays, 12-1pm, 1-2pm and 3pm-4pm. We do require at least a couple of people to be present at all times when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. If you are able to commit some time in prayer with the Lord, please leave your details on the sign up sheet by the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, or contact Louella on 07545 625 109.

DEANERY FIRST COMMUNION CATECHIST MEETING: There will be a get-together and social for all First Communion catechists in the Waltham Forest Deanery (parishes of Our Lady & St George, St Patrick's, Christ the King, St Thomas of Canterbury & St Teresa of Avila) on **Saturday 4th July at 2pm at Christ the King, Chingford**. All Communion catechists are encouraged to attend.

OLSG SCHOOL JOB VACANCIES: Vacancies for outstanding class teachers, KS1& KS2. September 2015 start. Potential for a TLR for the right candidate. Email or phone the school for an application pack. Email: office@olsgweb.org or telephone: 020 8520 8500.

MIRACULOUS IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: Bishop Alan Williams will be principal celebrant at a service of reception for the Miraculous Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, "Protectress of the Unborn", at the Cathedral on Friday 19 June at 7.30pm; and from 19-25 June the Cathedral will be open for visits throughout the day under the care of the Knights of Saint Colomba and staff from the Cathedral. Devotional booklets will be available, and petition slips can be completed and subsequently sent to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. More information about the miraculous image can be found at <http://www.relicourladyofguadalupe.co.uk/>

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. The Gift Aid Scheme provides much-needed additional income for the upkeep of the Church and support of our schools. It is possible to make Gift Aid payments via Standing Order. For more information please contact Hana on 07939 485957.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR NEEDED: Applications are now being invited for the post of Parish Administrator at St James the Less & St Helen, Colchester for an August start. This is a part-time post of 24 hours per week. Candidates must be skilled in the use of Word, Excel, Databases, with a proven track record in administration/maintenance issues. Absolute integrity and discretion are essential, together with the ability to work under pressure. For a full Job Description and other details, please contact the parish office on 01206 866317. Closing date for applications is Friday 3rd July. Interviews will take place on Monday 6th July.

EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW: Men aged 18-40 with a passion for God and the Church are invited to consider a vocation to the men's branch of a new religious community. Join us on the weekend of 4th/5th July at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood, for a time of prayer, sharing and reflection. It will provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham's charism and how it may relate to your own faith journey. For further information call Jim on 01277 373848 or visit www.walsinghamcommunity.org

SCHOOL GOVERNOR TRAINING: at Cathedral House Brentwood.

'Leading a school from good to outstanding' – 4th July, 9.30am-12pm.

'Holding school leaders to account' – 11th July, 9.30am-12pm.

For more information or to register contact Lisa Gunther on 01277 265 218 or at lisa@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Closing date for responses is 22nd June.

ROTAS – JUNE:

Hospital	7/6 A	14/6 B	21/6 D	28/6 A
Counting	7/6 C	14/6 B	21/6 D	28/6 F
Christian Kitchen	6/6 Nor1	13/6 E	20/6 Nor2	26/6 F

The main offertory collection for last week was £1509.20.

The second collection for sick clergy raised £579.80

Thank you for your generosity.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George this week

6.00pm	Francesco Zeppetelli (RIP)
Sun 14 th Jun	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
8.30am	Private Intention
10.00am	Alan Bullock (RIP)
12.00pm	Aida Asuncion, Ramon Asuncion, Armelito & Dominador Valdes (RIP)
6:30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 15 th Jun	Feria
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Francis Alfred Palmer (RIP)
Tue 16 th Jun	Feria
7.00am	Hana Thomas (Ints)
9.15am	D Villaroel (Ints)
Wed 17 th Jun	Feria
7.00am	Joan Feehan (RIP)
9.15am	Boyce Chandisingh (RIP)
Thu 18 th Jun	Feria
7.00am	Margaret Nkemaa (RIP)
9.15am	Eileen Allen (RIP)
Fri 19 th Jun	Feria
7.00am	Ange, Melva & Family (Ints)
9.15am	Brenda Riley (Ints)
Sat 20 th Jun	Feria
10.00am	Deceased members of the Huba family
6.00pm	Les Terry (RIP)
Sun 21 st Jun	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
8.30am	PK Chacko (RIP)
10.00am	Celia Hamilton (RIP)
12.00pm	Andrea Okoloekew & George Minna
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, 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, Luis & Lukas, Ann Hutton, Comfort Kwawu.

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)