

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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3rd July 2016

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

From the beginning, the church Christ established is a missionary church. Each one of us has had the faith passed down to us, or somebody has introduced us to it. The Gospel that we have received, the good news that man is redeemed from sin through the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that eternal life is made possible for all people through the blood of Jesus, and that Christ established the Church to gather all humanity in – this good news is not just for our own comfort or edification, but it is to be shared with others. We who have been baptised, and more so those of us who are Confirmed, we have been given the command to go forth and bear witness.

What are we doing, personally, to win souls for Christ and His Church? Do we help those around us to find the Lord? Jesus sent the 12 apostles and the 72 others in today's Gospel because God delights in having humans participating in His work of redeeming humanity. As you know, we launched our parish mission on the 29th May, and Bishop Alan sent out a number of people from the Church to visit every house in the parish. As of this week, around 9000 houses have been visited, and have been given a flyer, and people have been met on their doorsteps.

Some responded with warmth and enthusiasm, others were not interested, but the call is to persevere. Certainly it is no easy task; there are many things that can ensnare us, especially our own pride and materialism. Jesus warns us that he sends us as 'lambs among wolves.' But to be an authentic witness requires simplicity and humility. These people didn't go out on their own power; all the while they were out knocking on doors, there was a group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel praying for them. Spreading the Gospel is a divine work, and we cannot do it on our own initiative. But we turn instead to Christ, and strive to know him better ourselves; so that we can truly proclaim the person we know and love.

Next Sunday our mission here in the parish will begin – and there will be a number of talks during the week, and activities in the schools. The purpose of these is to enliven our faith, and shake us a little bit from our comfortable routine. We want to recover the **joy** of believing; we should not have long faces, and coming to Mass should not be a painful chore. Pope Francis had spoken about the joy of believing; after all, the 72 came back rejoicing. Do you and I have joy in believing? If we don't, then the joy of the Christian life needs to be reawakened, perhaps through a deeper commitment to prayer and by making the effort to study and know the faith. Mother Teresa said that 'joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls.' Joy attracts people. It is by our joy that we will attract others.

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.

CLERGY MOVES: The following clergy moves will be taking place in the Brentwood Diocese, effective the first week of September:

- **Fr John McGrath** from Billericay to Epping
- **Mgr. David Manson** from Ingatestone to Braintree
- **Fr Graham Smith** from Ongar to Southend/Prittlewell
- **Fr Daniel Mason** from Canning Town to Billericay
- **Fr Lee Bennett (Ord)** from Southend/Prittlewell to New Hall School Chaplaincy
- **Fr Andrew Forsy** from Brentwood to Canning Town
- **Fr Anthony Cho** from South Ockendon to Ingatestone
- **Fr Emile Nkumu** to Ongar
- **Fr Paul Cracknell (Ord)** to Chelmsford, Blessed Sacrament
- **Fr Patrick Daly from Walthamstow, St George to Brentwood Cathedral**
- **Fr Alex Poblador RCJ** will remain in Colchester for a further year
- **Fr Sabu Pariyadan RCJ** from Colchester to Hornchurch, St Mary's
- **Fr Nixon Gomes from Wanstead to Walthamstow, St George**
- **Fr Angelus Houle** will be joining the *Cor et Lumen Christi* Community in Chertsey

We are sorry that Father Patrick will be departing from Walthamstow, and we thank him for his hard work over the past two years. We shall miss him very much. We will welcome Fr Nixon Gomes as an assistant priest in September.

AFFECTED BY ABORTION? This weekend, 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.

This weekend, 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 a second collection for Rachel's Vineyard will be taken. At **5pm on Sunday 3rd July** will give a short talk in the parish hall followed by time for Q&A. She will also be available on **Sunday afternoon** to meet privately with anyone wishing to see her. 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.

UPCOMING PARISH MISSION: As announced last week, there will be a Parish/School Mission from the 11th – 15th July 2016. We have three requests:

- 1) Accommodation is needed for some members of the mission team; if you have a spare room and are able to offer it for the week, please contact Joseph Das (07737 520 341).
- 2) After the morning Masses during the week, a simple breakfast will be served. If you are able to donate food items for this please contact Louella Rodrigues (07545 625 109)
- 3) On the final day there will be a celebration in the parish hall; if you are able to donate food and drink to share, please contact Louella Rodrigues (07545 625 109)

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.

FINANCE MEETING: The next meeting of the finance committee will be Monday 4th July at 8pm in the presbytery.

GARDENERS WANTED: We have a lovely parish garden at the back of the presbytery, which is often used for parish events. Unfortunately, it is getting a little overgrown and needs some attention. If anyone has some time to spare and has some gardening experience, please speak to Fr Maurice.

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 call Armie on 07962 501 555.

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 – JULY

Counting	3/7 C	10/7 D	17/7 E	24/7 F	31/7 C
Christian Kitchen	2/7 Nor	9/7 F	16/7 G	23/7 A	30/7 B
Hospital	3/7 D	10/7 A	17/7 B	24/7 D	31/7 A

The offertory collection last week was £1231.40

Thank you for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	Anthony Mulvey (RIP)
Sun 3 July	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
8.30am	Lazaro & Carmen De Souza (RIP)
10.00am	Nancy Thompson (RIP)
12.00pm	Parish & Povilas Milevicius (RIP)
Mon 4 July	St Elizabeth of Portugal
7.00am	Benny Tully (RIP)
9.15am	Joe & Mary Bond (Ints)
Tue 5 July	St Anthony Zaccaria
7.00am	Honorato Dessa (RIP)
9.15am	Sr Kathleen Staunton (RIP)
Wed 6 July	St Maria Goretti
7.00am	John Chandler (RIP)
9.15am	Paolo Fiordarancio (RIP)
Thu 7 July	Feria
7.00am	Mother Maria Chioma Emeagi (Ints)
9.15am	Maria Fiordarancio (RIP)
Fri 8 July	Feria
7.00am	Krishna Kalpee (Ints)
9.15am	Elvira Fiordarancio (RIP)
Sat 9 July	Feria
10.00am	Tim Campbell (RIP)
6.00pm	Parish
Sun 10 July	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
8.30am	Bruno D'Souza (RIP)
10.00am	Hogermear, Clarke, Hughes families (RIP)
12.00pm	Frank Keavey (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, 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, 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.
