

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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*15<sup>th</sup> September 2013*

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## **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)**

Today we have heard again what is perhaps the most well known parable in the Gospel – the Parable of the Prodigal Son. The behaviour of the wayward son and his jealous brother, and the compassionate response of the father can help us identify areas in our lives where change is needed. At times all of us resemble one or other of the sons.

The prodigal son, after squandering his inheritance in a life of sin, finds himself in a distant country, completely empty. He comes to his senses and returns home. He expected punishment and was willing to work as a slave, but the father takes pity on him and celebrates his return. For us too, no matter where we have been, and how we have sinned, once we return to God, we come face to face with His overwhelming mercy.

The second son, though obedient to his father, and dutiful in carrying out his work, had become hard-hearted, and couldn't accept his father's joy when his brother returned. We too can become envious when we feel forgotten and unappreciated, and when we witness someone else getting the limelight and being appreciated. But the father reassures him, 'my son, you are with me always and all I have is yours.'

At different times in our lives, we have all played the part of these two brothers. But the goal of our lives is actually to become more and more like the father. The father loves both of his sons equally and demonstrates his generosity by going out to meet each of his sons in their need and welcoming them back with heartfelt joy. Every Christian must imitate that example. In all the relationships of our lives, especially the difficult ones, the challenge of Christianity is to love like the Father.

Fr Maurice

**This weekend we welcome Fr Dennis Treacy, from the Mill Hill Missionary Society, who will make an appeal for their 'Red Box' fund, which goes towards overseas missionary work.**

**BAPTISMS:** By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the church.

**MARRIAGES:** By appointment. Six months notice is required.

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**MASS OFFERINGS:** Please note that 6pm Masses are booked up until February 2014, and 8.30am Masses are booked until the end of October 2013. In the event that a requested Mass is already booked by someone else, the next available Mass at the same time will be assigned. There are usually plenty of spaces for 7.00am and 9.15am daily Masses. Please use the Intention envelopes available in the porch to request Mass offerings.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** The next finance committee meeting will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00pm in the meeting room. All members are requested to attend.

**SVP HEALING MASS:** The St Vincent de Paul Society at St George's is holding a healing Mass **today, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September** at 3pm. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please let them know. If transport is required please contact Chris Finney on 0208 527 7366.

**CELEBRATE MARRIAGE COURSE:** We invite all married couples in our parish to attend a series of talks and sessions on the nature and vocation of married life. These will take place on the following four Mondays: 30<sup>th</sup> September, and the 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October, from 7.30pm-9.00pm. Light refreshments will be available.

**UPDATE ON EASTER 2014 PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND:** We now have 40 pilgrims travelling to Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth etc. 10 places on this exciting pilgrimage next Easter are left to fill. Phone Joe Elwood ASAP 0208 520 3455.

**HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN EVENING:** There will be an Open Evening on Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup> at the Walthamstow House site for children transferring to secondary schools in September 2014. Dr Stone will speak to parents at 6pm followed by a tour of the school. The process will be repeated at 7pm. A prospectus and supplementary information form (including a priest's reference) will be available for each family attending. The closing date for the return of the supplementary information form to the school is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013.

**PAN-AFRICAN ANNUAL MASS:** The Pan-African Annual Mass will be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 3pm at St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, Southwark, London SE1 7HY, to commemorate the 20 years of the African Catholic Mission in the country. It will be followed by a special reception at the Amigo Hall. The main celebrant will be Bishop Hendricks of Southwark.

**PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA:** 7 days by plane with Air Portugal from London Heathrow, from 24<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> November (inclusive), for the price of £599 including all excursions and full board in Fatima. For further information please call Mrs R Mozzi on 0208 472 0843.

## **BCYS YOUTH GATHER – 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October**

Open to anyone in year 10-13, this year's Youth Gather is at a brand new location in Danbury Outdoor Learning Centre. Team building challenges, adventure courses and high ropes are on offer as well as games and tasks run by our Walsingham House team. We will also have inspiring talks, challenging discussion and still fit in a social evening. Perfect as a first ever BCYS event or a chance for reunion with old friends. The weekend costs £65 and includes meals and accommodation. Forms available on [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net). Email [roisin@bcys.net](mailto:roisin@bcys.net) for more info.

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### **RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Winnie McDonnell, whose body will be received into the church on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm, and whose funeral will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am.

Margaret Gavienas, whose Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 9.15am

May they rest in peace.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** We congratulate Lee Rich and Maria Kim Tran, who were married in our church on 31<sup>st</sup> August. We wish them all of God's blessings for their future happiness and wellbeing.

### **ROTAS – SEPTEMBER**

Christian Kitchen:	7/9 <b>Nor</b>	14/9 <b>D</b>	21/9 <b>E</b>	28/9 <b>F</b>	
Counting:	1/9 <b>B</b>	8/9 <b>D</b>	15/9 <b>B</b>	22/9 <b>E</b>	29/9 <b>D</b>
Hospital: If you are unavailable please contact Serge 020 8527 4814	1/9 <b>B</b>	8/9 <b>D</b>	15/9 <b>A</b>	22/9 <b>B</b>	29/9 <b>D</b>

Offertory collection for 8<sup>th</sup> September was £1311.75.  
Thank you very much for your generosity.

***Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George***  
***TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)***

6.00pm	Bernard Moss (RIP)
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b><i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year (C)</i></b>
8.30am	Kalpee family (Thanksgiving)
10.00am	Thaddeus Eze (RIP)
12.00pm	Claude & Trevor Odgers (Ints)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b><i>Ss Cornelius and Cyprian</i></b>
7.00am	Kitty Sweeney (RIP)
9.15am	Sr Angela Murphy (Thanksgiving)
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b><i>St Robert Bellarmine</i></b>
7.00am	John Rajanathan (RIP)
9.15am	Holy Souls
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b><i>Feria</i></b>
7.00am	OLSG Primary School
9.15am	Kristina Klimasauskaite (Ints)
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b><i>Feria</i></b>
7.00am	Special Intention
9.15am	Rosie McGlynn (Ints)
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b><i>Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gen &amp; Paul Chong Ha-sang</i></b>
7.00am	Ellen Mary Frances Caplehorn (RIP)
9.15am	Bridie Lacon (Ints)
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	<b><i>St Matthew</i></b>
10.00am	Staff of Whipps Cross Hospital (Ints)
6.00pm	Doris and Joseph Brennan (Ints)
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	<b><i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year (C)</i></b>
8.30am	Edmund Wachnoiz (RIP)
10.00am	Nazir Khiljee and Aaron Kumar (RIP)
12.00pm	Maurice Angland (RIP)
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, Kristina Klimasauskaite

**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)**