

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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12th July 2015

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (SEA SUNDAY) (B)

Today's readings focus on the theme of being chosen and sent out by God. We are all chosen by God and called to draw others to Him, no matter who we are or what our background is. The first reading speaks of Amos, a family man who worked as a shepherd and farmer. He lived an ordinary life, until he heard the Lord calling him from his work to serve as a prophet to Israel. Amos acknowledges that his own talents and background do not qualify him for this calling, but he follows in obedience to God, trusting in Him.

In the Gospel, Jesus begins to send his disciples out. By now they had been with Him for some time, and had observed Him preaching, casting out evil spirits and healing the sick. He invests them with His authority and sends them out to do the same. But He gives them some specific instructions; they are not to take with them any bread, a haversack or money, nor are they to be concerned about accommodation. This may seem bizarre to us, who are accustomed to preparing well before undertaking a journey – but Jesus wants his apostles to trust in Divine Providence, and not in their own power. Instead of seeking security in money, nice food and comfort, they are to rely on God's grace for all they need. In this way they also give a more credible witness to Him; they show that true happiness and joy does not lie in material things, and so they can be set aside. It is an important lesson for us – very often our homes are cluttered with things we don't really need.

Our worth is not determined by what we own, our status, career, education etc. These things are good, but they do not in themselves define who we are. At a much deeper level we are immensely loved by God, who did not have to create us, but chose to do so. Having chosen to make us, He has a purpose for each of us: we were created to give glory to Him. As St Paul says, 'to be holy and spotless and to live through love in His presence...and to praise Him.'

We may think we have nothing to offer, but no! Each one of us is chosen and sent by Christ to someone. We can all reach people that others can't, and can rejoice in the dignity that Jesus has given us of being able to share in this work of making Him known and loved by others. This won't always be easy – people do reject Christ's message, even as they rejected Him when he preached Himself. If we experience rejection on account of Christ, we should not be downcast; Jesus tells his disciples to shake the dust off their feet. But we should also be prudent; sometimes people reject the Gospel because they are deeply wounded at some level, so it may be better not to simply walk away, but to continue reaching out in love and compassion – that others might be healed and eventually won over by our loving concern.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 20th July at 7.30pm.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

FR KEVIN: Fr Kevin will be leaving us on Monday to return to his diocese of Ballarat in Australia. We are very grateful to him for all his help and support during the past few weeks. It is always great to have him with us, and we hope to have him back with us again soon. Fr Patrick will return on 23rd July.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: This coming week our schools break up for the summer holidays. We wish all our pupils and staff a peaceful and restful time.

TELCO INTERN: Last week we welcomed Callum Shaw to our parish. Callum is undertaking a 3-week internship with Caritas Anchor House, the Catholic homeless charity in East London, and is assisting in our parish in order to find out about and engage parishioners on the issue of housing. He is enjoying his experience with us, and we hope this time will be fruitful for him. He will be around after the weekend Masses if any parishioners would like to share their experiences with him.

SEA SUNDAY, 12TH JULY: This weekend there will be a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS). AoS is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It reaches out to seafarers visiting our ports, offering pastoral and practical support and care. For more information on their work, visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

SICK CALLS TO HOSPITAL: In light of strict data protection rules it is important that on entering hospital you tell the nurses that your details or those of your relatives be passed to the Catholic chaplain, if you wish to be visited. We visit the wards during the week and also provide a 24-hour on-call service in case of emergency.

FROM ROD & DOLLY MAYERS: A very big thanks to all who attended and participated in the Mass and celebration on 28th June for Rod's 80th birthday and his and Dolly's wedding anniversary. They are very grateful for everyone's support and generosity, which made it a wonderful occasion for all.

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, followed by a parish garden party and barbecue (details below).

