

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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18 Sept 2016

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Today's readings speak to us about the right use of the goods of this world. The steward in the Gospel, who is about to be dismissed from work because of his misconduct, quickly calls together his master's debtors and reduces their debts, so that they will repay the favour when he falls on hard times. Although the practice is a bit dodgy, the landowner commends the steward for his astuteness; for taking decisive action to improve his situation.

Commenting on this parable, Jesus says that 'the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light'. Many people are expert at navigating complex business and economic environments and can make good and shrewd decisions, calculated to bring big gains. If you have these kinds of skills, thank God for them because they motivate achievement and excellence. However, there is a danger that the pursuit of profit and power can occupy the primary place that God should have in our lives. Economists and businesspeople look to the future and make appropriate provisions. Jesus is eager that we be just as concerned for the eternal life; that we also look to the future and make appropriate provisions for our spiritual life.

Money, after all, is only worth anything in this life. Jesus tells us to use it wisely, for the benefit of others, so that it will profit us for eternity. Jesus says that nobody can serve two masters, God and money, so our financial and economic decisions must also be subservient to God's law.

Today we pray that we may be spiritually sharp – just like a good businessman can make an insightful decision, let us pray for the same insights for our souls, so that we make the right choices now to benefit us for eternity.

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.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE: This week a group of parishioners is travelling to Knock in Ireland for a pilgrimage. We wish them God's blessings and pray that it will bring benefit to our parish.

SVP CAKE SALE: The parish St Vincent de Paul Society will be holding a cake sale after Masses this weekend. Funds raised will be used to provide support to local people in need, which is part of the SVP's remit to care for the lonely, sick, hungry and those in financial hardship. SVP members will also be available in the Church porch after Masses this weekend, if you would like to find out more or are interested in joining.

RCIA (BECOMING A CATHOLIC): The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) 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. Sessions take place on **Thursday evenings at 8pm in the Church meeting room**. If you would like more information about the RCIA process please speak to one of the priests or contact Bernadette Wilson on 07804 611 914.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2016/17: Parents wishing their child to make their First Holy Communion in 2017 should speak to Fr Nixon to collect an application form. Children must be in school year 4 or above. Forms must be returned on the 26th, 27th or 28th September between 6 and 9pm, and parents will meet with one of the priests during these times. Forms are also available for the crèche facility; please speak to Fr Nixon for more information.

DEANERY PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next meeting of the Waltham Forest Deanery Pastoral Council will take place on Monday 19th September at 8pm in the presbytery. All members are requested to attend.

CONFIRMATION CATECHIST MEETING: There will be a meeting for Confirmation Catechists on Sunday 25th September at 5pm. All catechists are asked to attend.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE: The next meeting of the parish maintenance committee will be on Monday 26th September at 8pm in the presbytery.

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL: Conrad Almeida held a second meeting for Coordinators, lay people and parishioners on Bishop Alan's Steward of the Gospel initiative. At the meeting it was decided to form a working group to take forward the initiative. The first meeting of the working group will take place on Monday 26 September at 7:30pm in the church meeting room. All those who attended both meetings are invited to join the working group. The invitation is also extended to those who were unable to attend the meetings but wish to be in the working group.

SACRISTAN WORKSHOP: There will be a workshop for all sacristans in the Waltham Forest Deanery, including our parish, on Saturday 1st October at 10am, at Our Lady of Grace & St Teresa of Avila, 1 Kings Road, Chingford, London, E4 7HP. All sacristans are encouraged to attend.

MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT DAY: In today's busy world, with work and family life, married couples often do not have the time and space to give to nurturing their marriage. The Church recognizes the need to support married couples throughout their marriage. One of our married couples, Vincenzo and Marina are organizing a retreat day for married

couples on Saturday 8th October, 10am-4.30pm, at St John Vianney Catholic Church Hall, 4 Vincent Road, West Green, N15 3QH. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. A donation of £40 per couple is requested to cover costs. For more information or booking, please, contact MarinaandVincenzoOLSG@gmail.com by 4th October.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: If you are preparing for marriage in the next year, we have two sessions on the Sacrament of Marriage, which will take place on the 10th and 17th November, 7.30-9.00pm in the Parish Hall. Any couples wishing to marry in the parish must attend these sessions. In addition, attendance at a 1-day marriage preparation workshop, organized by Marriage Care, is also required – details of these dates will be made available later. For more information about getting married in the parish, please speak to Fr Maurice.

MISSION FOLLOW-UP – TRAINING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: As a follow-on from our successful Parish Mission in July, Fr Soji and his team will be coming back to the parish on Sunday 2nd October to provide training to young people (aged 15-25) to help them feel more confident about their faith and sharing it with others. The training will run from 10am-5pm on that day. If interested, please speak to Fr Maurice.

TUTORING: Icilda Stewart will be running small group tuition for children and young people from October 2016 in the parish hall, including preparation for SATs. To register your interest please call Icilda on 07949 528 873.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Registering to donate to the parish via the offertory 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.

RIP:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Tony Keane who died recently. His body will be received into the Church on Monday 19th September at 7.30pm, and his requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 20th at 12 noon, followed by burial at Chingford Mount Cemetery.

May he rest in peace.

ROTAS – SEPTEMBER

Counting	4/9 D	11/9 B	18/9 E	25/9 F
Christian Kitchen	3/9 Nor	10/9 F	17/9 G	24/9 A
Hospital	4/9 D	11/9 A	18/9 B	25/9 D

The offertory collection last week was £1489.89. Thank you for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	Joel Dias (RIP)
Sun 18 Sept	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
8.30am	Rego D'Souza (RIP)
10.00am	Parish
12.00pm	Ramon & Arnie Jose (Ints)
Mon 19 Sept	Feria
7.00am	Jane (Ints)
9.15am	Christopher and John Paul Ramsey (Ints)
Tue 20 Sept	St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang & Comps, Mn
7.00am	Ellen Mary Frances Caplehorn (RIP)
9.15am	Maurie Albert (RIP)
Wed 21 Sept	St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist (Feast)
7.00am	Sr Mary Horan (Ints)
9.15am	John & Mary Staunton (RIP)
Thu 22 Sept	Feria
7.00am	Romeo Rodrigues (RIP)
9.15am	Tony Keane (RIP)
Fri 23 Sept	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
7.00am	Damien Donoshue (RIP)
9.15am	Tony Keane (RIP)
Sat 24 Sept	Our Lady of Walsingham
10.00am	Jason & Kristina Coe-de-Lion (Thanksgiving)
6.00pm	Juliet Dias (RIP)
Sun 25 Sept	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
8.30am	Parish
10.00am	Nora Gilliguan (RIP)
12.00pm	Special 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, 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, Margaret Hicks

Morning Prayer:

Rosary:

Reconciliation (Confessions):

Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.45am

Weekdays after morning Mass

Sat. 10.30am – 11.30am. 5.00pm – 5.45pm. 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.
