

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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21st July 2013

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Today's Gospel presents the familiar story of Martha and Mary. While Martha rushes around preparing everything, Mary sits quietly at the feet of the Lord, listening to Him. Martha complains at her sister's idleness, but Jesus tells her that she worries and frets about so many things, yet few are needed. Jesus is not scolding Martha for being active but is saying that before action should come listening.

All of us, including myself, are familiar with the active life: working, doing, fixing, learning, buying. Like Martha, we are busy with many things. But Jesus compliments Mary because she was more focused on listening to and learning from Him. She is a model of contemplation; of pondering, reflecting, thinking about the meaning of life. Like Mary we are called to sit with Jesus, to listen and draw strength from Him.

How can we make time for prayer in a busy and noisy world? Each of us should look for and embrace moments of silence, turning off the television or getting away from the mobile and internet. Give yourself a chance. Pope Benedict said, 'silence is the condition that most favours contemplation, listening to God and meditation.'

Perhaps you are a busy parent, with not much chance for silence in your home. The important thing is to try and integrate our work with prayer. We can be as busy as Martha, but as serene as Mary, because no matter what challenges we have, the Lord is with us at all times, and we can turn to Him at any moment.

All our action must begin with listening. Today we pray that we will make time to listen to the Lord, to sit with Him and draw the strength we need for each day's work.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place tomorrow, Monday 22nd July at 7.30pm in the Church.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

FIRST COMMUNION 2014: Thank you to the parents who have already come for meetings. The First Communion programme is for children in next year's year 4 and above. If you have not already done so, please sign up for an appointment to see Fr Mark. There is a list at the back of the Church.

WEEKDAY MASSES AND NEWSLETTERS DURING AUGUST: Please note that there will be no 7am weekday Masses from Monday 29th July until Monday 2nd September. 9.15am daily Masses will continue as normal. There will also be no newsletters during August – for details of Mass intentions please refer to the noticeboard.

NIGHT VIGIL: The Bethel prayer group will be holding a night vigil in Malayalam, led by Fr John Derbin VC, beginning at 10pm next Friday 26th July and concluding at 5.00am the following morning in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All are welcome.

EASTER 2014 PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: If you've ever thought of going to Jerusalem, this could be the time. I'm organizing a 9 day tour to all the holy places that you've heard and read about all through your Christian life. What excitement to be standing on holy ground, where Jesus and his disciples stood! I've led groups to Israel 7 times but never at Easter. 22 pilgrims have booked up, so don't let this trip of a lifetime pass you by. For more information contact Joe Elwood (0208 520 3455).

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO AVILA: There will be a meeting on Sunday 28th July at 3pm in the Parish Hall to discuss this pilgrimage.

CATHOLIC DISTANCE LEARNING: Distance Learning courses with convenient study days: Beginning Autumn 2013 Maryvale Institute and Sion Community are collaborating to facilitate New Evangelisation & Ministry Courses. Study at home with tutor support from Maryvale. Attend Study Days in Brentwood, Essex – one per term. This course will help deepen and develop your faith and bring increased confidence and skills in your ministry to others. Pathways offered: Parish Ministry, Ministry to the Sick, Youth Ministry & Family Ministry. Contact: Maryvale Institute, Tel. 0121 360 8118, email: evangelisation@maryvale.ac.uk, website: www.maryvale.ac.uk 'Taster days' are available 24-25th Aug. 2013 at Summer School, Buckfast Abbey. Contact: artassistant@maryvale.ac.uk

WYD@HOME BRIGHTLIGHTS: 26-29th July at Aylesford Priory in Kent. A weekend festival for young adults aged 16-30 offering a great programme of prayer, speakers, bands and workshops. Experience the Spirit of World Youth Day in Rio. For more info visit: brightlights.org.uk email: info@brightlights.org.uk or call 0845 805 7010. (This is a project supported by, but not organised by Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. Fr James Mackay, our Diocesan Youth Chaplain, will be in Aylesford for the weekend supporting young people from our Diocese.)

