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26th July 2015

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)

When Jesus asks His disciples, 'where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?', both Philip and Andrew give very human answers – Philip calculates the cost and Andrew glibly points to the little boy with five loaves and two fish. In their eyes, feeding the multitude is impossible with such scant resources. But the disciples have one vision of the situation and Jesus has another: they impose limits, but He is without limits.

Things haven't changed much since then. Our vision and expectations are often small, but Jesus' vision and expectations for us are without limits. Today we can reflect on the vision we have for our own lives. Who are we? What is the purpose of life? Is it only about work, making money, getting what we want, repeating the same daily routine? Is there more to life? Does it offer us any more possibilities?

Indeed, life does offer us another possibility: we are offered eternal life by God. We can get lost in everything we see around us, immersed in purely human ways of thinking; or we can live by faith, knowing who we really are: sons and daughters of God, created for a purpose. If we get lost in everything we see around us and give into the temptations of the moment we will find ourselves in a mess. The economic, spiritual and moral crises facing the West stem from the loss of faith.

Most of us are not materially poor, and do not have to endure physical hunger. Many in our world are physically hungry, and we share in Christ's mission of feeding the hungry by giving what we have for their relief. Like the man in the first reading with the barley loaves, and the boy in the Gospel with the five loaves and two fish, when we give what little we have, the Lord transforms our gift.

So many of us who have enough to eat are yet very hungry in other ways. Perhaps we hunger for meaning and purpose; we are not satisfied with our current way of life. The deeper hunger in us can only be satisfied by God. Our Lord said, 'He who comes to me will never be hungry.' The Lord longs to fill and to satisfy us, but perhaps we need to broaden our vision and to be open to what He can do in us. Nothing is impossible to Him.

The miracle of multiplying the loaves and fish prepares for the even greater miracle of the Eucharist. To human eyes, in the Eucharist, one sees the bread and wine, but with the eyes of faith, we see the Body and Blood of Jesus. Do you really believe this? Following Jesus does not entail looking at Him with the vision of the world; it requires us to look at Him with the eyes of faith. With faith and trust all things are possible.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place in September.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

NEWSLETTERS: There will be no newsletters during August, and this week's is the last until the 5th/6th September. The Mass intentions for the weeks of August will be posted on the Church notice board.

ORDINARIATE / FR DAVID WALLER: As announced recently, Fr David Waller will be moving to Christ the King, Chingford, as Parish Priest. Therefore, the 6.30pm Sunday Ordinariate Mass will cease to take place at Our Lady & St George's. The last Mass will take place on 30th August. We are very grateful to Fr David and the Ordinariate group, who have been part of our Parish for the past five years, for their generous contribution to Parish life. We will have a Mass of thanksgiving for them all on Friday 4th September at 7.30pm in the Church, followed by refreshments in the Church meeting room.

SECOND COLLECTION: This week there will be a second collection for the 'Day for Life', which focuses on cherishing life and accepting death. This year's Day for Life comes ahead of the so-called 'Assisted Dying Bill', which will be debated in the House of Commons on the 11th September. The collection supports the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, a Catholic bioethics institute in Oxford, which engages the moral questions arising in clinical practice and biomedical research. The collection also supports projects, which work to protect life at every stage and every condition. Visit www.dayforlife.org for more information.

'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 (<http://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.

WEEKDAY MASSES: During August there will be one weekday Mass at 9.15am. 7am Masses resume on 1st September.

ADORATION: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will cease from Friday 31st July, resuming Monday 7th September.

DIVINE MERCY HEALING SERVICE: There will be no Divine Mercy Healing Services during the month of August; these will resume on Sun 6th Sept at 5pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015/16: Parents wishing their child to make their First Holy Communion in 2016 must attend the parents meeting on Monday 14th September 2015 at 8pm in the Church. The child must be in school year 4 or above. Please speak to Fr Patrick for more information.

