

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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22nd January 2017

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Today's Gospel is the remarkable account of Jesus calling His first disciples, and we notice that they follow immediately. Today we are invited to think about the call of Jesus to each one of us. He says to the disciples, 'follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' In other words, He will enable them to catch people for Him. Down the ages, the Lord has called, and continues to call men to serve Him as priests, and through them, His grace and healing are made available through the Sacraments.

But it is not only the job of priests to catch souls for God. Each and every one of us has the mandate to do this, whether married, or single, or a consecrated religious. Christ wants every one of us to participate in this work, and you have great potential to reach people, because you are out there in the midst of the world, just being ordinary. Christ works through you, if you are open to His call and respond to it.

If we are in a right relationship with God, and sincere and unashamed about our faith, people will often notice and be drawn to it. Don't underestimate the power you have to influence others for good, whether by a kind word or caring gesture, by speaking gently to them and answering their questions, or by sharing your faith with them. Many in our parish have been led to faith through the influence of others - that is a task we are all called to do! Whatever our line of work and state of life, we are called to go fishing for Jesus.

This is not only an important work, but a vital one: eternal life is at stake. Sometimes we don't hear the call or we ignore it or are deaf to it. We may fear to lose our security, or human respect, or may be too attached to our possessions and careers...but like the apostles, we have to get out of the boat. We need to pray for the courage to step out of ourselves, and follow the Lord's call, whatever it is for us.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place this Monday 23rd January at 7.30pm in the **Parish Hall**. 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.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend we will have a second collection for the homeless, and the proceeds will be split equally between Caritas Anchor House, a homeless shelter in Canning Town, and the Christian Kitchen, which supplies food to local people every night of the year. Please support this collection. Many thanks.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2016/17: The next session for the First Communion Programme will be next Saturday 4th February, with children in the parish hall and parents in the school as usual. Kindly be present by 9.45am.

AFRICAN MISSION MEETING: Members of the African Communities are cordially invited to attend African Mission meeting this Sunday 22nd January 2017 at 3pm prompt at St George's Church Meeting Room, 132 Shernhall Street, Walthamstow, London E17 9HU.

CONFIRMATION 2017: The next session for the Confirmation programme is next Sunday, 29th January, starting at 4pm sharp in the parish hall. All candidates are asked to be on time.

HCPT UPCOMING EVENTS: There will be a Bingo Night in support of the HCPT on Friday 3rd February in the parish hall. Doors open at 7pm and eyes down at 7.30pm. Bring your own nibbles. See posters in the Church porch for details of prices or call Peter on 07976 419 680. On Saturday 18th March there will be an HCPT St Patrick's Gala family night – more details soon.

CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS AND FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Marian Missionary Sisters of the Poor are looking for:

- Anyone with love for children to support their childcare services at the centre for 1 hr. in the morning Breakfast club and 1 -3 hours after school for After School Club Monday to Friday during term time.
- Anyone with fundraising skills to join their **Volunteer Fundraising Committee** to support the Marian Mission Disadvantaged Children Centre. If you can help, contact Mother Maria Chioma on **07940143545/ 02085187499**

VOLUNTEERING AT OUR LADY & ST GEORGE SCHOOL: Recently, Anthony Walsh, Deputy Head of OLSG School spoke after Masses about volunteering in our primary school. Can you help with reading, small group work, sports, arts or perhaps some RE discussions? Whatever your strengths and skills come and share them with a wonderful group of pupils - this can be for one hour, morning or day- and can last for a month or a year. To find out more, please contact Anthony at the school on 02085208500 or email him on awalsh38.320@lgflmail.org. This is a golden opportunity to help the children in our Catholic school achieve their full potential!

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL: Please note that due to insufficient interest, the Day of Reflection planned for 28 January 2017 will not take place. Meanwhile, the deadline for completing the survey response is 14 February 2017. There will be a SOTG working group meeting on Wednesday 25 January at 7:30 pm in the church meeting room. Anyone who would like to be involved in this project is invited to attend.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: There will be a meeting of the finance committee on Wednesday 8th February at 8pm in the presbytery. All members are requested to attend.

FR THOMAS BYLES – A HERO OF THE TITANIC: Come to St George's Hall on **Sunday 5th February, 3-5pm** to learn the true story of Fr Thomas Byles', a priest of the Brentwood Diocese, and his heroic efforts on the night of April 15, 1912, when the Titanic sank. Tea and coffee will be available, with a 1hr DVD screening of a film, plus time for social and discussion. Come along and be inspired by Fr Thomas' concern for others.

SICK CALLS TO HOSPITAL: In light of 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. You can also phone the presbytery directly to let us know. We visit the wards during the week and are also on call 24-hours.

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.

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.

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.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Mary Tickell, whose funeral will take place at the City of London Crematorium next Thursday 26th January at 12.30pm.

Elizabeth Perkins, whose body will be received into the Church on Tuesday 31st January at 5pm, and whose Requiem Mass will take place in the Church on Wednesday 1st February at 10.30am.

Mary Kelly, whose Requiem Mass will take place in the Church on Thursday 9th February at 12 noon.

May they rest in peace

ROTAS – JANUARY

Counting	1/1 B	8/1 D	15/1 D	22/1 E	29/1 F
Christian Kitchen	7/1 Nor	14/1 F	21/1 G	28/1 A	31/12 B
Hospital	1/1 B	8/1 D	15/1 A	22/1 B	29/1 D

The offertory collection last week was £1460.99

Thank you very much for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	Moss & Nagle Families (RIP)
Sun 22 Jan	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
8.30am	Prayer Warriors (Ints)
10.00am	Fr Patrick Daly (Ints)
12.00pm	Parish
Mon 23 Jan	Feria
7.00am	Cidalia Garces Santos (Ints)
9.15am	Lilia Garces Santos (Ints)
Tue 24 Jan	St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
7.00am	Maria Tembe (Ints)
9.15am	Ron Warren (Ints)
Wed 25 Jan	The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle (Feast)
7.00am	James Murray (Ints)
9.15am	Murray family (Ints)
Thu 26 Jan	Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops
7.00am	Roseleen & Patrick Murray (Ints)
9.15am	Rose & Paddy O'Neil (Ints)
Fri 27 Jan	Feria
7.00am	Pat McKenna (Ints)
9.15am	Raymond Maloney (RIP)
Sat 28 Jan	St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church
10.00am	Raymond Maloney (RIP)
6.00pm	Betty Ramsey (Ints)
Sun 29 Jan	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
8.30am	Sr Joan (Ints)
10.00am	Phil Mitchell (Ints)
12.00pm	Parish

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.

Bible Study:

Mondays at 8pm, Church Meeting Room
