

# **CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE**

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**9 October 2016**

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

In the Gospel today we see ten lepers who beg Jesus to be cured. All ten are cleansed, but only one, the Samaritan, returns to give thanks. We might wonder how only one could come back to give thanks, when such a great miracle had taken place in their lives.

This shows us the importance of being grateful to God for His mercy. Just as the Lord healed this leper, he offers us healing through the Sacraments, especially in Reconciliation, when we come face-to-face with him and experience his healing touch, through the ministry of the priest. When we receive that sacrament, we leave our sins and burdens behind. The priest usually gives a small penance, a few prayers by which we say 'thank you' to God for having healed us.

The Samaritan in the Gospel teaches us to be grateful. After being cured, he threw himself at Jesus' feet in total thanksgiving and praise. In our lives there are many blessings we enjoy and in order to give thanks for them, we sometimes need to lift our eyes from the gift and look to the Giver.

As you and I go through life, how often do we acknowledge God as the giver? Or are we so absorbed in the gifts themselves that we never look up to Him?

Today we pray that the Lord will keep our souls fresh and alive with gratitude for all his wonderful gifts: for creating us, healing us and sanctifying us.

Fr Maurice

**BAPTISMS:** By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Church. Godparents are also very much encouraged to come, if possible.

**MARRIAGES:** By appointment. Six months notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests for more information.

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**STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL SURVEY:** As you know, Bishop Alan has established a strategic planning group for the diocese. Part of its work is to gather the thoughts and feelings of parish communities on a number of issues that can be fed back to the Bishop and help the parish reflect on its own needs and future. To this end, the Stewards of the Gospel group, led by Conrad Almeida, is conducting the diocesan survey in our parish from **this weekend** until the middle of November. There will be many opportunities to view and respond to the questions:

- They will be on display in the Church meeting room from this week, and response can be left in a special box in that room.
- They will be distributed in a special booklet this weekend, and responses can be dropped into the box in the meeting room.
- Parish groups will be asked to respond to the questions in their regular meetings.
- The older pupils will be surveyed in our schools.
- Outreach groups will be formed to contact those who no longer come to Mass on Sundays.
- Conrad has a dedicated email address ([conrad.sotg@gmail.com](mailto:conrad.sotg@gmail.com)) to which answers can be sent.

Please do take some time to respond to the survey.

**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 **Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup>**. 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.

**OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE ROSARY:** On **Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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**: 10<sup>th</sup> October, 6-9pm, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 6-9pm, 24<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 10am or 2pm, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**November at 10am, 2pm and 6.30pm.** Parents wishing to attend one of these meetings should email [office@olsgweb.org](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup> November 2-4pm; Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 5-7pm.

**SOCIAL IN OUR NEW PARISH HALL ROOM:** Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 3-5pm. Come to the new social area of the parish hall (recently refurnished 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.

**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:** The next session for the First Communion Programme will be on 15<sup>th</sup> October. 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 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:

Anthenia Trim who died last week. Her requiem Mass will take place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 10am here in the Church.

May they rest in peace

**ROTAS – OCTOBER**

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

The offertory collection last week was £1453.17. Thank you for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	Fr Joe Dias (RIP)
Sun 9 Oct	<b>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</b>
8.30am	Parish
10.00am	Special Ints
12.00pm	Mark & Yjyste Pellumbi (RIP) & Tony Eastman (RIP, Anniv)
Mon 10 Oct	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Special Intentions
9.15am	Tony Keane (RIP)
Tue 11 Oct	<b>St John XXIII, Pope</b>
7.00am	Special Intentions
9.15am	Tony Keane (RIP)
Wed 12 Oct	<b>Ss Ethelburga, Hildelith and Cuthburga, Religious</b>
7.00am	Special Intentions
9.15am	Theresa Cercado (Ints)
Thu 13 Oct	<b>St Edward the Confessor</b>
7.00am	Special Intentions
9.15am	Angele Francoise Durande (RIP)
Fri 14 Oct	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Special Intentions
9.15am	Mary Murray (RIP)
Sat 15 Oct	<b>St Teresa of Jesus (Avila), Virgin, Doctor of the Church</b>
10.00am	Special Intentions & Peter Mellow (RIP)
6.00pm	Joe Murnane (RIP, Anniv)
Sun 16 Oct	<b>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</b>
8.30am	Special Ints
10.00am	Parish
12.00pm	Sylvia Yamson (Ints) & Maria Liassi (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

**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.

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