## **CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE**

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**Charity Number: 234092** 

### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) –21/22 September 2019

### Dear Parishioners,

In the Gospel, Jesus tells his followers, 'No one can be the servant of two masters, you cannot be the slave of God and Money.' The choice offered here is of one or the other: the two are mutually exclusive. There is much wisdom in this teaching, as money can easily become a substitute for God in our lives, and has formed the basis of the secular religion of our time, that of progress-the promise of domination of nature, of material abundance, of the greatest happiness for the greatest number, and of unimpeded personal freedom-has sustained the hopes and faith of the generations since the beginning of the industrial age. The trinity of unlimited production, absolute freedom, and unrestricted happiness formed the nucleus of a new religion, Progress, and a new Earthly City of Progress was to replace the City of God.

This has become especially true in the England of today. England has become more progressive than most countries, with massive social change in a short period of time, to the exclusion of the values of religion and God. In many ways, however, this modern progressive drive has started to come off the rails. We have become aware of the destructive effects we are having on our planet, anxiety and depression are growing at unprecedented rates in the Western world, many find work increasingly dominating their lives at the expense of their family and community lives, and discover that unimpeded personal freedom does not lead to happiness, but instead to the modern slavery of addiction. Our faith has a prophetic role here, to show that true happiness comes from nurturing good relationships with God and each other, that the world is entrusted to us to take care of, and that authentic freedom comes from a healthy spiritual life and from living the values of the Gospel. Our call is to remain true to what the world needs from us, to reform our lives to be free from the trappings of the world to offer an authentic spiritual encounter with God to our brothers and sisters, in order to help them grow in authentic freedom, peace and joy.

Have Blessed Week

Fr. Miall (Fr. Niall)

<u>MARRIAGES</u>: By appointment. At least six months notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests for more information.

<u>Marriage preparation Course</u> The next Parish Marriage Preparation Course will be on Thursday and Friday 3rd and 4th of October in the parish hall 7p.m. to 9p.m.

Date for your Diary: Cafod Family Fast Day Friday 4th of October

Application forms for **the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion** and Reconciliation are available after all weekend Masses from the Repository in the church porch.

We wish Fr Nixon a safe and happy holiday in India for the month of September. It is a tradition in each parish that when a priest who has served in a parish for a number of years and then moves that a collection is held for him. For the coming 2 weekends there will be an opportunity to make an offering/donation in appreciation for Fr Nixon's service here in Our Lady and Saint George's Parish and School and Whipps Cross Hospital. On the weekend of the 5th and 6th of October Fr Nixon will say farewell at the end of each Mass. The presentation to Fr Nixon will take place at the end of the 12 noon Mass 6th of October. Fr John Victor who will replace Fr Nixon will arrive the week beginning 7th of October.

SOTG Youth Gospel Choir As part of the Stewards of the Gospel initiatives we would like to start a Youth Gospel Choir. Holy Family Catholic School represents young people from Our Lady and St. George, Walthamstow, St Joseph, Leyton, Our Lady of the Rosary and St Patrick, Blackhorse Road is a true representation of the Stewards of the Gospel in action. This will be for young people ages 13 to 25 years old. To be held in St. Georges Main Hall from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm from Thrusday 26 September 2019. Term Time Only.

<u>Wanted key Boad Player</u> To support the choir, if that person is YOU we would interested in hearing from you. This aim is to build on the young person's abilities and to learn them some further skills so we can put on a performance by Christmas. Application Forms wills ne available from weekending 21/22 September 2019. For the young person and parent/ Guardian to compete and bring along to the first meeting 26 Septembet 2019.

**The Marian Missionary Sisters of the Poor** (Colchester Road) invites you to the Final Religious Profession of the Sr. Stella Maris Eneibi, Sr. Mary Faustina Ngozi Umunnakwe and Sr. Mary Blessing Ogechi Onuoha. All are invited. Coach will pick up from the parish at 10.15am on the 12th of October for the Cathedral. The coach fare is £10 per adult and £7 per child.

**Open Evening Holy Family School** On Thursday 26th September we will be holding our main school Open Evening for 2020 intake. The main details of the evening are: Holy Family Catholic School and Sixth Form Open Evening Thursday 26th September 2019, 6pm, 1 Shernhall Street, Walthamstow, E17 3EA www.holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk

# <u>Silent Weekend Retreat 'Silence and the Scriptures'. Fri 11th - Sun 13th October</u> 2019.

Led by Canon David Oakley, Rector of Oscott Seminary. Venue: Sion Community, Brentwood. Our theme flows from the Bishops of England and Wales announcing 2020 as a year of celebrating, living and sharing God's word in celebration of two important anniversaries in the life of the Church this coming year. This silent weekend retreat offers us the opportunity to spend time with the Lord in quiet prayer and reflection. 40-HOURS of CONTINUOUS Adoration, guidance & ministry included. For more information or to book, email allegra.mutanda@gmail.com or call 0790 3648639. Alternatively, e-mail admin@sioncommunity.org.uk or call 01277 215011.

