

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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23 October 2016

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Last Sunday Jesus spoke about the need to pray continually and to persist in prayer. This Sunday he speaks about the need to approach prayer with a humble attitude.

In today's Gospel, the Lord gives us two examples, in the persons of the Pharisee and the tax collector. The Pharisee puts himself at the centre of his prayer, praising the good actions he feels he has 'done' for God. The tax collector is very different; he knows he has nothing to boast about. Like the Pharisee, we often forget that goodness is a gift from God, not something we achieve by our own efforts, and we all have sins for which we need to repent. As the first reading says, God is 'no respecter of personages': what is pleasing to him is a humble heart. As it says, 'the humble man's prayer pierces the clouds.' The tax collector is a humble man; his prayer is honest and sincere, and he is the one who goes home at rights with God.

Humility is at the root of the Christian life, and of all genuine prayer. It may be wrongly associated with weakness, with putting oneself down, and with poor self-image, but humility is none of these things. Humility is an honest approach to the reality of our lives, which recognises that we are not more important than any other person. When we see the failings of others, the best way to react is to say to ourselves, 'there but for the grace of God go I'; this acknowledges that any virtues we do have are gifts from God. As St Paul says, 'what do you have that you did not receive?'

Today we pray that we might have the humility of heart to cry out, with the tax collector, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner.'

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.

OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE ROSARY: This **Sunday, October 23rd at 5pm**, in the Church meeting room, we will have a screening of 'A Dedicated Man', the story of Fr Patrick Peyton, known as the Rosary Priest. As a seminarian, Fr Peyton was cured of tuberculosis during a novena to Our Lady, and as priest he wanted to tell the families of the world what she would do for them if they would open their hearts and their homes to her by praying the rosary as a family every day. He travelled the world with this message and millions came to hear it (2 million in Sao Paulo, Brazil; 1.5 million in Rio de Janeiro; 500,000 in San Francisco and 2 million in Manila). Fr Peyton's motto was 'the family that prays together, stays together'. Come along and learn about his message of hope. The film is about 30 minutes in length. Children are also welcome; there will be some light refreshments afterwards.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME: The Confirmation programme for next year will begin in January 2017, and planning is currently underway. Young people in school year 10 and above, wishing to be confirmed next June, should come personally to speak to Fr Maurice and collect a form to express interest, and return it by this **Sunday, October 23rd**. These forms will be available from this weekend. Fr Maurice will then contact you to arrange a meeting, provide more details and give you a full application form.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: There will be an extra Holy Hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on **Monday 24th October**, from **7-8pm** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. This Hour will be dedicated to prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE 2017: As next year is the 100th anniversary of the Diocese of Brentwood, in thanksgiving to Our Lady we would like to organize a parish pilgrimage. I have made initial enquiries, and expect that we can organize a coach pilgrimage to Lourdes in July 2017. The annual diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage will be happening at the same time, so we can join with much of their programme. We are currently investigating options and seeking quotations, so please let Fr Maurice know if you would be interested in making this pilgrimage, so that he can assess interest.

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL SURVEY: Thank you to all those who have had an opportunity to respond to the questions handed out last week; please keep them coming. This week you will receive three further questions from the Stewards of the Gospel booklet. Once again, I and other members of the Working Group will be available to talk after Masses. You can drop your completed sheets in the SOTG Suggestion Box, write your comments on the sheets in the Church meeting room or email me at Conrad.sotg@gmail.com. Thank you. Conrad Almeida.

YOUTH MEETING: There will be a youth meeting conducted by the Sehion UK Youth Team on November 6th after the 10am Mass. The team will come down from Birmingham and will lead young people in prayer for 2 hours in the back rooms of the parish hall. The meeting will consist of songs, testimonials and praise and worship. Young people aged 16-30 are welcome to attend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2016/17: The next session for the First Communion Programme will be on 5th November. As usual, children will register in the parish hall at 9.45am and the parents' session will begin at 10am in the hall of the Lower Site of OLSG School next door. Parents and children will then all gather for the 10am Mass on Sunday 6th November.

SOCIAL IN OUR NEW PARISH HALL ROOM: Sunday 30th October, 3-5pm. Come to the new social area of the parish hall (recently refurbished back room), for a karaoke sing-a-long to raise funds in support of the SVP Christmas dinner (11 Dec), and for the Holy Land. Tea and coffee will be available; bring your own drinks and snacks! Joe Elwood (MC Joe) will lead the afternoon's entertainment.

SIGNING OF SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMS: Fr Maurice will be available for signing secondary school forms in the Church meeting room on the following evening **only:** 24th October, 6-9pm. For secondary admissions, the closing date for the return of the forms to the school and the Waltham Forest application form to the Borough is 31st October 2016.

ADMISSIONS FOR RECEPTION, OLSG SCHOOL: If your child was born between 01.09.2012 and 31.08.2013 they are due to start school in September 2017. To apply for OLSG school, please see further information on the Church noticeboard for details of the forms to be completed. There will be **Admission Information Meetings** at which parents can look around the school on **Wednesday 2nd November at 10am or 2pm, Thursday 3rd November at 10am, 2pm and 6.30pm.** Parents wishing to attend one of these meetings should email office@olsgweb.org or phone 0208 520 5800 to book a place.

SIGNING OF PRIMARY SCHOOL (RECEPTION) FORMS: Fr Maurice will be available for signing primary school forms for Reception classes, in the Church meeting room at the following times **only:** Saturday 19th November 2-4pm; Sunday 20th November 5-7pm.

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.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE DINNER: Thank you to all who travelled on the Knock pilgrimage 2016. We are grateful for all the blessings received. A reunion dinner has been arranged on Friday 16th December 2016 @ 7.30 pm ~ Adriatico Restaurant, 423 Woodford Green, IG8 OXG. Please ring 020 85273879 or email StII240@aol.com Stella, to confirm your attendance.

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.

RIP:

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of:

Angela Tardioli, whose body will be received into the Church on Monday 24th October at 5pm, followed by a Mass (in Italian) at 8pm. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 25th at 12 noon, followed by burial at St Patrick's cemetery.

Maria Henriques whose Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 27th October at 10am in the Church.

May they rest in peace.

ROTAS – OCTOBER

Counting	2/10 D	9/10 C	16/10 B	23/10 E	30/10 D
Christian Kitchen	1/10 Nor	8/10 B	15/10 C	22/10 D	29/10 E
Hospital	2/10 A	9/10 B	16/10 D	23/10 A	30/10 B

The offertory collection last week was £1506.51. Thank you for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	Mario & Sue Zeppetelli (Thanksgiving)
Sun 23 Oct	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (World Mission Day)
8.30am	Mary Williams (Ints)
10.00am	Parish
12.00pm	Special Ints
Mon 24 Oct	St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
7.00am	Tim Moriatory (RIP)
9.15am	Special Ints
Tue 25 Oct	Feria
7.00am	Mary Murray (RIP)
9.15am	Special Ints
Wed 26 Oct	St Cedd, Secondary Co-Patron of the Diocese
7.00am	Tony Keane (RIP)
9.15am	Special Ints
Thu 27 Oct	Feria
7.00am	Simon Thompson (Ints)
9.15am	Special Ints
Fri 28 Oct	Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Don Malone (RIP)
Sat 29 Oct	Our Lady on Saturday
10.00am	Brian Prisk (RIP)
6.00pm	Special Ints
Sun 30 Oct	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
8.30am	Special Ints
10.00am	Parish
12.00pm	Brown Blay Rancy (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, Padraig Hester, Regina Jose, Margaret Hicks, Kojo Gyebi-Ababio

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.
