

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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27th September 2015

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)

In today's Gospel, the disciple John tells Jesus that someone was casting out demons in His name, and that they tried to stop him because he is not one of the disciples. They see someone doing a good action in the name of the Lord and they try to suppress it. Perhaps they feel threatened by the outsider: they do not perceive that God can work beyond their narrow expectations.

This mind-set can still be found in the Church; often, petty squabbles can break out amongst us. We may have good intentions, but there is the danger that in any apostolic work we do, we come to see ourselves as indispensable, and trying to protect our own positions, we push others away. This is very unfortunate because it obscures the Church's mission of spreading the Gospel. Infighting leads to bitterness; this is not attractive and people are likely to walk away. Pride divides; love unites.

The solution is to recognise with humility that God can work in ways we do not anticipate.

In the light of today's Gospel we are invited to examine our own lives, including our professional and family lives. At work, am I overbearing or harsh for fear of my own position? Do I feel threatened or insecure? How do I use my power as an employer, a parent, a person of professional responsibility? Am I envious of other people's gifts? Am I able to acknowledge and even rejoice in the talents of others.

The psalm today says, 'from hidden faults acquit me; from presumption restrain your servant.' The kind of envy described today is often a hidden fault, arising when we are trying to do something good, but end up locked in our own ego, losing sight of the mission, which is ultimately to serve Christ. The question we could ask ourselves is, 'Whose kingdom am I building? My own, or Christ's?'

Fr Maurice

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

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

SECOND COLLECTION FOR HOLY FAMILY BUILDING PROJECT: Next weekend, Dr Andy Stone and members of the Holy Family College senior management team will be speaking after Masses about their vision for the College. A new Sixth Form Block was recently completed, and there will be a second collection after Masses to help pay off the outstanding balance.

VOCATIONS GROUP: The next meeting of the Vocations Group will take place on Saturday 3rd October at 4pm in the Church Meeting Room. This group is for young people in year 6 and above, and we will discuss the call to holiness that we all have, and how it is lived out through marriage, priesthood, religious and single life.

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.

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.

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).

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.

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 after Masses. 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.

SR. GENITRIX SILVER JUBILEE: Sr Genitrix Rose Okite from the Daughters of Mary, Mother of Mercy community living in Upper Walthamstow is celebrating her Silver Jubilee of religious profession on Sunday 18th October. She will be present at the 12 noon Mass that day, and there will be a celebration in the parish hall afterwards.

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

CONFIRMATION 2015/2016: The new Confirmation programme will start in October. Application forms will be available Fr Maurice from next weekend, and the closing date for return is the 18th October. The course is for young people in school year 10 and above. All applications must include a photocopy of the young person's baptism certificate; applications cannot be accepted without this, so please locate the certificates if you envisage applying.

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.

DAY OF HEALING on Saturday 3rd October at St. Dominic's Church, Harold Hill with Fr. Angelus. Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions available at 11am, Mass & Anointing of the Sick at 12pm, followed by a Eucharistic healing service. Come and experience the healing grace of God!

RIP

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of David Mondesir, who died recently. His Requiem Mass will take place on 14th October at 12 noon. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family at this time.

Please also pray for Fr Sean Shiels, a priest of this diocese who once served as a curate in our parish. He had retired to Ireland and died in August. There will be a memorial Mass for him at Collier Row Parish on 14th October at 7pm.

May they rest in peace.

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 20th/21st September was £1424.97
Many thanks for your generosity.

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

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)
Mon 28 th Sept	Feria
7.00am	Leonora Edmunds (RIP)
9.15am	Jock Sweeney (RIP)
Tue 29 th Sept	Ss Michael, Gabriel, Raphael (Archangels)
7.00am	Ronald Charles (RIP)
9.15am	Cynthia Moise (Ints)
Wed 30 th Sept	St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church
7.00am	Anna Cahill
9.15am	Simon & Beatrice (RIP)
Thu 1 st Oct	St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church
7.00am	Thanksgiving
9.15am	Tim Campbell (RIP)
Fri 2 nd Oct	The Holy Guardian Angels
7.00am	Mick Murtagh (RIP)
9.15am	Anna Cahill (RIP)
Sat 3 rd Oct	Feria
10.00am	Rita Stafford (Ints)
6.00pm	Delmira Rodrigues (RIP)
Sun 4 th Oct	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
8.30am	Pat Pieroni (RIP)
10.00am	Thanksgiving (Family of Mary Messenger, RIP)
12.00pm	Dennis Brian Perkins (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.