

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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6 November 2016

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Today's readings speak about the resurrection, the belief that at the end of time our bodies and souls, separated through death, will be reunited, and the bodies of those who have died in a state of friendship with God will rise in glory.

In the first reading from the Book of Maccabees, we hear of seven brothers who are willing to undergo torture rather than to disobey the Lord. It might seem that eating pork was a small thing to die for, but the Law of Moses forbade it, and these brothers refused to give in. The second of these brothers speaks of their faith in the resurrection; 'we die for His laws in order to live again forever.' They had faith and trust that God would bring them through this great suffering to eternal life.

The Sadducees in today's Gospel denied that resurrection is possible. They question Jesus about it, and try to make the concept sound ridiculous. But Jesus teaches them that resurrection and the afterlife are real. Jesus mentions the account of Moses and the burning bush, wherein God identifies Himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; the God of the living, not of the dead. Even though these three patriarchs had died many years before Moses, God is saying they are all alive in Him.

Jesus not only taught about the resurrection, but He Himself rose from the dead, with a glorified body. The resurrection is the core of our faith, because we too hope, as followers of Christ, to be transformed in glory in the life to come. It is good for us to think about the prospects of heaven, even though we cannot grasp it fully right now, because we are limited. Heaven is more than just the happiness of this life magnified; it is to be in intimate union with God, and in communion with the saints. The Church calls this gift the beatific vision – to see God as He really is.

It is good for us to contemplate the eternal life. We should also keep in mind that a life of eternal bliss with God is not something automatic once this life is over. Christ has died for all people, but we in turn must respond to His offer of love by embracing God's will in our lives. It is the good and faithful servant who will hear the words, 'Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you.' Your life and my life in this world is an investment in eternity, and the time given to us is precious. So let us not be deceived by the attitude of this world. God is love, but His love has expectations – and we must do our best to respond.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on 14th November at 7.30pm in the Church. Godparents are also very much encouraged to attend.

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

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF PRAYER FOR THE DECEASED: November is the month the Church designates as a special time for praying for all of our deceased loved ones. You may write the names of your deceased loved ones on the sheets available at the back of the Church and place these into the purple box, which will be left near the Altar during this month. We will hold our annual Mass of remembrance on **Friday 18th November at 7.30pm** in the Church followed by refreshments.

ADVENT CONCERT: This year, we will not be holding a bazaar, but will instead have an Advent Concert in the Church on Saturday 26th November at 7.30pm, featuring different musical contributions from our choir and various parish groups. OLSG Primary School will help to organize it. Tickets will be £5 per family, and all proceeds will go towards supporting the development of the primary school, which recently got a 'Good' Ofsted report, and now looks to build upon this success. Please note the date and come along.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2016/17: The next session for the First Communion Programme will be on Saturday 19th 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.

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL SURVEY: At Masses this weekend you will receive the final sheet of questions from the Stewards of the Gospel booklet. The questions relate to "Leadership" and "Education and Continuing Formation". Please refer to the booklet and the narrative explaining each question for guidance. Once again, we have included comments we have received to these questions and we hope that these will prompt you to come up with ideas and thoughts of your own. Please place your response in the suggestion box in the church porch, or email conrad.sotg@gmail.com or by writing on the sheets in the meeting room. The sheets are also available in large print. Thank you for returning the earlier sheets. If you have not already done so then please complete them, as your response is important for our future. The next stage of the process is to collate your comments. This will take sometime and you will be kept informed of progress at every stage. Conrad Almeida

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.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP St George's Bible Study Group has been in place since 1990 and meet on Mondays (8.00-9.30 pm). We explore, reflect and meditate on the following week's Scripture readings. We now have a new space in the Church Meeting Room and as Jesus said to His Disciples, 'Come and See', we now invite you to come and see if this will help you on your faith journey/formation on Monday 14th November. For further information, please contact Andrew Koduah on 07823324468.

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.

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.

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, **8.00-9.30pm** 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.

TUTORING: Icilda Stewart is running small group tuition for Year 5 & 6 children in the parish hall, including preparation for SATs. Support is also available for young people preparing Personal Statements for University Entrance. To find out more please call Icilda on 07949 528 873.

FRIENDS OF HOLY FAMILY WINTER TABLETOP SALE: Saturday 19th November, 10am-1pm, Walthamstow Site, 1 Shernhall Street, London E17 3EA. Sat 19th Nov 2016. Doors open to the public from 10:00am - 1:00pm, and to sellers to arrive at 9am. To book a table, email the Friends for a booking form at t.friends@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk or phone the school office on 020 8520 0482. Tables £10.00 in advance, £15 on the day subject to availability. Admission 50p adults, children free.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Margaret Hicks, whose body will be received into the Church on Thursday 17th November at 4pm, and whose Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 18th November at 12 noon.

Madge Pope, whose funeral arrangements will be announced later.

May they rest in peace

ROTAS – NOVEMBER

Counting	6/11 F	13/11 C	20/11 B	27/11 E
Christian Kitchen	5/11 Nor	12/11 F	19/11 G	26/11 A
Hospital	6/11 D	13/11 A	20/11 B	27/11 D

The offertory collection last week was £1382.42. Thank you for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	Lance Scott Walker (RIP)
Sun 6 Nov	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
8.30am	Teresa Coker (Ints)
10.00am	Tony Keane (RIP)
12.00pm	Parish
Mon 7 Nov	Feria
7.00am	Sr Marion (Ints)
9.15am	Cynthia Ryan (Ints)
Tue 8 Nov	Feria
7.00am	Philomena Spranklen (Ints)
9.15am	Nelly Tuble (Ints)
Wed 9 Nov	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)
7.00am	Philomena Spranklen (Ints)
9.15am	Assumptia Josephine Verdi (Ints)
Thu 10 Nov	St Leo the Great, Pope
7.00am	Peter Mellow (RIP)
9.15am	Elaine Francis (RIP) & Feme Palencia (RIP)
Fri 11 Nov	St Martin of Tours, Bishop
7.00am	Len Finney (Ints)
9.15am	Maria Henriques (RIP)
Sat 12 Nov	St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr
10.00am	Tim Campbell (RIP)
6.00pm	Ellen Fletcher (RIP)
Sun 13 Nov	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
8.30am	Parish
10.00am	Fr Patrick Daly (Ints)
12.00pm	Tim Campbell (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, 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.
