

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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11th October 2015

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)

Today's readings challenge us to ask ourselves honestly: what do I value the most? What do I seek my security in? In the Gospel, a young man runs up to Jesus, kneels before Him and asks what he needs to do to inherit eternal life. This question is one that, in essence, all of us ask in one form or another; it can also be expressed as 'What is my life really about?' or 'How can I fulfil the deep longing I have for more?' St Augustine said that 'our hearts are restless'; this young man's heart is restless, so he comes to Jesus for an answer.

Jesus takes the man through the commandments that relate to love of neighbour, and the man says he has kept them all. But when Jesus says that the man 'lacks one thing', and must 'go sell everything and give the money to the poor', the man goes away sad. He is so attached to his wealth that he cannot give it up. The great sadness here is that Jesus was calling him to follow Him more closely. The Gospel says that Jesus 'looked steadily at him and loved him,' but the man, so caught up with his possessions, missed that loving gaze and failed to perceive what was really important: the gift of eternal life. This would have fulfilled his deepest desire.

In many ways we can identify with this man. We too would say we are interested in growing closer to God and that we try to keep the commandments. The man in the Gospel had an obstacle; he was fixated on his possessions, afraid of losing them and the security they offered. What are the obstacles that prevent us from following the Lord with our whole heart, mind and soul? What are we holding on to?

Jesus' words cut the man to the core; they get to the heart of the matter. As the second reading says, the Word of God (who is Jesus Himself) cuts like a double-edged sword; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. Jesus is the Divine Physician, and with the precision of a surgeon, He can show us what needs to be removed. If we then choose to submit our lives to Him, He will set us free, and the obstacles will not hinder us any more.

Let us pray for the gift of wisdom, that we might know what is really valuable. In the first reading the gift of wisdom is described as more precious than gold, silver and all riches. Many things in life can captivate us, but let us seek the gift of wisdom to know how to spend our time well, what to invest our energies in, what to pursue, and what is ultimately of greatest value.

Let us not, like the rich man, go away sad, but let the Lord's gaze penetrate to our hearts, so that nothing will obstruct His work in us.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 26th October 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: Many thanks to all those who joined the 40 hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament last weekend, praying especially for the current Synod on the Family, for Vocations and for the parish and its families.

MASS BOOKINGS: Please note that all Saturday 6pm Masses are booked until the end of Jan 2016; 8.30am Sunday Masses are booked until mid-Jan 2016; all 10am Sunday Masses are booked until the end of February; all 12 noon Masses are booked until the start of February. You are requested to submit Mass intentions well in advance of your anticipated date, and we will do our best to accommodate.

CAFOD FAST DAY: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day envelopes (enclosed in the newsletters last week) will be collected this Sunday.

VOCATIONS GROUP: The next meeting of the vocations group will be on Saturday 24th October at 4pm. The group is open to young people from year 6 and above, and its purpose is to discuss the vocation we all have to holiness, and how it is lived out through the particular vocations of marriage, priesthood, religious life, and single life. All young people are welcome.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Sunday 18th October 2015 is World Mission Sunday and there will be a second collection in support of Missio. Missio is the Catholic Church's Official Charity for overseas mission. Missio supports children, trains priests and sisters, builds churches and proclaims the Gospel to the developing world. The famous red collection boxes will be available after each Mass. Fr Patrick has recently been appointed Diocesan Director for Missio.

CONFIRMATION 2015/2016: The new Confirmation programme will start in October. Application forms are available from Fr Maurice this 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.

RCIA (BECOMING A CATHOLIC): The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) group meets on Thursday evenings at 8pm in the Church meeting room. 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.

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).

RECEPTION INTAKE, OUR LADY & ST GEORGE SCHOOL: If your child was born between 1.9.11 and 31.8.12 they are due to start school in September 2016. To apply to OLSG School, you will need to complete the common application form available at www.eadmissions.org.uk and return to Waltham Forest Admissions by 15th Jan 2016. You will also need to complete the Supplementary Information Form, available from

www.olsgweb.org, which needs to be returned to the Lower Site School office by 15th Jan 2016. For more information contact Mrs Moloney on 0208 520 8500.

Parents are invited to look around the school on Wednesday 4th or Thursday 5th November at 10am or 2pm. Parents should telephone the school office and let them know what day and time they would like to come and visit.

PARISH BAZAAR: The parish bazaar will take place on 27th and 28th November. The bazaar planning committee will next meet on Monday 19th October at 7.30pm – anyone interested in helping is very welcome to come to this meeting. The bazaar committee will be handing out raffle tickets next week, and we encourage all families to support the raffle.

JUSTICE & PEACE MEETING: The next meeting of the Justice & Peace Group will be on Wed 21st October, 7.30-9pm 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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS: We congratulate Shamsul Arifin and Petra Kazmerova who were married in our Church last Saturday. We wish them all of God's blessings for their future happiness and wellbeing.

RIP

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Zita Williams, whose Requiem Mass will take place on the 15th October at 11.30 in the Church.

May she rest in peace.

ROTAS – OCTOBER

Hospital	4/10 D	11/10 A	18/10 B	25/10 D	
Counting	4/10 C	11/10 F	18/10 E	25/10 C	
Christian Kitchen	3/10 Nor1	10/10 G	17/10 Nor2	24/10 A	31/10 B

The offertory collection for 3rd/4th October was £1369.41
An additional £458.65 was raised for the Holy Family College building fund.

Many thanks for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	Romeo Rodrigues (RIP)
Sun 11 th Oct	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
8.30am	Parish
10.00am	Eric Church (RIP)
12.00pm	Melanie Roselyn J Baptiste (Ints)
Mon 12 th Oct	Feria
7.00am	Joan Beirne (RIP)
9.15am	Fran Reka (RIP)
Tue 13 th Oct	St Edward the Confessor
7.00am	Jim Reka (Ints)
9.15am	Mary Pride (RIP)
Wed 14 th Oct	Feria
7.00am	Sister Rose (RIP)
9.15am	Michael O'Connor (RIP)
Thu 15 th Oct	St Teresa of Jesus (Avila), Virgin, Doctor
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Gertrude & Herman Pereira (RIP)
Fri 16 th Oct	Feria
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Mary Kevelaitis & family (RIP)
Sat 17 th Oct	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr
10.00am	Tim Campbell, Elaine Francis, Christine Walton (RIP)
6.00pm	Joel Dias (RIP)
Sun 18 th Oct	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30am	Ladislav Ondercin (Ints)
10.00am	Peggy Halpenny (RIP)
12.00pm	Greta Jen Gapp (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.