

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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22nd September 2013

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Today's Gospel reading teaches us an important lesson about the spiritual life. Our Lord tells a parable about a steward who is about to be dismissed from work because of misconduct. The steward realises he will be unable to support himself and takes action to improve the situation. Calling his master's debtors, he reduces their debts, hoping to get into their good books, so that when he falls on hard times, they might help him in return. This practice seems dodgy, and we might expect the master to be even angrier with him. But surprisingly, the steward is praised for his astuteness. When faced with a desperate situation, he took decisive action.

What is the message for us? As with the other parables, Jesus uses images and everyday situations to teach truths about the spiritual life. Material things are used as a metaphor for the spiritual. The steward realised his situation and was moved to act. The same is true of us when we are threatened in material things. If our jobs are at stake, we act immediately to ensure we will be able to pay the bills; if there is something wrong with our car, we go to the garage straight away, if the tiles are loose on the roof, we get them fixed before the storms come, etc.

The Lord is urging us to have the same care for our spiritual life as we have for the material. There is a tendency to be over-concerned about the material things, our bodies, our image, and our possessions. But elsewhere in the Gospel Jesus tells us that it profits us nothing to gain the whole world, if we lose our soul.

So the Gospel teaches us to be aware of our spiritual life. To ask ourselves often, 'where is my soul in relation to God?' If we examine ourselves and find we are not in a good position, we are called to act. God's mercy is available to us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and making use of this Sacrament is a good action.

Today we pray for spiritual awareness. May we be alert to the master's call, and take whatever action is necessary for the health of our souls. If we have this sharpness and wisdom, then we shall be true children of light. Fr Maurice

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

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2013-14: The First Communion programme is open to children in school year 4 and older. To register your child, please speak to Fr Mark if you have not done so already. The deadline for applications is 10th October.

CONFIRMATION 2014: Application forms for next year's Confirmation programme will be available from next weekend. The course is open to young people in school year 10. Please call into the presbytery to collect a form.

SYRO-MALABAR CELEBRATION: This weekend the Syro-Malabar Community is celebrating the feast of Mary, Mother of God. On Sunday 22nd, Mass will be celebrated at 2.30pm by Bishop Sebastian Vadakel (Chair of the Syro-Malabar chaplaincy), at which a number of children will receive First Holy Communion. At 5pm there will be a procession in honour of Our Lady along Shernhall Street, followed by food and a cultural programme 6.30pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBA CAKE SALE: The Knights of St Columba co. 137 will be holding a Cake Sale after all Masses on Sunday 13th October. Proceeds go to CAFOD's project to construct wells for water in Ethiopia. If you can bake or donate some cakes or help on the day, please contact Chris Fitzgerald on 0208 524 1119 or Tony Boahene on 0208 524 5777.

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: 30th September, and the 7th, 14th and 21st October, from 7.30pm-9.00pm. Light refreshments will be available.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN EVENING: There will be an Open Evening on Thursday September 26th 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 31st October 2013.

BCYS YOUTH GATHER – 12th and 13th 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. Email roisin@bcys.net for more info.

JOB VACANCIES AT TRINITY SCHOOL:

Clerical Assistant: 36 hours per week - 44.2 weeks per year. Salary Scale 4, Point 18 - £19,104 (full time equivalent). Trinity Catholic High School wishes to appoint a Clerical Assistant as soon as possible. The successful applicant must be organised, flexible and computer literate.

SEN Teaching Assistant: 15 hours per week - 43.2 weeks per year. Salary Scale 3 Point 14 - £17,658 FTE. Trinity Catholic High School, a large and successful comprehensive school, wishes to appoint an experienced SEN Teaching Assistant as soon as possible.

If you are interested in applying for the above posts, details and an application form are available on the school website <http://fc.tchs.uk.net> or email jlamarque@fc.tchs.uk.net. Closing dates for receipt of completed application forms are Friday, 27th September and Friday 4th October 2013 respectively.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Stephanie de la Bastide, whose funeral will take place on Thursday 26th September at 10.15am.

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

Kathleen McGlynn, mother of Rosie McGlynn (Headteacher of OLSG Primary School), who died last week and whose funeral took place at St Francis of Assisi Church, Drumnabey, Co Tyrone, Northern Ireland

May they rest in peace.

ROTAS – SEPTEMBER

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

Offertory collection for 15th September was £1457.79
Thank you very much for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	Doris and Joseph Brennan (Ints)
Sun 22 nd Sept	<i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year (C)</i>
8.30am	Edmund Wachnoiz (RIP)
10.00am	Nazir Khiljee and Aaron Kumar (RIP)
12.00pm	Maurice Angland (RIP)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 23 rd Sept	<i>St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</i>
7.00am	Nellie Whelan (RIP)
9.15am	John Rajanathan (RIP)
Tue 24 th Sept	<i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>
7.00am	Sick and housebound of the Parish
9.15am	Holy Souls
Wed 25 th Sept	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Breda Myers (RIP)
9.15am	Sr Joan O'Keeffe (Thanksgiving)
Thurs 26 th Sept	<i>Ss Cosmas & Damian</i>
7.00am	Kathleen McGlynn (RIP)
9.15am	Special Intention
Fri 27 th Sept	<i>St Vincent de Paul</i>
7.00am	Francis Alphonse (Ints)
9.15am	Mercy Fernando (Ints)
Sat 28 th Sept	<i>Feria</i>
10.00am	Students and staff of our schools (Ints)
6.00pm	Deceased members of the Spillane family
Sun 29 th Sept	<i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year (C)</i>
8.30am	Marlon Nicholson (Ints)
10.00am	Sr Patricia Bell (Thanksgiving)
12.00pm	Parish
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)