### BCYS Youth Gather, Mersea Island, 26th-27th October 2019 (half term weekend).

The Youth Gather is for anyone is school year 9-13, and includes a mix of inspiring speakers, reflection and prayer, together with outward bound activities like zip wires, high ropes and climbing walls. The cost of £50 includes coach from Stratford, Romford, Basildon, Brentwood, Chelmsford or Southend, as well as all meals and activities. Full details and online booking at https://bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2019/

Mass attendance last weekend 663 and at Syro Malabar Mass 180. The collection last week was £1346.09p. Average weekly standing order collection is £350.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of the Veronica Williams, Rest in Peace, mother of Bishop Alan who died last week. May she rest in Peace

Our sincere condolences to Sr Appolonia DMMM on the death of her sister Mrs Veronica Okolo, Rest in Peace.

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<u>Hospital</u>	08/9D	15/9A	22/9B	29/9D	06/10A	13/10B
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Joke of the Week: Last night I dreamt I was the author of "Lord of the Rings".....I was Tolkien in my sleep

(Attributed to Tim Vine)

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

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06:00pm	Paul and Barbra (Rest in Peace) (Family)			
Sun 22 September	TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
08:30am	Romeo Rodrigues (Louella)			
10:00am	Oscar Santiano (Rest in Peace) Aurora			
12:00noon	Shun-Choi Kwan and Choi-Yee kwan (Rest in Peace) (Ping)			
02:30pm	Syro Malabar Mass			
Mon 23 September	SAINT PIUS OF PIETREICINA, PRIEST			
9:15am	Intentions of Sr, Teresa O'Keefee (Sr. Joan)			
04:00pm	Whipps Cross Hopital- Liturgy			
06:00pm	Gerry Breen, (Rest in Peace) (Fawcett)			
Tue 254 September	OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM			
09:15am	Maria Sanches (Rest in Peace) (Louella)			
06:00pm	Intentions of Sr. Teresa O' Keefee (Sr. Joan)			
Wed 25 September	FERIA			
09:15am	Family and friends of Joseph and Maria Sanches (Rest in Peace)			
06:00pm	Herman Pereira (Rest in Peace) (Bruce)			
Thu 26 September	FERIA			
09:15am	Paulina Igboanugo (Rest in Peace) (Sr. Scholastica)			
06:00pm	Julia O'Donnell (Rest in Peace) (Mary)			
Fri 27 September	SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST			
09:15am	Mick Fitzpatrick (Rest in Peace) (Family)			
06:00pm	Julia O'Donnell (Rest in Peace) (Mary)			
Sat 28 September	FERIA			
10:00am	Julia O'Donnell (Rest in Peace) (Mary)			
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Sun 29 September	TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
08:30 am	Sydney Ermine and Kathleen Hunte (Rest in Peace) (Louella)			
10:00 am	Rosine Minnah (Rest in Peace) (Family)			
12:00noon	Bernardo David (Rest in Peace) (Edna)			
02:30 pm	Syro Malabar Mass			

#### Prayer List

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 and Mrs Charles, Esperanza Buenaventura, Joyce Ross, Christine Raymond, Jacky Boyrow, Thelma Lewis, Tasmin Sparks, Eileen Karim, Sandra Gibson, Archie Garrod, Martin Keane, Alix Charlery, Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati, Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave,, 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 and Issac, Luis and Lukas, Comfort Kwawu, Judith Hilton, Gloria and Tracy Joseph, Regina Jose, Kojo Gyebi-Ababio, Thampirajah Baskaran, Linda Campbell, Brid O'Halloran, Hazel Belizaire, Tina Henriques, Christopher O' Neill,Alan and Ross Smith,Stefan, Monica Baugh, Eileen O Kane, Louis Marie, Grace Mecaley,Jadwiga, Matthias Fredberg, Michael White, Bernadette Wilson, Fr. Jean Laurent Marie, Fr Paul Dynan, Roy and Margaret, Maura Stone, Alma Willox

Rosary: Weekdays after morning Mass Reconciliation (Confessions): 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. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mondays: 10am-7pm; Wednesdays 10am-4pm; Fridays 9.45-10.45am; Saturdays 10.30-11.30am.

Bible Study: Mondays at 8pm, Church Meeting Room