

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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1st November 2015

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

The saints are men and women, young and old, from all kinds of backgrounds, who realised that God created them to be with Him forever. They cooperated with Him to make that happen and they are now in His presence, praising Him forever. That is the vision that St John describes in the First Reading, 'I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne...they shouted aloud, 'victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

The wonderful thing about saints is that there is not just one type; there is incredible diversity. There are towering intellects like St Thomas Aquinas and St Augustine, while others, like St John Vianney (patron saint of Parish Priests!) struggled with his studies for the priesthood. Ss Louis and Hedwig were royalty; Ss Francis and Clare embraced poverty. Saints have been made through all states of life: single, married, priests and religious.

The saints are God's masterpieces. They reflect His creativity. No one saint exhausts the beauty of God, but they all reflect aspects of it, through living the Beatitudes, which we hear in today's Gospel. The saints became saints by giving themselves to God. That thought might frighten us – we may think that surrendering to God will entail the loss of our freedom and identity. In actual fact, the reverse is true: only in God will we become what we were made to be. The saints have vivid and unique personalities, which are perfected by Christ living in them.

Saints are not just role models or spiritual celebrities. Saints are our friends. We can emulate role models, but we cannot talk to them or ask them for help. The saints are alive in Christ and so we have access to them. We should speak to them in prayer, for they stand in the presence of God and intercede for us. All of us should cultivate relationships with the saints – perhaps have one or two you can call upon often. Certain saints are renowned for helping with specific needs – for instance, St Anthony can help us find lost things; St Blaise is invoked for throat ailments; St Martin de Porres is called upon to intercede for the sick; St Dymphna for those with mental health problems; St Jude for hopeless cases. Whatever your situation, profession or state in life, you can probably find a patron saint.

We are all called to become saints. It is through living this life well, here and now, in friendship with God, that we move in that direction. We should not be discouraged; Cardinal Hume once said that 'every saint has a past and every sinner a future.' Let us take comfort, because the saints want us to be with them, and will help us get there, if we ask for their help.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION: The next First Holy Communion Class will take place on Saturday 8th November 2015, followed by the Children's Mass at 10:00am on Sunday 9th November 2015.

WALK WITH ME ADVENT BOOKLETS: A journey of prayer for Advent and Christmastide for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Now available in the Repository priced at £1. Using these booklets is a good way to prepare spiritually for Christmas.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY / MISSIO RED BOXES: Following the World Mission Sunday appeal on the weekend 17th and 18 October, a cheque for £693.84 has been sent to Missio for world mission and evangelization. In addition, the presbytery has received a number of full Missio Red Boxes. A further cheque for £560.00 has been sent to Missio from the proceeds of the Red Boxes. The empty Red Boxes are available for collection. Thank you for your wonderful generosity and support in the work and mission of the Catholic Church in the developing world. God Bless you all – Fr Patrick.

NOVEMBER: PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS and MASS FOR THE DECEASED During the month of November we pray especially for our deceased loved ones. There will be sheets in the Church porch on which you can write the names of your deceased family members and friends, and place these in the purple box in front of the Altar. Please do not put any money in this box.

There will be a **Mass** for all our deceased loved ones on Friday 20th November at 7.30pm, followed by refreshments in the Church meeting room.

ST GEORGE'S SVP (ST VINCENT DE PAUL) SOCIETY CONFERENCE APPEAL (Turning Concern into Action): There will be a second collection on 15th/16th November to fund-raise for the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch which will be held on Sunday 13th December as well as to provide practical assistance to those in need especially over Christmas, and to help with our work in the parish. If you are interested in helping us in our work or know of anyone in need please advise an SVP member taking the collection.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: The next meeting of the Finance Committee is Monday 23rd November at 8pm.

MAINTENANCE MEETING: The next meeting of the Maintenance Committee will take place on Monday 16th November at 8pm.

VOCATIONS GROUP: The next meeting of the Vocations group will be on Saturday 21st November at 4pm. The group is for all young people, and we discuss how the Christian life is lived through marriage, priesthood, religious and single life.

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.

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.

OPEN AFTERNOON for Nursery Intake 2016 at OLSG School: Parents and carers are invited to come and have a look around the Nursery and speak to members of the Nursery Team on Thursday 5th November at 2pm. Please ring the school on 0208 520 8500 (option 'Lower Site') to book a place.

SIGNING OF PRIMARY SCHOOL FORMS: Fr Maurice will be available to sign primary school application forms at the following times ONLY: Saturday 14th November, 3-5pm and Monday 16th November, 6-8pm, in the Church meeting room.

PARISH BAZAAR: The parish bazaar will take place on 27th and 28th November. The bazaar planning committee will next meet on Monday 9th November at 7.30pm – anyone interested in helping is very welcome to come to this meeting. Raffle tickets continue to be available.

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.

RIP

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Patrick McHugh, whose funeral will take place at Manor Park Crematorium on Friday 13th November at 2.30pm

May he rest in peace.

ROTAS – NOVEMBER

Hospital	1/11 A	8/11 B	15/11 D	22/11 A	29/11 B
Counting	1/11 D	8/11 C	15/11 F	22/11 B	29/11 E
Christian Kitchen	7/11 Nor1	14/11 C	21/11 Nor2	28/11 D	=

The offertory collection for 24th/25th October was £1588.97
Many thanks for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	Kristina Coeur-de-Lion (Thanksgiving)
Sun 1 st Nov	All Saints (Solemnity)
8.30am	David & Martin Ciarba (Ints)
10.00am	Parish
12.00pm	Tim Campbell (RIP)
Mon 2 nd Nov	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Tim Campbell (RIP)
Tue 3 rd Nov	Feria
7.00am	Mary & Mark Fletcher (RIP)
9.15am	John Perry (Ints)
Wed 4 th Nov	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop
7.00am	Kristine Klimasauskaite (Ints)
9.15am	John Edgar Palmer (RIP)
Thu 5 th Nov	Feria
7.00am	Padraig Hester (Ints)
9.15am	Eric Church (RIP)
Fri 6 th Nov	Feria
7.00am	Confirmation Candidates (Ints)
9.15am	Holy Souls
Sat 7 th Nov	Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00am	Cynthia Ryan (Ints)
6.00pm	Len & Babs Finney (Ints)
Sun 8 th Nov	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
8.30am	Norma Gesmundo Escueta (RIP, Anniv.)
10.00am	Jerry Seary, Anthony Seary (Ints)
12.00pm	Tim Campbell (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.