

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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*4<sup>th</sup> October 2015*

## **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)**

In the Gospel, the Pharisees confront Jesus over the question of divorce. The fact that they look for exemptions shows that the difficulties of married life are nothing new. 'Moses permitted divorce', they say. But Jesus said 'Moses permitted this because of your hardness of heart.' He then says, 'from the beginning God made them male and female, and the two shall become one flesh. Jesus refers the Pharisees back to the original plan of God; that man and woman, through their mutual union and love, reflect the love of the Trinity. Married couples are thus a great witness to the enduring love of God.

God did not intend divorce from the beginning. Indissoluble marriage was the standard, but because of fallen human nature, Moses regulated divorce to reduce its harmful consequences. But Jesus sees with the eyes of God. He knows that Marriage is hard, and that fallen humanity – with its self-centeredness and lack of discipline will always struggle with it. But with God all things are possible. Jesus refuses to let the fallen world be the starting point. He insists on challenging us to keep our ideals and our eyes on the full truth.

Many people find themselves in broken situations and try to do their best to remain faithful to the teaching of Christ on the indissolubility of marriage. The Church extends pastoral care to people in these difficult situations. These next few weeks, many senior bishops are meeting in Rome to discuss marriage and the family, and how the Church can support family life and help the wounded.

Even in a difficult marriage, growth is possible through the grace given by our Lord in the Sacrament of Marriage. Marriage is a vocation – a gift to humanity. We pray for all married couples, and pray for young people considering marriage – that they will have the courage to go for it and not be put off. Marriage and the family are central to society. We pray for all families, that they may be protected and safe schools of love, where children are nurtured and can grow in faith. And may we embrace broken families, so that they experience God's love and healing.

**Fr Maurice**

**BAPTISMS:** By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**SECOND COLLECTION FOR HOLY FAMILY BUILDING PROJECT:** This weekend, Dr Andy Stone and members of the Holy Family College senior management team are 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.

**40 HOURS ADORATION:** There will be 40 hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our parish from Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 3pm to Monday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 will be starting up again on Thursday evenings at 8pm in the Church meeting room, from 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI:** Thanks to all who travelled on our pilgrimage to Assisi. It was a most beautiful and inspiring journey and will produce many blessings.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING:** Fr Maurice will be available to sign secondary school application forms on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 6-8pm and 10<sup>th</sup> 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).

**PARISH BAZAAR:** It has been agreed that there will be a parish bazaar on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November. The bazaar planning committee will next meet on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 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.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

### RIP

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

Zita Williams, whose Requiem Mass will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30 in the Church.

May they rest in peace.

### ROTAS – OCTOBER

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

The offertory collection for 26/27<sup>th</sup> September was £1513.59  
Many thanks for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	Delmira Rodrigues (RIP)
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>
8.30am	Pat Pieroni (RIP)
10.00am	Thanksgiving (Family of Mary Messenger, RIP)
12.00pm	Dennis Brian Perkins (RIP)
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Kujtim Gjopepa (Ints)
9.15am	Leovan Heyningen (RIP)
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>St Bruno</b>
7.00am	Christine Fleming & family (Ints)
9.15am	Mary Walsh (Ints)
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b>
7.00am	Elizabeth Carroll & family (Ints)
9.15am	Laura & William Meredith (RIP)
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>St Osyth</b>
7.00am	People of Nigeria (Ints)
9.15am	James Fletcher (Ints)
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	James Fletcher (Ints)
9.15am	James Fletcher (Ints)
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Feria</b>
10.00am	Holy Souls
6.00pm	Romeo Rodrigues (RIP)
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>
8.30am	Parish
10.00am	Eric Church (RIP)
12.00pm	Melanie Roselyn J Baptiste (Ints)

### **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.