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12th June 2016

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

The readings of today's Mass speak to us about the nature of sin, and its consequences. The background to the first reading is that King David's army is fighting a battle. But the King himself is not on the battlefield, but is at home in his palace. During this time, while his men are at war, the King committed adultery with, and made pregnant, the wife of one of his soldiers. To make matters worse, he then tries to cover up this sin by deceiving her husband and eventually having him killed. God sends the prophet Nathan to confront David about what he has done, asking, 'Why have you shown contempt for the Lord, doing what displeases Him?' David misused the power that God had given him for his own selfish ends.

This is the definition of sin. Sin consists of the sinner looking to his own comfort, convenience and pleasure, without considering the needs of other humans or the law of God. All of us fall into the mire of sin. We have a fallen human nature, which makes this easy. We are engaged in a battle against sin, and our eternal lives are at stake.

When we do sin, the first thing we must do is to acknowledge it, to bring it into the open. The next step is to come to the Lord and seek His forgiveness. There is no sin so great that God cannot forgive it if we are truly repentant. But equally, we cannot take God's mercy for granted – we must be sincere about our repentance, wanting to change.

If we fall, the Sacrament of Confession is readily available to help us; not only to remove the sin, but also to strengthen us in the battle against evil. When we hear the words of absolution, we can be certain that through the ministry of the Church the same Christ who healed and forgave the woman in today's Gospel is in our midst.

The closer we get to God, the more we are aware of our sins. This is a good thing, because God desires to remove the burden of sin and fill our hearts with His love. This is what David prayed about in today's psalm, 'I have now acknowledged my sin, my guilt I did not hide. I said I will confess my offense to the Lord, and you Lord have forgiven the guilt of my sin.'

Let us pray for a truly repentant heart, and entrust our whole lives to God's loving mercy.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course is scheduled for Monday 27th June at 7.30pm in the Church. Godparents are also very much encouraged to attend.

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

BISHOP'S VISIT & CONFIRMATION: We thank all those who were involved with the visit of Bishop Alan to the parish last week, especially to those who assisted at the Mass and celebration of Confirmation at which 33 of our young people received the gift of God's Holy Spirit. A special thanks goes to their parents and catechists who have supported them throughout their preparation.

ST PATRICK'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY APPEAL: This weekend, Fr John Garry, a priest of St Patrick's Missionary Society is visiting the parish and speaking at all Masses about the work of the society. Fr John has worked in Kenya and the Sudan. A second collection will be taken to support the work of the society. Please support this cause generously.

UPCOMING PARISH MISSION: As announced last week, there will be a Parish/School Mission from the 11th – 15th July 2016. The mission will be a week of talks and prayer aimed to renew us in faith and to reflect particularly on the gift of God's mercy, during the current Year of Mercy. Over the past week, the mission team has visited 5000 houses in the local area, telling people about our parish and our mission, and encouraging them to come along. Keep an eye on the newsletter for more details about the mission in coming weeks. Please continue to pray the Mission Prayer in your homes.

RUBY JUBILEE: On Saturday 11th July, Mother Maria Chioma Emeagi, Superior of the Marian Missionary Sisters of the Poor celebrated her 40th anniversary of her religious profession (Ruby Jubilee), at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan. We give thanks to God for Mother's 40 years in religious life, and pray for her, her community, and for vocations to the religious life.

BRENTWOOD NEWS: The June edition of the Brentwood News magazine is now available – do take a copy to learn of recent events and happenings within the Diocese.

HOLY FAMILY SUMMER FAIR: Saturday 2nd July 2016, 12:00noon-4:00pm. 1 Shernhall Street, Walthamstow, London E17 3EA. The Friends of Holy Family Catholic School and Sixth Form are holding an afternoon of family fun. Come and join us for games, food stalls, bouncy castle, home made cakes & refreshments, football shootouts, driving school and Holy Family's Got Talent! A limited amount of outdoor selling tables will be available at £ 15.00 (£10.00 if paid before the event), to book a table email t.friends@holymfamily.waltham.sch.uk for a booking form or phone the school on 0208 520 0482. Entrance fee: 50p Adults, 20p children/concessions.

