

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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19th February 2017

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

In recent weeks we have seen Jesus taking the Commandments and going deeper with them; they are not just a rule of law, but must be lived from the heart and applied in every situation. We see Him teaching with authority; saying 'you have heard it said...but I say to you.' We see the same thing in today's Gospel, where he takes the Law of Moses and teaches us to observe it in a more perfect way. The first reading from Leviticus teaches us not to bear hatred for our brother, not to exact vengeance or to bear a grudge' - and indeed we must not.

But Jesus takes this further, saying we are not only to love our brothers, but are to love our enemies as well. Instead of retaliating with anger and resentment, we are to pray for our persecutors. If anyone imposes upon us, we are to respond with generosity. This is the famous teaching to turn the other cheek. According to Jesus, that is how to be perfect.

By obeying Jesus in his command of loving and praying for our enemies, our souls are gradually moved from malice to charity, from anger to compassion, from confusion to understanding, from self-reliance to dependence upon God, from hatred to love. In short, we become more perfect, more like God himself, more holy. That is what the readings desire for us; the first says, 'be Holy, for I the Lord your God am holy', and as Jesus said in the Gospel, 'be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect.'

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place this Monday 20th 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.

DIOCESAN CENTENARY: As this is the 100th anniversary of our Diocese, prayer cards have been produced, and we will be saying the prayer after Masses during the year.

SUMMER 2017 PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: BOOKING INFORMATION: For anyone wishing to join the Parish Lourdes pilgrimage (Saturday 22nd – Friday 28th July 2017), 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 17th 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 **around half of them are now reserved, so if you have not yet returned your form please do so as soon as possible**. Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

CAFOD SPEAKER: This Wednesday 22nd 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. Sr Yvonne is making a tour of England and Wales to promote her work, which is supported by CAFOD.

BAZAAR COMMITTEE: We intend to hold a parish bazaar this November, and would like to establish a committee to help plan and organize it. There will be a meeting on Monday 27th February at 7.30pm in the presbytery for all those who are interested in helping. The bazaar is one event that brings everyone in the parish together, and there are many ways in which help is required, so if you are interested in volunteering please come along. Speak to Fr Maurice for more information.

CONFIRMATION 2017: The next session for the Confirmation programme is next Sunday, 19th February, starting at 4pm sharp in the parish hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2016/17: The next session for the First Communion Programme will be on Saturday 11th 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.

LENTEN 'WALK WITH ME' BOOKLETS: The Lent and Easter 'Walk with me' booklets will be on sale from next weekend in the repository (in the Church porch), priced £1. The booklets contain a brief reflection, either on the scripture readings of the day or some aspect of the faith. The booklets are pocket-sized and written in a simple and accessible style. They could also make a good gift for a friend or someone who is housebound.

HCPT NEWS: The next big HCPT event is the St Patrick's Gala family night, on Saturday 18th March. Keep the date – more details soon.

FRIENDS OF HOLY FAMILY TABLE TOP SALE: Saturday 25th March 2017 - 10:00am - 1:00pm, Walthamstow Site, 1 Shernhall Street, London E17 3EA. 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 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 13th 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 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.

SATs TUTORING: Icilda Stewart is running English Classes for Year 5 & 6 children in the parish hall, focused 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.

RIP

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Ronald Earnest McDonnell whose Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 6th March at 12 noon.

May he rest in peace

ROTAS – FEBRUARY

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

The offertory collection last week was £1874.70

Thank you very much for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	Mary Callanan (RIP)
Sun 19 Feb	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
8.30am	Parish
10.00am	Antonio Picone (RIP)
12.00pm	Shun-Choi Kwan (RIP)
Mon 20 Feb	Feria
7.00am	Teresa Deasy (RIP)
9.15am	Special Ints
Tue 21 Feb	Feria
7.00am	Philomena Spranklen (Ints)
9.15am	Affi Collette (RIP)
Wed 22 Feb	The Chair of St Peter (Feast)
7.00am	Martin Abraham (Ints)
9.15am	Hermana Martinez (RIP)
Thu 23 Feb	St Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr (Memorial)
7.00am	Holy Souls
9.15am	Mary Theresa and Jonathan Redman (Ints)
Fri 24 Feb	Feria
7.00am	Shannon Ramsey (Ints)
9.15am	Christopher Ramsey (Ints)
Sat 25 Feb	Our Lady on Saturday
10.00am	Eileen Fouhy & Patrick Fouhy (RIP)
6.00pm	Colin & Josie McBennett (Ints)
Sun 26 Feb	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
8.30am	Joel Joseph (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, Pdraig Hester, Regina Jose, Kojo Gyebi-Ababio, Thampirajah Baskaran, Linda Campbell.

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