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER PRAYER FESTIVAL: The Youth 2000 prayer festival takes place each summer in Walsingham. It's a fantastic, low cost, Eucharistic Retreat where young people and young adults meet like-minded Catholics and often come back with their lives completely changed. Over 1,000 young people aged 16-30 descend on Walsingham for four days of engaging talks, prayer, fellowship, adoration sports and a whole lot more. The web site is: <http://www.youth2000.org>
 There will be a coach from East London, which departs Friday evening 23rd August (with pick ups in Stratford, Ilford and Walthamstow) and returns Monday 26th August (bank holiday). For more information about the coach, email Joanne - Youth2000EastLondonCoach@gmail.com

PRIMARY SCHOOL CHAPLAIN: The three Primary schools within the Catholic Parish of Our Lady and All Saints, Basildon, are seeking to appoint a lay chaplain to continue the good work begun by our current chaplain. This role requires experience in Youth Ministry or Catechesis with primary age children, and we are looking for a creative and inspiring person to deepen the strong Catholic ethos in each school. Start any time from September and no later than January 2014. Salary £16,000 p.a. Closing date September 16th 2013. Application details from Fr Dominic Howarth, 01268 281732 or frdominic@basildoncatholics.org

ITALIAN LESSONS: Italian for complete beginners. Lessons start in September at the Pastoral Centre of Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Small and friendly classes taught by a very experienced and qualified Italian tutor. For more information call 0203 384 1522 or visit www.smartlanguages.com.

RIP

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Lena Farquharson who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 30th July at 1.30pm, followed by burial at the City of London Cemetery.
 May she rest in peace.

ROTAS – JULY

Christian Kitchen:	6/7 Nor	13/7 E	20/7 F	27/7 G
Counting:	7/7 E	14/7 C	21/7 A	28/7 D
Hospital: If you are unavailable please contact Serge 020 8527 4814	7/7 D	14/7 A	21/7 B	28/7 D

Last week's offertory collection was £1258.07
 An additional £433.07 was raised for the Good Counsel Network.

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

6.00pm	Patrick Fletcher (RIP)
Sun 21 st July	Sixteenth Sunday of the Year (C)
8.30am	Jim Ballard (RIP)
10.00am	Natalie Rosario (Ints)
12.00pm	Millie & Hendry Odgens (Ints)
6.30pm	[<i>Ordinariate Mass</i>]
Mon 22 nd July	St Mary Magdalene
7.00am	Colette Affi (RIP)
9.15am	Valerie & Paul Bernard (RIP)
Tue 23 rd July	St Bridget of Sweden
7.00am	Emiljana (Ints)
9.15am	Phil D'Cruz & family (Ints)
Wed 24 th July	Feria
7.00am	Ann Carmody & family (Ints)
9.15am	Pat Macbeth & family (Ints)
Thurs 25 th July	St James (Apostle)
7.00am	Holy Souls
9.15am	Bridget Lyons (Ints)
Fri 26 ^h July	Ss Joachim and Anne (Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
7.00am	Louella Rodrigues (Thanksgiving)
9.15am	Christine Bernabe (Ints)
Sat 27 th July	Feria
10.00am	John Rajanathan (RIP)
6.00pm	Assis Dias (RIP)
Sun 28 th July	Seventeenth Sunday of the Year (C) – Day for Life
8.30am	Jim Ballard (RIP)
10.00am	Natalie Rosario (Ints)
12.00pm	Millie & Hendry Odgens (Ints)
6.30pm	[<i>Ordinariate Mass</i>]

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, Maureen Bee, Denis Collins, Esperanza Buenaventura, Joyce Ross, Christine Raymond, Jacky Boyrow, Thelma Lewis, Tasmin Sparks, Eileen Karim, Sandra Gibson, Angelina Hoareau, Archie Garrod, Gilda Baptiste, Margaret Messenger, Martin Keane, Muriel Chetty, Masangela Tardioli, Alix Charlery, Adeline Rosario, Natalie Rosario, Ronald Rolle. Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati. Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave, Phoebe Roach. Mary and Anthony O'Boyle, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Joan Beirne, Bill Walsh, Margaret Perry, Bridget Lyons

Morning Prayer:

Rosary:

Adoration & Exposition:

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.45 am

Weekdays after morning Mass

Mon – Fri: 7.30am-8.30am and at the following times:

Mon: 10.00am – 7.00pm Weds: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Fri: 9.45am – 10.45am Sat: 10.30am-11.30am

Sat. 10.30am – 11.00am. 5.00pm – 5.30pm (Or on request)