

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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25 Sept 2016

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Every activity we pursue needs to have a purpose, so setting goals for ourselves is very important. Once we have goals, we next explore the means by which we will work to achieve them, keeping the end in sight. If the goal will lead to greater happiness for ourselves and others, we will do whatever it takes to achieve it.

In today's second reading, St Paul tells us what the ultimate goal is: to attain eternal life. He tells us that the way to attain this is to pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, gentleness and keeping the commandments.

In the Gospel today we have the story of the rich man and Lazarus. The story is addressed to the Pharisees, many of whom are attached to their wealth, seeing it as a sign of God's favour. The rich man is content to allow Lazarus to remain at his gate in his destitution, and to feed on the leftovers of his feasting. When they both die, it is Lazarus who is 'received into the bosom of Abraham' as a guest of honour in the eternal banquet, whilst the rich man is rejected.

The rich man is not accepted as a true child of Abraham, because in his complacent insensitivity, he ignored the suffering of Lazarus. In doing so, he disregards the teaching of the Law and the Prophets. Jesus makes this teaching His own, and so it also applies to us.

We have probably heard this story many times, and thus know what we must do to inherit eternal life. Our lives must be full of love for God and neighbour. We are called to be sensitive to the needs of our brethren around us, whether material, emotional or spiritual.

Through prayer, we draw nourishment and strength. Therefore, bringing our daily situations to the Lord in prayer gives purpose and direction to our lives. So let us persevere in prayer, as we keep focussed on the goal of eternal life.

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.

MESSAGE FROM FR PATRICK DALY: I would like to thank Fr Maurice and the community at Our Lady & St George for the wonderful Mass last Friday 16th September, the reception and your great generosity. I will keep you in my prayers. Please keep me in your prayers. God bless. Fr Patrick.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN EVENING: There will Open Evening on Thursday 29th September 2016 at the Walthamstow House Site for children transferring to secondary schools in September 2017. Dr. Stone will speak to parents at 6pm following a tour of the school. A prospectus will be available for each family attending. Applicants must ask the parish priest for a completed Catholic Certificate of Practice. The closing date for the return of the certificate to the school and the Waltham Forest application form to the Borough is 31st October 2016.

SIGNING OF SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMS: Fr Maurice will be available for signing secondary school forms in the Church meeting room on the following evenings **only:** 10th October, 6-9pm, 17th October, 6-9pm, 24th October, 6-9pm.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CONFERENCE: The SVP cake sale on 17th and 18th September made £368.35. We would like to thank all our members & parishioner who brought cakes to sell, helped to sell and especially to all parishioners who bought cakes and made donations. We would also like to thank Aurora Cakes Ltd who made us their charity of the year for their donation of the large cupcakes. A thank you also to the SVP members who ran the recruitment stall 11 parishioners have signed up to know more about our work and we hope they will join our conference.

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, in the Church meeting room. Forms are also available for the crèche facility; please speak to Fr Nixon for more information.

CONFIRMATION CATECHIST MEETING: There will be a meeting for Confirmation Catechists this 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 (Message from Conrad Almeida): I am the Steward of the Gospel for Our Lady & St George. My role is to work closely with parishioners, Fr Maurice and the rest of the clergy to gather information that will help us to assess how we manage what we do now and what new approaches and initiatives are needed to meet the challenges ahead. We have to ask ourselves what good practice exists in our parish? What factors have a significant impact on the financial position of our parish? How can we

increase Church attendance? How can we involve the youth of our parish? By examining these and other aspects, within the teachings of Christ and the Gospel, we may be better able to address how we can sustain and increase the number of worshippers and how we can maintain a viable and flourishing parish community in the years ahead. A working group meeting will be held on Monday 26th September at 7.30pm in the Church meeting room. Anyone interested in taking forward the Stewards of the Gospel initiative is invited to attend.

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.

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.

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.

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 £1231.77. Thank you for your generosity.

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

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
Mon 26 Sept	Ss Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
7.00am	Maiden (RIP)
9.15am	Tony Keane (RIP)
Tue 27 Sept	St Vincent de Paul, Priest
7.00am	Marsh Family
9.15am	Tony Keane (RIP)
Wed 28 Sept	St Wenceslaus, Martyr
7.00am	Carole McDonnell (Ints)
9.15am	Tony Keane (RIP)
Thu 29 Sept	Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
7.00am	Helen & Frances Fasswidge (Ints)
9.15am	Tony Keane (RIP)
Fri 30 Sept	St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church
7.00am	Sr Miriam Jedlinska
9.15am	Tony Keane (RIP)
Sat 1 Oct	St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor
10.00am	Special Intentions
6.00pm	Assis Dias (RIP)
Sun 2 Oct	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
8.30am	Special Ints
10.00am	Parish
12.00pm	Georgina Dillon (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, 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.
