

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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29th September 2013

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Today's Gospel teaches us the importance of caring for the poor. In the parable, the rich man is finely dressed, whilst the poor man Lazarus is clothed in sores. The rich man has plenty to eat, while Lazarus starves. The rich man must have found Lazarus to be an inconvenience, a nuisance, right on his doorstep. And so he ignores him. When the two of them die, the rich man is sent to hell, whilst Lazarus is comforted in the bosom of Abraham.

The rich man's problem was not his wealth. The problem was that he did not listen to, and obey Moses and the prophets; he ignored the command to love God and to love neighbour. For all of us, whatever wealth we have, it is not truly ours. Whatever is given to us is given on trust, and we are called to share it where we can. The rich man isolated himself, hoarding his wealth, and became indifferent.

But Christ showed a special love for the poor, the oppressed and the outcasts. He came to 'preach the good news to the poor, liberty to captives, and to set the downtrodden free.' In imitation of our Lord, we are asked to show special love for the poor. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 2448), anyone experiencing human misery – for example those suffering material deprivation, unjust oppression, physical and psychological illness, and death – are the poor. Christ's response to human misery was compassion, and we the Church are called to imitate this compassion for the poor.

Those of us blessed with the means to live comfortably have an obligation to help the poor. They depend on us. But in a very real way, we also depend on them. They challenge us, move us out of our comfort zone, and may even test our patience. But if we try to serve them, we ourselves grow in grace and understanding. As one writer put it, 'they need us for food and clothing, but we need them to get us out of hell.'

We pray today for a compassionate heart, so that we might acknowledge and respond to the plight of the poor, at home and abroad.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place tomorrow, 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 are now available. The course is open to young people in school year 10. Please call into the presbytery to collect a form. The closing date for applications is Sunday 20th October.

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 – the first of which is **tomorrow evening**, Monday 30th September, 7.30-9.00pm. The subsequent talks take place on the 7th, 14th and 21st October, from 7.30pm-9.00pm. Light refreshments will be available.

AUTUMN YEAR OF FAITH TALKS There will be two talks taking place in our deanery in October. The first will take place in the Church meeting room on Thursday 17th October, 7.30-9.30pm and will be given by Fr Stewart Foster (Diocesan Archivist), who will speak on 'Getting to know Jesus Christ – His humanity and divinity'. The second talk will take place in the Parish Centre of St Joseph's, Leyton on Tuesday 22nd October, 7.30-9.30pm and will be given by Fr Martin Boland (Dean of Brentwood Cathedral), who will speak on 'Becoming moral – Reflecting the life of the Blessed Trinity.' All are welcome.

BRENTWOOD COMMISSION FOR JUSTICE AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

ANNUAL CONFERENCE: *"In Giving we Receive - a new papacy a new vision."* CJSR Annual Conference, Saturday 5th October 10am to 1pm in the Conference Hall, Cathedral House, Brentwood. How can we make Pope Francis' vision for the Church an everyday reality? Our keynote speaker Fr Stephen Wang will be sharing with us how we can live out these words in our everyday lives. For more details call Elisabeth Abbott 01277 265290 or email cjsr@dioceseofbrentwood.org

SECONDARY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING: Fr Maurice will be available in the Church meeting room to sign school forms at the following times **ONLY:** Monday 14th October, 5.00pm-9.00pm, and Sunday 20th October, 4.00pm-7.00pm.

ESOL ENGLISH CLASSES: Would the students that attend the ESOL classes on Tuesday evenings please note that the class has had to be suspended and will not

take place until further notice. We apologise for any inconvenience but this is due to reasons beyond our control.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVENING: The SION Community's monthly Praise and Worship evening will take place in their centre (Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood) on Sunday 29th September, 7.30-9.30pm. Everyone welcome.

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.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Gavienas, whose Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 30th September at 9.15am

May she rest in peace.

CONGRATULATIONS: We congratulate Danielle Brown and Adam Noel, who were married in our Church on September 14th. We wish them all of God's blessings for their future happiness and wellbeing.

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

Offeratory collection for 15th September was £1293.24
Thank you very much for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	Deceased members of the Spillane family
Sun 29 th Sept	Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year (C)
8.30am	Marlon Nicholson (Ints)
10.00am	Sr Patricia Bell (Thanksgiving)
12.00pm	Parish
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 30 th Sept	St Jerome
7.00am	Holy Souls
9.15am	Margaret Gavienas [Requiem Mass]
Tue 1 st Oct	St Therese of the Child Jesus
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Mr and Mrs Ramsey (Wedding anniversary)
Wed 2 nd Oct	The Holy Guardian Angels
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Olive Patterson (Ints)
Thurs 3 rd Oct	Feria
7.00am	Mary O'Connell (RIP)
9.15am	Thomas O'Connell (RIP)
Fri 4 th Oct	St Francis of Assisi
7.00am	Christine Walton (RIP) and family (Ints)
9.15am	Erin Fernandes (RIP)
Sat 5 th Oct	Feria
10.00am	Olive Patterson (Ints)
6.00pm	S&J Burnham family (Ints)
Sun 6 th Oct	Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year (C)
8.30am	Bruno D'Souza (RIP)
10.00am	Kathleen McGlynn (RIP)
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)