PARISH GARDEN PARTY – Hosted by HCPT Group 161: 11am Sunday 19th July: Come and join us for a day of fun! Celebrating our 2015 Confirmation candidates and fundraising for children with needs to have the holiday of a lifetime to Lourdes at Easter. Bouncy castle music, face painting, Pimms, BBQ and an epic 10-hour sponsored pottery wheel throw! Fun for all the family.

BETHEL PRAYER GROUP: PETITIONS: The Bethel Prayer group consists of several of our parish families from Kerala, India, who gather to pray regularly in their homes. They are praying for the needs of the parish and have produced a petitions box, which is placed in the Church porch. If you would like them to pray for your intentions, please write them down and place them in the box.

'ASSISTED SUICIDE' BILL: On Friday 11th September the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. This will put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. You can send an e-mail to your MP via the Catholic Bishops' Conference

website (www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide) or send a letter by post, a draft of which can be found at the back of the Church

FR JOHN DUCKETT ANNIVERSARY: Fr John Duckett, who was an assistant priest here at St George's from 2001/2002 will celebrate the 60th anniversary of his Ordination to the priesthood on Saturday 25th July, with a Mass at 11.30am at Our Lady of Compassion, Green Street, Upton Park, E13 9AX. Fr John has invited parishioners from all the parishes at which he has served, and so you are very welcome to attend. May God continue to bless him in his priestly ministry.

PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCIES: There are vacancies at Our Lady & St George school from September for children in the following year groups: Nursery, Years 1, 3, 4, 6. If interested in applying for a place contact Mrs Moloney (0208 520 8500) or visit www.olsgweb.org.

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.

RECENT MARRIAGES: We congratulate the following couples, who recently married at Our Lady & St George's: George and Andrea Minnah, Thomas and Ellen McDonagh, Arun and Christella Thirupathisioam, Bradley and Emma Doman, Michael and Angelaine Bermudez. We wish all of them God's blessings for their future happiness and wellbeing.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: We congratulate Bernard and Muriel Filby, who celebrated 60 years of marriage this week. They were married in Christ the King, Chingford on 9th July 1955. Fr Maurice visited their home and the occasion was marked with prayer and the renewal of vows. It was a great family occasion and wish Bernard and Muriel God's abundant blessings.

ROTAS – JULY:

Hospital	5/7 B	12/7 D	19/7 A	26/7 B
Counting	5/7 E	12/7 B	19/7 C	26/7 F
Christian Kitchen	4/7 Nor1	11/7 G	18/7 Nor2	25/7 A

RIP

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of :

Laura Theresa McRory, whose Requiem Mass will take place on
Wednesday 15th July at 11am.

Esmarelda Jones, whose funeral will take place at the City of London Crematorium
on Thursday 16th July at 11am.

May they rest in peace.

**The main offertory collection for last week was £1643.11
Thank you for your generosity.**

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

6.00pm	Neville Moise (Ints)
Sun 12 th July	Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Sea Sunday)
8.30am	Dejanire Talma (RIP)
10.00am	Thanksgiving to Bl Louis & Zelig Martin
12.00pm	Frank Keavey (RIP)
6:30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 13 th July	Feria
7.00am	Holy Souls
9.15am	Tim Campbell (RIP)
Tue 14 th July	Feria
7.00am	Judith Hilton (Ints)
9.15am	Juan Carlos Fallon (RIP)
Wed 15 th July	St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
7.00am	Anne Hutton (Ints)
9.15am	Richard Loughlin (RIP)
Thu 16 th July	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
7.00am	Eric Church (RIP)
9.15am	Tim Campbell (RIP)
Fri 17 th July	Feria
7.00am	Tim Campbell (RIP)
9.15am	Philip Mitchell (Ints)
Sat 18 th July	Feria
10.00am	Kristina Klimasauskaite (Ints)
6.00pm	Parish
Sun 19 th July	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
8.30am	Jason Coeur-de-Lion (Ints)
10.00am	John D'Arcy (RIP)
12.00pm	Silvia Yamson (Thanksgiving)
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, Anne Hutton, Comfort Kwawu, Judith Hilton.

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)