

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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19th June 2016

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

The readings of the Old Testament are so important to understanding the meaning of the New Testament, especially the actions of Jesus in the Gospels. At Sunday Masses, there is typically a connection between the First Reading and the Gospel. Usually the First Reading throws light on the Gospel.

Today we see again a strong connection between the first reading from the Prophet Zechariah, and the account from Luke. Zechariah's prophecies come about 500 years before Christ, and look forward to a great Messiah, who would unite all the tribes of Israel. The prophecy we read today speaks of a suffering and wounded messiah, 'they will look on the one whom they have pierced.'

In the Gospel today Jesus takes up the question of His identity. He confirms Zechariah's words, saying that 'the Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously and to be rejected.' He will be the glorious Messiah, but through suffering.

Jesus challenges us: if we want to follow Him, we must be prepared to take up our cross. Here the Lord teaches each of us that to give ourselves away in love will always mean suffering. The word 'love' is so misunderstood in our times. To love means to will the good of the other, and not let our own egos get in the way.

Why does love involve suffering? It is because our deepest tendencies are to be selfish: we are affected by original sin, and a wounded human nature. So when we try to love, there is an interior resistance, which tempts us to seek an easier route, for our own comfort and self-preservation.

But Christ teaches us that genuine love costs. Expect the world to resist you when walking the path of Christ.

Today we pray for the courage and the strength to take up our crosses in imitation of the Master, who showed us the meaning of love in being pierced for us, and bearing the weight of our sins.

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.

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. 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.

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@hollyfamily.waltham.sch.uk for a booking form or phone the school on 0208 520 0482. Entrance fee: 50p Adults, 20p children/concessions.

FUNDRAISING FOR BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: Miss Frederick and Miss Voss are teachers at OLSG School and have decided to take part in the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society's Annual Teacher Sky-Dive. The aim of this event is for participating teachers to raise as much money as they can to support BCCS. The charity employs qualified Social Workers to work in schools to address difficulties that may be impeding the educational, social and emotional development of children and young people irrespective of their background race or religion. As well as fundraisers taking place in the school community, we invite members of our parish community to contribute to the cause. Donations can be made online at: <http://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/year5olsg>

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF PALLIATIVE CARE IN THE YEAR OF MERCY conference 30-31 July 2016 at St Mary's University Twickenham. The Catholic Medical Association is organizing this conference for all doctors, nurses, healthcare workers and chaplains and others interested in care of the dying. With a line-up of international speakers, this conference is for all who want to know more about good palliative care. Visit www.cmq.org.uk to book your place. Conference fee is £150 including lunch and dinner in the evening.

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

ST SAVIOURS SUMMER FAIR: St Saviours, Markhouse Road is having a summer fair on Saturday 25th June, 11am-3pm. Attractions include tombola, arts and crafts, books, BBQ, face painting, live entertainment and more. All are welcome.

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

The offertory collection last week was £1311.46. An additional £740.15 was raised through the second collection for St Patrick's Missionary Society. Thank you for your kind and generous support.

RIP

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Sr Kathleen Staunton, sister of Sr Anne Marie Staunton (Pastoral Care sister in our parish), who died recently. Her requiem Mass will take place in Worthing on Monday 20th June.

May she rest in peace.

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

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)
Mon 20 June	St Alban, Protomartyr of Britain
7.00am	Ellen Halloran (RIP)
9.15am	Margaret Killane (RIP)
Tue 21 June	St Aloysius Gonzaga
7.00am	Elizabeth Carroll (Ints)
9.15am	Colin Nie (RIP)
Wed 22 June	Ss John Fisher and Thomas More (National Feast)
7.00am	Elizabeth Carroll (Ints)
9.15am	Lucy Nie (Ints)
Thu 23 June	Feria
7.00am	Elizabeth Carroll (Ints)
9.15am	Domingo Beleno & family (RIP)
Fri 24 June	Nativity of St John the Baptist (Solemnity)
7.00am	Elizabeth Carroll (Ints)
9.15am	Michael Deegan (RIP)
Sat 25 June	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
10.00am	Elizabeth Carroll (Ints)
6.00pm	Vivencio & Matilde Bañez (Ints)
Sun 26 June	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
8.30am	Doris Jarris (RIP)
10.00am	Fran Polue Reka (RIP)
12.00pm	Parish

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.
