

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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21st June 2015

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)

Today's readings speak of the importance of faith in the midst of difficulties. Job in the first reading has undergone tremendous suffering, losing his family, his health and his wealth. He had been trying to live an upright life, and so wonders why God has permitted him to suffer. He feels as if God has abandoned him. Job's faith is in crisis, but then God responds, asserting that He has power over creation, and that He can calm storms. This calms the anxiety within Job, and in a later passage he proclaims, 'The Lord gives, the Lord takes away, blessed be the name of the Lord'. Job recognises that despite God's apparent absence in the difficulties of life, He remains in control, and his faith is strengthened.

Faced with the storm on the Sea of Galilee, the disciples in the Gospel felt puny and very afraid. They were experienced fishermen, and they knew that sea very well, but this storm terrified them. Suddenly in the face of danger their own limitations and vulnerability hit home. In desperation they, like Job, thought they had been abandoned. But as with Job, the Lord is there all along; in this Gospel passage He is in the boat with them, but asleep. They wake him in a panic, crying out to Him, 'Master do you not care, we are going down?' Jesus rebukes the storm, again showing the power of God over creation, and His ability to bring them peace on the other side of the storm.

In this Gospel account, the boat is seen as an image of the Church. Christ is within it, but the vessel is tossed about by many rough winds and waves. Through the ages, the Church has had to endure many storms, originating from within and without, where often it has seemed that the Lord is absent. It will continue to be hammered by pernicious philosophies and false doctrines, which will have harmful effects for future generations. But precisely at this time, the Church - all of us - need to summon greater confidence and faith in the Lord, and to pray for the grace of perseverance.

When things are going well, it can be easy to say we have faith. But it is the difficulties of life which really call upon faith. This applies also in our everyday lives. We might find ourselves in a sudden tragedy, or we might hit rock bottom with an illness like depression or an addiction. In all cases we find ourselves confronted and threatened by dark forces that we cannot control. When this happens, it is natural to be frightened. But Jesus says to the disciples, and He says to us, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' Let us have the humility to recognise that we are not self-sufficient. Many storms threaten us, but we do not need to be afraid. Our Lord has authority over all things, and we should not even fear death itself. He has the power and the authority to save and redeem even those situations, which, to us seem hopeless.

Lord, I believe, help my unbelief!

Fr Maurice

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

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

SUMMER ARRANGEMENTS: Fr Patrick will be away for a month from this weekend. During this time, Fr Kevin Lenehan, who is well known to many of you, will be staying in the parish. All weekday Masses will continue as normal for now.

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.

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.

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: Thanks to all who came to the pilgrimage briefing last Friday. On the day of the pilgrimage (11th July), please gather at the Church at 8.15am, as we will begin with a prayer in the Church, and board the coaches shortly thereafter. **Please be on time and bring a packed lunch.**

AFRICAN MISSION MEETING: Members of the African Communities are cordially invited to attend the African Mission meeting on Sunday 21st 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.

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.

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 lisagunther@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 £1340.38

The second collection for the Little Sisters of the Poor raised £607.10

Thank you for your generosity

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING

at SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on **Sunday 28th June 2015, 7.30pm to 9.00pm**. Everyone welcome.

VACANCIES: Our Lady and St. George's Catholic Primary School have vacancies in the following year groups:

Nursery (September 2015) children born between 01.09.2011-31.08.2012.

Y2 children born between 01.09.2007-31.08.2008

Y3 children born between 01.09.2006-31.08.2007

Y5 children born between 01.09.2003-31.08.2005

If you are interested in applying for a place for your child or would like further information either contact Mrs Moloney at the school office on 0208 520 8500 (Monday Tuesday and Wednesday) or go to the school website at www.olsgweb.org

Job Opportunities at CAFOD

Community Participation Co-ordinator - 1 x full time permanent post working with volunteers in parish and school communities helping to inspire and resource **Catholics to participate in the Church's mission to overcome poverty and injustice overseas in partnership with CAFOD.** Closing date 10th July 2015. <http://www.cafod.org.uk/Work-with-us/UK-Jobs/CPC>

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tim Campbell.

It is with great sadness we announce the death of Tim Campbell who died suddenly on Wednesday 17 June 2015. Tim was very much part of the parish community as an organist, Eucharist minister, member of the choir and involved in CAFOD. He would be sadly missed. Funeral arrangements made later. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

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

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>
Mon 22 nd Jun	Ss John Fisher & Thomas More
7.00am	Karen Keane (RIP)
9.15am	Boyce Chandisingh (RIP)
Tue 23 rd Jun	Feria
7.00am	Karen Keane (RIP)
9.15am	Margaret Moore (Ints)
Wed 24 th Jun	Nativity of St John the Baptist
7.00am	Deceased relatives of Luljeta Huba
9.15am	Thanksgiving
Thu 25 th Jun	Feria
7.00am	Boyce Chandisingh (RIP)
9.15am	Jack Cullen (RIP)
Fri 26 th Jun	Feria
7.00am	Doris Jarvis (RIP)
9.15am	Orlagh Keating & Simone Lia (Ints)
Sat 27 th Jun	Feria
10.00am	Boyce Chandisingh (RIP)
6.00pm	Baby Shannon Beer (RIP)
Sun 28 th Jun	Ss Peter & Paul (Solemnity)
8.30am	Mr Innocent (Ints)
10.00am	Parish
12.00pm	Rose Gill (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, 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)