

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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## **12<sup>th</sup> February 2017** **Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)**

The ability to make choices is something uniquely human; it is a gift from God, the gift of free will. Animals don't have this ability to make choices; they only act on instinct.

Some of our choices are mundane, but others are much more important and have consequences for ourselves and others. Some choices have moral consequences. Our readings today speak about this, and Jesus teaches us that it is from our hearts that good or evil choices emerge. Today we are challenged to accept the moral responsibility for the choices that we make.

Our choices come from within, from what is in our hearts. The Ten Commandments, as we know, forbid murder, adultery and perjury (taking false oaths), and indeed Jesus also forbids these things. But Jesus goes deeper, to emphasise that the emotions of anger, lust and deception are the root cause, the source of those sins. Jesus' teaching is radical, because it is not enough merely to observe the Law externally, as the Pharisees did, but it is the interior disposition, what is in the heart, that counts.

When we have made wrong choices, and we know it, our conscience can trouble us. We experience guilt. That can be a good thing, because it shows us where we have gone wrong, or failed to do something good, and indicates to us what needs to be done to repair the situation, and it moves us to ask God and our neighbour for forgiveness – and to humbly ask God's grace to amend our lives and do better.

Fr Maurice

**BAPTISMS:** By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 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.

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**SUMMER 2017 PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: BOOKING INFORMATION:** For anyone wishing to join the Parish Lourdes pilgrimage (Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017), we have simplified the application process. Please collect an application form from the presbytery, and return it with a deposit of £150 per place as soon as possible, but no later than **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**. Deposits should be paid by cheque, made payable to 'Our Lady & St George's Catholic Church'. If you have already submitted an application form, a place will be held for you, but please speak to Fr Maurice **as soon as possible**, as there is an updated form that needs to be completed. Please note there are only 49 places in total and they will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

**CONFIRMATION 2017:** The next session for the Confirmation programme is this Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, starting at 4pm sharp in the parish hall.

**PASTORAL LETTER / STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL:** This weekend Bishop Alan has sent us a pastoral letter, which is on the noticeboard at the back of the Church, and some copies are also available to take away. The letter discusses the Diocesan Centenary, and also asks us to take and read the 'Stewards of the Gospel' leaflet, copies of which have been sent to us this week and are in the porch. We thank Conrad and the SOTG working group who have worked hard to gather our Parish response to the questionnaire.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2016/17:** The next session for the First Communion Programme will be on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March with children in the parish hall and parents in the school as usual. Kindly be present by 9.45am.

**FIRST COMMUNION CARDS:** A good range of First Communion greeting cards are now available on sale in the repository.

**HCPT NEWS:** Last Friday's bingo night raised a fantastic £362.04. Thanks for all your support, and it will be back in the summer. The next big HCPT event is the St Patrick's Gala family night, on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Keep the date – more details soon.

**MASS OFFERINGS:** Please note that, for Mass intentions, Saturday 6pm Masses are fully booked until August 2017; 8.30am, 10am and 12 noon Sunday Masses are booked until March 2017; weekday Masses are booked until the end of February 2017. If you request a specific slot, which is unavailable, and no other preference is expressed, the next available slot at the same time will be allocated. Please check the newsletter for details of your Mass. Thanks for your cooperation.

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE:** There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following divorce, separation or the death of a partner, from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For more details please contact Freda 01322 838 415, Sandra 01293, 783 965 or John 01992 642 443 or email [johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk)

**FRIENDS OF HOLY FAMILY TABLE TOP SALE:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017 - 10:00am - 1:00pm. The Friends of Holy Family Catholic School & Sixth Form are holding their Spring Indoor Table Top Sale on their Walthamstow Site, 1 Shernhall Street, London E17 3EA on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017, with doors open to the public from 10:00am - 1:00pm. Sellers at 9:00am. A chance to get rid of that clutter, buy a treat or gift or enjoy our delicious

refreshments and take a home-made cake for later! To book a table, email the Friends for a booking form at [t.friends@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk](mailto: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. Book early to avoid disappointment.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** There will be a meeting of the finance committee on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm in the presbytery. All members are requested to attend.

**OLSG SCHOOL NURSERY:** For Children born between 01.09.2013 and 31.08.2014. Parents wishing to apply for a nursery place for September 2017 can download the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) from the school website [www.olsgweb.org](http://www.olsgweb.org) or collect it from the Lower Site Office (140 Shernhall St, E17 9HU). There will be a choice of full-time or part-time places, term time only. Part time hours are 1) Mornings 8.45am – 11.45am; 2) Afternoons 12.15pm – 3.15pm; 3) Fulltime 8.45am – 3.15pm, part funded. Information packs are available from the Lower Site school office. If you have any queries, please phone Mrs. Moloney on 0208 520 8500.

**CAFOD SPEAKER:** On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Church hall, Sr Yvonne Mwalula Mwila will be coming to speak about 'Households in Distress', her project in Zambia to reduce the impact of HIV/AIDS on affected families, by providing quality care and support and livelihood initiatives. Her talk will be followed by a reflection on the refugee crisis and prayer with the Lampedusa cross. This event at St George's is also open to parishioners in the neighboring dioceses of Westminster and Southwark, and is part of a tour Sr Yvonne is making of England and Wales to promote her work, which is supported by CAFOD.

**SATs TUTORING:** Icilda Stewart is running English Classes for Year 5 & 6 children in the parish hall, focussed on preparation for SATs Assessments in May 2017 and 2018. Please note that Maths Classes will also be offered shortly. To find out more 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.

**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.

### ***ROTAS – FEBRUARY***

Counting	5/2 <b>D</b>	12/2 <b>E</b>	19/2 <b>F</b>	26/2 <b>D</b>
Christian Kitchen	4/2 <b>Nor</b>	11/2 <b>C</b>	18/2 <b>D</b>	25/2 <b>E</b>
Hospital	5/2 <b>A</b>	12/2 <b>B</b>	19/2 <b>D</b>	26/2 <b>A</b>

The offertory collection last week was £1580.08

Thank you very much for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	Bernard Carey (RIP)
Sun 12 Feb	<b>Sixth Sunday of the Year (A)</b>
8.30am	Parish
10.00am	Sean McKenna (RIP)
12.00pm	Jacqueline Keavey (RIP)
Mon 13 Feb	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Mary Kevelaitis (RIP)
9.15am	Sr. Perpetua (Ints)
Tue 14 Feb	<b>Ss Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop (European Feast)</b>
7.00am	Thanksgiving
9.15am	Phil Mitchell (RIP)
Wed 15 Feb	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Joseph McManus & Deceased Brothers (RIP)
9.15am	Cyril Soares (RIP)
Thu 16 Feb	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Milburg Asher (RIP)
9.15am	Sr Mary of the Trinity SOLT (RIP)
Fri 17 Feb	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Mary Kelly (RIP)
9.15am	Special Ints
Sat 18 Feb	<b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>
10.00am	Efren Jr. Afuyog (Thanksgiving)
6.00pm	Mary Callanan (RIP)
Sun 19 Feb	<b>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</b>
8.30am	Parish
10.00am	Antonio Picone (RIP)
12.00pm	Shun-Choi Kwan (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, Thampirajah Baskaran.

### **Morning Prayer:**

### **Rosary:**

### **Reconciliation (Confessions):**

### **Bible Study:**

**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.

Mondays at 8pm, Church Meeting Room

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