

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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15th November 2015

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The decline in nature at this time of the year reminds us that life is passing, and we know that someday, even the world itself will come to an end. Our readings today speak about the end of time. The prophet Daniel in the first reading describes a time of great distress, and Jesus in the Gospel describes the sun darkening and the moon losing its brightness. These readings should not terrify us, but should remind us that there is nothing permanent in this world – all will pass away. We ourselves are living in between the first coming of Christ, when He came in the flesh, and His second coming, when He will come in glory to judge the living and the dead at the end of time.

When will the end of time be? Many false prophets have made predictions, proclaiming that the end is imminent or attempting to set a date for it. Such people should pay more attention to Jesus in today's Gospel who says that no one knows when the end will be, neither the angels, nor the Son of Man, only the Father. All we know is that when we die, our particular world will come to an end. When that time comes, we will go forward to meet Christ our Lord face-to-face, and so in the meantime we are called to be ready and prepared for this encounter lest it catch us by surprise. We must strive for holiness – to live every moment in friendship with God, aware that one day we shall have to give an account of ourselves.

We will be ready for this encounter if we try to stay close to God through prayer, through love and service of our neighbour, through receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation when we fall, and by coming to Mass.

Today's readings carry both warning and encouragement. We are to be aware of the times in which we live, and of all the things that can lull us into a false sense of security, and cause us to forget why we are really here, and that one day we will meet our Lord again.

Christ defeated sin on the cross, as the second reading tells us, by His great sacrifice. But the battle between good and evil continues, and we are caught up in it. We can choose which side to be on. The devil is very real, and seeks our destruction – and in this battle we must choose the good, and oppose him in every circumstance, as our allegiance is to Christ. The first reading speaks of Michael, the Archangel, whom the Church has always invoked for protection and defence against the forces of evil. Through the graces we receive in the Sacraments, we participate with Christ in overthrowing Satan and the enemies of God.

There is a cosmic struggle between good and evil; we see our world consumed by evil: so much destruction everywhere. It is up to us to fight the battle and to tip the balance in favour of good. We cannot sit on the sidelines: this battle needs all of us.

When we pray the Creed we say, 'He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.' We pray that we may endure the struggles of our time, so that we may be ready to meet the Lord and enter into His kingdom.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 7th December at 7.30pm.

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

PARISH BAZAAR: The parish bazaar will take place on 27th and 28th November. Donations of good quality items are now being collected in the foyer of the Church. For more information, please see the poster on the noticeboard. Raffle tickets have now been distributed. **Please return any unsold tickets, or tickets you are unable to sell, so that they can be distributed to others to sell and are not wasted.** Thank you for your ongoing support for the bazaar.

NOVEMBER: PRAYER 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 offered for all our deceased loved ones next Friday 20th November at 7.30pm, followed by refreshments in the Church meeting room.**

FIRST COMMUNION: The next session of the First Communion programme will take place on Saturday 21st November at 10am. The children meet in the Parish Hall, and the parents will as usual meet in the Lower Site of OLSG Primary School.

NEW CD FOR AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: Our parishioner Kristina Coeur-de-Lion has recorded a new CD called *Be Still*, priced at £7. All proceeds will go to Aid to the Church in Need. The CD will be available at the Parish Bazaar, and also in the Repository. For more information visit www.jesushopeinmyheart.com

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.

ST GEORGE'S SVP (ST VINCENT DE PAUL) SOCIETY CONFERENCE APPEAL: There will be a 2nd collection this weekend (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.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY: Next Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, is the day when the Church across England and Wales particularly celebrates young people. The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service and Walsingham House are a key part of our support for young people within the Diocese, and there is a second collection next weekend to help their work, including – for example – providing bursaries for young people in financial need to come to Lourdes. Please be as generous as you can in supporting this collection. Thank you.

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

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

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

Our Lady and St. George's Catholic Primary and Nursery School will be holding an extra information meeting for parents with children who will be starting Reception in September 2016 (children born between 01.09.2011 and 31.08.2012). The meeting will be on **Wednesday 18th November at 7.00pm in the Lower Site, Shernhall Street, E17 9HU**. If you were unable to attend one of our previous meetings, this will give you an opportunity to find out more about our school. Please either email the school on office@olsgweb.org or telephone the school office to let us know that you can attend the meeting.

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 Bernard Finney whose funeral will take place at the City of London Crematorium on Thursday 26th November at 11.30am

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 7th/8th Nov was £1480.94
Many thanks for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	Ellen Fletcher (RIP)
Sun 15 th Nov	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
8.30am	Parish
10.00am	Felicio D'Souza (RIP)
12.00pm	Tim Campbell (RIP)
Mon 16 th Nov	St Edmund of Abingdon (Diocesan Memorial)
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Corrine Ndjadi-Dwebe Coco (Ints)
Tue 17 th Nov	Feria
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Msgr Zachary D'Souza (RIP)
Wed 18 th Nov	Feria
7.00am	Gaspar D'Souza (RIP)
9.15am	Francis Palmer (RIP)
Thu 19 th Nov	Feria
7.00am	Gaspar D'Souza (RIP)
9.15am	Stella D'Souza (RIP)
Fri 20 th Nov	Feria
7.00am	Stella D'Souza (RIP)
9.15am	Hortencia D'Souza (RIP)
Sat 21 st Nov	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00am	Special Ints
6.00pm	Tim Campbell (RIP)
Sun 22 nd Nov	Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (Solemnity)
8.30am	Laurence, Victor, Unice & Margaret Egenti (Ints)
10.00am	Parish
12.00pm	Veronica John-Baptiste (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, Colin Nye, Padraig Hester, John Breen.

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.