AFFECTED BY ABORTION? On the weekend of 2nd/3rd July, Bernadette Goulding from a charity called *Rachel's Vineyard* will be visiting the parish. The major work of *Rachel's Vineyard* is running weekend sessions throughout the UK and internationally, to provide an opportunity for anyone who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion to find healing. Their events offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can deal with painful post-abortive emotions. Those attending can be helped to experience God's love and compassion, reconciliation, forgiveness and peace.

On the 2nd/3rd July, Bernadette, who has personal experience of this issue, and has personally led over 170 retreats in countries including the UK, Scotland, Malta, Faroe Islands, Korea, Lebanon, South Africa and Croatia, will speak briefly at the end of all the Masses, and on the afternoon of the 3rd, will give a short talk followed by time for Q&A. She will also be available during the course of the weekend to meet privately with anyone

wishing to see her. More details will be available in due course, but we encourage as many people as possible to come along, whether directly affected or not; it is an important issue which affects many people, and in this Year of Mercy we are reminded that forgiveness and healing is possible by the grace of God. Anyone is also very welcome to approach one of the priests, at any time, in complete confidence, if you have any questions or worries.

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 – or for adults who may have been baptised but never received First Communion or Confirmation. The group meets every Thursday at 8pm in the Church meeting room.

OLSG SCHOOL: NURSERY VACANCIES FOR SEPTEMBER 2016: OLSG Nursery is now open to children who will be three between 01.09.2013 – 31.03.2014. We can offer:

- part time places (15 hours per week free).
- full time places (cost involved - for example £90.00 per calendar month for one extra session per week)

For further information or to get an application pack either download the form from our website www.olsgweb.org or call into the school office. Alternatively you can telephone the school office on 020 8520 8500 option lower site for further information

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: The new sets of offertory envelopes are now available. **Please collect yours if you are registered for the scheme.** Registering to donate to the parish via the envelopes allows the parish to reclaim 25p for every £1 given, at no extra cost to the giver. This makes your generous donations go further, and supports the upkeep of the Church and its buildings, and our schools. If you would like to register for the Gift Aid scheme, or have any questions about it, please speak to Fr Maurice.

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.

ROTAS – JUNE

Counting	5/6 D	12/6 B	19/6 C	26/6 B
Christian Kitchen	4/6 Nor	11/6 C	18/6 D	25/6 E
Hospital	5/6 B	12/6 D	19/6 A	26/6 B

RIP

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Povilas (Paul) Milevicius, who died recently. His Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 16th June at 10:00am.

May he rest in peace.

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

6.00pm	Sr Rozalina Ples (RIP)
Sun 12 June	Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)
8.30am	George Bartolo (RIP)
10.00am	Ann Hazley (Ints)
12.00pm	Parish (Ints)
Mon 13 June	St Anthony of Padua , Priest, Doctor of the Church
7.00am	Jason & Kristina Coeur-de-Lion (Ints)
9.15am	Betty Ramsey (Ints)
Tue 14 June	Feria
7.00am	John English (RIP)
9.15am	John English (RIP)
Wed 15 June	Feria
7.00am	Tony Keane (Ints)
9.15am	Francis Alfred Palmer (RIP)
Thu 16 June	Feria
7.00am	Sr Rozalina Ples (RIP)
9.15am	Family Liza (Ints)
Fri 17 June	Feria
7.00am	Johnny O'Sullivan (Ints)
9.15am	Tim Campbell (RIP, 1 st Anniversary)
Sat 18 June	Our Lady on Saturday
10.00am	Flor Viado (RIP)
6.00pm	Bookhan & Pulwah Kalpee (RIP)
Sun 19 June	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
8.30am	Parish
10.00am	John Mack (Ints)
12.00pm	Aaron & Brenda Riley (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, 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, Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati, Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave, Mary and Anthony O'Boyle, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Bill Walsh, 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, Pdraig Hester, Regina Jose, Tony Keane

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.
