

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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20th September 2015

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)

Today is Home Mission Sunday and to emphasise its importance the Bishops of England and Wales have written a pastoral letter. They say that, "Our response to Pope Francis is to make the task of proclaiming God's mercy the priority in our own efforts. This we will strive to do most especially during the Jubilee Year of Mercy, established by Pope Francis, beginning this December. He writes: 'How much I desire that the year to come will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God! May the balm of mercy reach everyone. (*Misericordiae Vultus* 5) So we ask your help. Together let us Proclaim God's Mercy."

The Bishops add that the key to effective proclamation is "...to be ready to live constantly in the presence of God, knowing that God never takes his eyes off us, not to catch us out, but because he loves us so much. When we are constantly aware of that loving gaze which is upon us, and of the mercy and encouragement that flows our way, then we are enabled to look on others in the same way."

"These are the foundations of evangelisation. On them, other steps can be built: the opportunity to speak about our faith; the expression of that love in programmes of action towards those most in need; a loving care for those who have been hurt by life and hurt within the Church, for whom any return to the practice of their faith is particularly difficult. In this effort for evangelisation we seek out ways of accompanying others, through friendship, through prayer, through conversation, so that they sense in us the welcome that God most certainly extends to them. Our efforts need not be complicated or heroic. As Our Blessed Lady reminds us, through our humble efforts the Lord can do great things!"

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 21st September at 7.30pm in the Church.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests for more information.

40 HOURS ADORATION: There will be 40 hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our parish from Saturday 3rd October at 3pm to Monday 5th October at 7.00am. The main intentions will be Family Life, World Peace and Vocations. A list of the intentions for each hour is on the board in the foyer. Please sign up for any hours you will be able to attend.

RCIA (BECOMING A CATHOLIC): The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) group will be starting up again on Thursday evenings at 8pm in the Church meeting room, from 10th September. This group is for people interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and exploring the possibility of entering the Church. For more information speak to one of the priests.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL – OPEN EVENING: There will be an Open Evening on Thursday September 24th at the Walthamstow House site for children transferring to secondary schools in September 2016. Dr Stone will speak to parents at 6pm followed by a tour of the school. A prospectus will be available for each family attending. The priests' reference form is available for downloading from the Brentwood diocesan website. The closing date for the return of application forms to the school is 31st October 2015.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI IN HONOUR OF ST FRANCIS: The parish pilgrimage to Assisi will depart from the Church on Tuesday 22nd September at 5.45am. We wish all pilgrims a safe and peaceful pilgrimage.

SECONDARY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING: Fr Maurice will be available to sign secondary school application forms on 7th October, 6-8pm and 10th October, 2-5pm. These are the only times at which these forms will be signed.

PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCIES: There are currently vacancies in our primary school in Years 6, 3 and 1. Please call the office on 0208 520 3552 (upper site) or 0208 520 8500 (lower site).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CRECHE: Helpers are required for the First Holy Communion crèche, which allows parents to leave younger children under supervision while attending the parents' sessions of the First Holy Communion programme. If you are able to assist with this please speak to Fr Patrick.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: The next meeting of the finance committee will take place on Monday 28th September at 8.00pm in the Presbytery.

PARISH BAZAAR: It has been agreed that there will be a parish bazaar on 27th and 28th November. The bazaar planning committee will first meet on Monday 28th September at 7.30pm in the Church meeting room. Anyone interested in helping is very welcome to come to this meeting.

Churchill Estates has already agreed to sponsor the event, with their advertising board scheme. They will donate £10 for each board displayed outside a parishioner's home. To sign up for this scheme, please add your name to the list at the back of the Church.

SYRO-MALABAR FEAST: The Syro-Malabar community is holding a 3-day celebration in honour of Our Lady, beginning on Friday 25th September with Mass at 7pm, followed by novenas and prayers; the same on Saturday 26th September at 7pm, and concluding with a Procession and cultural programme on Sunday 27th at 2.30pm. For more information see the poster on the noticeboard. All parishioners are welcome to come.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP: There will be a Quiz night on the 3rd October at 7.30pm; all money raised will go to CAFOD to support refugees. Tickets will be on sale from Saturday 19th September. There is also a climate change petition organized by CAFOD, which is available in the porch if people wish to sign it. There will be a talk on climate change on Sunday 4th October at 6pm in the parish hall.

DEANERY MUSIC DAY: There will be a deanery music day in the Church on Saturday 17th October, from 10am – 3.30pm. All a

STATUE OF OUR LADY: During the month of October, the month of the Rosary, a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be available to parishioners to have in their homes for a day. If you would like to have the statue in your home, please contact Louella (07545 625 109) or drop your details into the presbytery in an envelope marked ‘Statue of Mother Mary’ stating the dates of your choice. Every effort will be made to accommodate your choice where possible.

CONFIRMATION 2015/2016: The new Confirmation programme will start in October. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for more information.

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.

AFRICAN CHAPLAINCY MASS: The annual Mass for the African Communities will take place at St George’s Cathedral, Southwark (SE1 7HY) on Sunday 20th September at 3pm. The main celebrant will be Bishop Patrick Lynch. For more information speak to Deacon Joseph.

TEA DANCE: Afternoon Tea Dance to raise funds for the Good Counsel Network’s Catholic Pro-Life work, of supporting Mothers through crisis pregnancies. Ealing Abbey Hall, Charlbury Grove, London, W5 2DY, 3-6pm Saturday 26th September. £10 donation, Ballroom Dancing, Sparkling Wine, High Tea, Raffle. www.goodcounselnetwork.com.

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING at SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on Sunday 27th September, 7.30-9.00pm. All welcome.

ROTAS – SEPTEMBER

Hospital	6/9 B	13/9 D	20/9 A	27/9 B
Counting	6/9 C	13/9 D	20/9 E	27/9 D
Christian Kitchen	5/9 Nor1	12/9 E	19/9 Nor2	26/9 F

The offertory collection for 12th/13th September was £1428.25
Many thanks for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	Victoria J Baptiste (RIP)
Sun 20 th Sept	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
8.30am	Eileen Mary Frances Caplehorn (RIP)
10.00am	Tim Campbell (RIP)
12.00pm	Parish
Mon 21 st Sept	St Matthew (Apostle)
7.00am	John & Mary Staunton (RIP)
9.15am	Sr Mary (Ints)
Tue 22 nd Sept	Feria
7.00am	Sr Camilla (Ints)
9.15am	Anna Delia Martagh & Joseph Martagh (RIP)
Wed 23 rd Sept	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
7.00am	Nick Martagh (RIP)
9.15am	Michael Carroll (RIP) & Elizabeth Carroll and family (Ints)
Thu 24 th Sept	Our Lady of Walsingham
7.00am	Adeline Rosario (RIP)
9.15am	Roy Walker (RIP)
Fri 25 th Sept	Feria
7.00am	Ron Barton (RIP)
9.15am	Tim Campbell & Herman Pereira (RIP)
Sat 26 th Sept	Feria
10.00am	Ambrose Dillsworth (RIP)
6.00pm	Assis Dias (RIP)
Sun 27 th Sept	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
8.30am	Parish
10.00am	Sheila Tratner (RIP)
12.00pm	Mr & Mrs Paul Moise (RIP)

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, Gloria and Tracy Joseph.

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. During these times the priest is in the Reconciliation Room, inside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left. Confessions are also available at other times on request; please call at the house.