MASS OFFERINGS: Please note that weekday Masses are all booked until Mon 7th Sept 2015; 8.30am Sun Masses are booked until 20th Dec 2015, 10:00am Sun Masses are booked until 6th Dec 2015; 12 noon Sun Masses are booked until 3rd Jan 2016; Sat 6pm Masses are booked until Sat 19th Jan 2016. You are advised to request Mass intentions for weekday Masses at least a month in advance, and weekend Masses at least 6 months in advance; one year in advance if requesting specific dates. Thank you for your co-operation.

CATHOLIC YOUTH EVENTS: 'Nightfever' at St Patrick's Church, Soho Square – 7.30pm-10.30pm on Saturday 15th August. Featuring adoration, music and reconciliation. Nearest underground station: Tottenham Court Road. Visit www.london.nightfever.org for more details.

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.

EREMETIC LIFE: We congratulate and pray for James Fletcher, who is currently discerning a vocation to the eremitic life. This is a form of acetic life, dedicated particularly to a firm rhythm of prayer. He received the scapular of Our Lady of Mt Carmel on the Feast of Mt Carmel, 16th July. We pray that this way of life will bear much fruit for James and the community.

PARISH INTERN: We thank and bid farewell to Callum Shaw, who has been living in the parish and assisting with various activities over the past three weeks. He has been working with Anchor House, a homelessness charity in Canning Town, as well as assisting us here by serving Mass, singing in the choir, and helping some of our families with housing difficulties. We wish him all the best for his future happiness and wellbeing.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS: We congratulate Ashley McAllister and Clare Payne, who were married here last Thursday 23rd. We wish them all of God's blessings in their married life.

ROTAS – JULY / AUGUST

Hospital	26/7 B	2/8 D	9/8 A	16/8 B	23/8 D	30/8 A
Counting	26/7 F	2/8 B	9/8 E	16/8 E	23/8 B	30/8 C
Christian Kitchen	25/7 A	1/8 Nor 1	8/8 B	15/8 Nor2	22/8 C	29/8 D

RIP

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of

Stanley Gordon-Genery, whose Requiem Mass will take place on Thu 30th July at 10am

Muyolo-Helene Mahunga, whose body will be received into the Church on Friday 31st July at 5pm, followed by Requiem Mass at 7.00pm that evening. Her burial will take place at the City of London Cemetery at 9.30am on Saturday 1st August.

May they rest in peace.

**The main offertory collection for last week was £1382.45
Standing orders for recent months were: April: £1313.85; May: 1704.85;
June £1566.85; July £1261.85. Thank you for your generosity.**

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

6.00pm	Patrick Fletcher (RIP)
Sun 26 th July	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
8.30am	Chris Cullen (Ints)
10.00am	Kujutim (Ints)
12.00pm	Jermaine Moise (Ints)
6:30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 27 th July	Feria
7.00am	Mary Murphy (Ints)
9.15am	Natalie Rosario (Ints)
Tue 28 th July	Feria
7.00am	Kitty Sweeney (RIP)
9.15am	James Fletcher (Ints)
Wed 29 th July	St Martha
7.00am	James Fletcher (Ints)
9.15am	Darren & Steven Rodrigues (Ints)
Thu 30 th July	Feria
7.00am	Steven & Darren Rodrigues (Ints)
9.15am	Agnelo Rodrigues (Ints)
Fri 31 st July	St Ignatius Loyola, Priest
7.00am	Mary Udris (RIP)
9.15am	Fr John Udris (Ints)
Sat 1 st August	St Alphonsus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
10.00am	Parish
6.00pm	Shania Rodrigues (Ints)
Sun 2 nd Aug	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
8.30am	Special Intentions
10.00am	Mr PJ Duffy
12.00pm	Thanksgiving
6:30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>

N.B.: Subsequent Mass intentions for the month of August will be on the Church noticeboard, and on the Parish Website (www.olsg.co.uk)

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:

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)