

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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*5<sup>th</sup> July 2015*

## **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)**

In the Gospel today, Jesus returns to His hometown of Nazareth and follows His usual custom of teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath. On other occasions we see Him working many miracles, but here He only cures a few sick people. On this occasion, the people of Nazareth, His own people, reject Him and He is amazed at their lack of faith. They would have known Jesus as He grew up and perhaps their familiarity with Him blinds them to His true identity. Hence their astonishment; they say, 'Where did the man get all this?' We too must avoid the same trap. Perhaps we are acquainted with Jesus in some sense, but fail to recognise His divine presence, especially in the Holy Eucharist, in the bread and wine that become His Body and Blood. It is not enough to know *of* Jesus, we must actually know Him and give our lives to Him. This requires faith on our part.

Faith is the virtue which most moves and affects the Heart of Jesus. Whenever He sees someone with faith, He always responds. Think of the numerous times in the Gospels when we hear, 'Go, your faith has saved you' or similar words commending faith. Likewise He challenges those who have no faith, 'When the Son of Man appears will he find any faith on earth?' He wept over Jerusalem because of the people's lack of faith.

Our relationship with Christ is built on faith. There are many things we can do to nurture our faith and help it grow. We can prayerfully read Sacred Scripture, spending some time each day listening to Jesus and pondering His words and actions. We can pray and ask Him to increase our faith, and make an act of faith or hope. We also show we believe in God by loving the persons around us, seeing Christ in them; in other words, by serving our neighbour. We can also make an effort to study the faith, to help us understand it and embrace it, especially the aspects we find most challenging, and to help us answer the challenges of others.

Our personal weaknesses can seem an obstacle. Like St Paul in today's second reading, we will probably recognise a 'thorn in the flesh' in ourselves; something persistent, which pulls us down and can discourage us. We might feel desperate to be rid of it, whatever it is, as St Paul was (he prayed for it to be taken away many times) But the Lord revealed to him that His grace is sufficient, and that His power is at best in weakness. The lesson for us is that we should be conscious of our weaknesses, because they prevent us from becoming inflated with pride. Paul could have taken pride in his apostolic position, as if his own talents entitled him to it. In point of fact, none of us is 'entitled' to anything; all we have is a gift from God. Knowing our weaknesses should rouse faith in us, trusting that God's power can work through our weakness.

Fr Maurice

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

**MARRIAGES:** By appointment. Six months notice is required.

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**DEACON JOSEPH:** We congratulate Deacon Joseph, who last week celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Ordination to the Diaconate. We thank God for his service to the parish over the last two decades, and pray for his ongoing ministry.

**CLERGY MOVES:** This week Bishop Alan has made the following appointments: Fr Tom Saunders to South Ockendon; Fr Britto Belevendran to Hornchurch, English Martyrs; Fr Lee Bennett (Ordinariate), to Southend/Prittlewell; Fr Neil Brett to Upton Park; Fr Frank Jackson to Harwich/Frinton; Fr Peter Connor to Clacton; Fr Mark Reilly to Maldon/Burnham; Fr Eduard Fartan to Benfleet; Fr David Waller (Ordinariate) to Chingford (Christ the King); Fr Jim Boothman (CMF) to Ilford (St John the Baptist); Fr Andrew Forys to Cathedral (Assistant Priest); Fr Alex Poblador to Colchester (Assistant Priest)

**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 **next Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July from 7.30pm – 9.00pm**. A collection will be taken for Aid to the Church in Need.

**VOCATIONS GROUP:** The next session for the Vocations group is this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 4.30pm in the Church meeting room.

**PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD:** All places for this pilgrimage have now been booked, the parish coaches are full and all payment has been taken. On the day of the pilgrimage (**next Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.**

An additional coach from St Cedd's, Seven Kings has 12 seats remaining – this coach will call at St George's at 8.30am. Anyone still without a place who would like to go, please call Phil Butcher on 07777 663 724 to arrange your place.

**CONFIRMATION THANKSGIVING:** There will be a Mass of thanksgiving for all the newly confirmed young people and their families on 19<sup>th</sup> July at 12 noon, followed by a parish garden party and barbecue (details below).

**PARISH GARDEN PARTY – Hosted by HCPT Group 161: 11am Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>**

**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.

**AFRICAN MISSION MEETING:** Members of the African Communities are cordially invited to attend an African Mission meeting on Sunday 5 July 2015 at 3pm in the Church meeting room. Please make every effort to attend also encourage other members to attend.

**FR JOHN DUCKETT ANNIVERSARY:** Fr John Duckett, who was an assistant priest here at St George's from 2001/2002 will celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Ordination to the priesthood on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**FREEDOM IN CHRIST CONFERENCE:** Saturday 11th July 12pm at St. Dominic's Church, 281 Straight Road, Harold Hill, RM3 7JS with Frs. Angelus & Eamonn. This conference will address how Christ sets us free from various spiritual bondages we too easily fall into (e.g., sin, addictions, fear, anger, lust, fortune telling, New Age spiritualities). We will begin with a Mass for the Healing of the Family Tree. Come and see how the Lord can help bring greater healing and liberation to you and your family.

**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](http://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.

**RIP**

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

Eric Church, a former parishioner here, whose Requiem Mass will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead, on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 9am.

Tim Campbell, whose body will be received into the Church on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm, and whose Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July, at 1pm.

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

May they rest in peace.

**ROTAS – JULY:**

Hospital	5/7 B	12/7 D	19/7 A	26/7 B
Counting	5/7 E	14/6 ?	21/6 ?	28/6 ?
Christian Kitchen	4/7 Nor1	11/7 G	18/7 Nor2	25/7 A

**The main offertory collection for last week was £1436.62  
Thank you for your generosity.**

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

6.00pm	Anthony Mulvey (RIP)
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>
8.30am	Bruno De Souza (RIP)
10.00am	Tim Campbell (RIP)
12.00pm	Paquerette (Peggie) Oxenham (RIP)
6:30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>St Maria Goretti</b>
7.00am	John Paul Ramsey (Ints)
9.15am	Fr Dennis Hall (RIP)
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Margaret Ellison (Ints)
9.15am	Benny Tully (Anniversary)
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Aurora Santiano (Ints)
9.15am	Vonetta Riley-Irish & Eulalie Riley (Ints)
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Krishna Kalpee (Ints)
9.15am	Renato Sartori (Ints)
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	May Power (RIP)
9.15am	Bridget Monks (Ints)
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>St Benedict, Patron of Europe (Feast)</b>
10.00am	Tim Campbell (RIP)
6.00pm	Neville Moise (Ints)
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Sea Sunday)</b>
8.30am	Dejanire Talma (RIP)
10.00am	Thanksgiving to Bl Louis & Zelig Martin
12.00pm	Frank Keavey (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, 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)**