

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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26th February 2017

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Worry can consume a large amount of our energy and strength, and leave us feeling drained and anxious. Today's readings, and in particular Jesus' words in the Gospel are a source of great help and comfort to those of us who worry. The central message is to hand over everything to God and trust completely in Him.

Jesus says, 'Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you as well.' Our security is in God's goodness and love; we trust in Him, and He does provide. He never forgets us; each one of us is more precious to Him than all the lilies of the field and the birds of the air.

Of course, life brings its own practical concerns; Jesus is not calling us to a life of apathy, or carelessness, but to realise that nothing is ever achieved by over-anxiety and worry. He gives us practical advice: get on with what has to be done today, and do not create imaginary worries about the future. Worry is a symptom of a lack of faith.

Today we pray that in difficult moments we will not despair, will not become despondent or give up hope, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to God's holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

When we are tempted to worry, let us say, 'Jesus, I trust in You!'

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY – START OF LENT: This coming Wednesday 1st March is Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting and abstinence and the beginning of Lent. Masses on the day will be at 7.00am, 9.15am and 7.30pm.

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.

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. We now have more cards available; do take one home and say the prayer in your family.

SUMMER 2017 PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Places are still available for the Parish Lourdes pilgrimage (Saturday 22nd – Friday 28th July 2017). If you would like to go, 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’. Please note there are only 49 places in total, and **over half of them are now reserved, so if you have not yet returned your form please do so as soon as possible**, so that we can move ahead with the organisation. The price is £449 for adults, including visits to Paris and Lisieux.

CONFIRMATION 2017: The next session for the Confirmation programme is this Sunday, 26th February, starting at 4pm sharp in the parish hall.

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 this 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.

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.

HCPT ST PATRICK’S FAMILY PARTY NIGHT: Bar – Live Music – Dancing – Irish coffee – Irish Dance Display – Raffle. 7.30pm till late at Holy Family Catholic School (Wiseman Site, 34 Shernhall St). £10 adults, £5 children, includes a free Irish supper! For more details speak to Peter or Anita (07976 419 680).

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 souls of:

Ann O'Beirne, whose Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 28th February at 10am. There will be no 9.15am Mass that morning.

Ronald Earnest McDonnell, whose Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 6th March at 12 noon

May they rest in peace

ROTAS – FEBRUARY

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| 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 £1510.69

Thank you very much for your generosity.

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

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| 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) |
| Mon 27 Feb | Feria |
| 7.00am | Louella Rodrigues (Ints) |
| 9.15am | Fr Maurice Gordon (Ints) |
| Tue 28 Feb | Feria |
| 7.00am | Fr Nixon Gomes (Ints) |
| 10.00am | Ann O'Beirne (Requiem Mass) |
| Wed 1 Mar | Ash Wednesday |
| 7.00am | John Creado (RIP) |
| 9.15am | Alex D'Souza (RIP) |
| 7.30pm | Linda Campbell (Ints) |
| Thu 2 Mar | Feria |
| 7.00am | Jason & Kristina Coeur-de-Lion (Ints) |
| 9.15am | Eileen, Margaret (RIP) |
| Fri 3 Mar | Feria |
| 7.00am | Denis, Desmond (RIP) |
| 9.15am | Francisca (RIP) |
| Sat 4 Mar | Feria |
| 10.00am | Jane Frances (Thanksgiving) |
| 6.00pm | Assis Dias (RIP) |
| Sun 5 Mar | First Sunday of Lent (A) |
| 8.30am | Len Finney (Ints) |
| 10.00am | Michael Drennan (RIP) |
| 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, Padraig Hester, Regina Jose, Kojo Gyebi-Ababio, Thampirajah Baskaran, Linda Campbell.

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
