

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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20th October 2013

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Today's readings speak about the need for persistence in prayer and perseverance in faith, even if we are tempted to give up. We are in the midst of a spiritual battle and must pray unceasingly that we will overcome temptation and stay faithful to the end.

In the First Reading, the Israelites are engaged in a battle with the Amalekites, a tribe that was threatening to corrupt and destroy them. The Israelites confront this enemy head-on, to eliminate the threat. Moses, meanwhile prays constantly with his arms outstretched, and while remaining in this position, the enemy does not prevail. This account gives a metaphor for the spiritual life. Each of us needs to confront our evil tendencies head-on and with the help of God's grace, remove any obstacles that threaten our souls.

Like Moses, we need help: a rock to rest on, and companions to hold us up. Our help is the Church. Pope Francis recently described the Church as a 'field hospital', where all those wounded by sin can find healing, forgiveness and the strength to fight on. Our Lords has given His Church the cleansing medicine of confession and the food of eternal life in the Eucharist. Even if we come to Mass every week, and even as a priest, it is easy to become self-satisfied and self-centred.

Prayer is vital for our spiritual welfare. We do not pray in order to control God, but in order that he can work on us and in us. The act of praying helps us to clarify our thoughts and intentions and to discover His will for us. We should always pray that we will persevere in faith until the end of our lives. Is this not what we ask when we pray the Hail Mary? We ask Our Lady to 'pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.'

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place tomorrow, Monday 21st October at 7.00pm in the Church.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

ORGAN RECITAL: Instead of the Bazaar, this year we will have an organ recital and concert on Saturday November 30th at 7:00pm. There will be input from OLSG School, the two parish choirs and the Ordinariate group. There will be food shared by the different nationalities in the Parish Hall afterwards. Tickets will £5 for over 16s, children free, and there will be a raffle.

CONFIRMATION 2014: The closing date for applications is **today, Sunday 20th October**. Once candidates have handed in their form, please sign up for an interview slot on the noticeboard in the Church porch **this weekend**. Interviews will be held in the meeting room between 7pm and 9pm on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd October. Parents are also asked to attend the interview.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: Interested in becoming Catholic, or know someone who is? The new RCIA programme is just beginning. Through weekly sessions, on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the meeting room, participants will learn more about the Catholic faith, and can prepare to enter the Church. For more information, speak to Fr Maurice.

SUPPORTING CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND: Next weekend (26-27th October), a missionary group from Bethlehem Nativity will visit us to talk briefly about the current situation for Christians in the Middle East and to sell religious articles made from olive wood from the Holy Land. Proceeds will support our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters. Please be generous in supporting this important cause.

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

OLSG SCHOOL: If your child was born between **01.09.2009 and 31.08.2010**, the Waltham Forest Primary Brochure containing criteria for all schools and information on how to apply is now available. Brochures can be obtained from Waltham Forest Admissions – telephone 0845 200 1551, call into Sycamore House, Walthamstow Town Hall Complex, Forest Road E17 4JX or download from www.walthamforest.gov.uk.

To apply to Our Lady and St. George's Catholic Primary School you will need:

- To complete the Common Application Form that is available on line at www.eadmissions.org.uk or directly from Waltham Forest Admissions. This form needs to be returned to Waltham Forest Admissions by **15th January 2014**, which is the closing **date for applications**.

AND

- The Supplementary Information Form which can be downloaded from Our Lady and St. George's website www.olsgweb.org or obtained from the school office

from Monday 21st October. The completed form and any documentation should be returned to the Lower Site school office by **15th January 2014**.

Parents are invited to come and have a look round the school on Wednesday 6th or Thursday 7th November at 10am or 2pm. Parents should telephone the school and let them know what day and time they would like to come and visit. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Moloney on 0208 520 8500.

Fr Maurice will be available for the signing of Primary school forms at the following times **ONLY**: Sunday 10th November, 4-6pm; Monday 11th November, 6-8pm.

CELEBRATE MARRIAGE TALKS: 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 final talk will take tomorrow, 21st October, 7.30pm-9.30pm. Light refreshments will be available.

AUTUMN YEAR OF FAITH TALKS: There will be a talk in the Parish Centre of St Joseph's (68 Grange Park Road, Leyton) on Tuesday 22nd October, 7.30-9.30pm. Fr Martin Boland (Dean of Brentwood Cathedral), will speak on 'Becoming moral – Reflecting the life of the Blessed Trinity.' All are welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS: We congratulate Carlos Grajales and Jeney Niquepa, who were married at our Church last Saturday. We wish them all of God's blessings for their future happiness and wellbeing.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Halpenny, who died recently. Her funeral arrangements will be announced later.

May she rest in peace.

NOVEMBER MASS FOR DECEASED: We will be holding our annual Mass for the deceased members of our parish family on Friday 15th November at 7.30pm.

ROTAS – OCTOBER

Christian Kitchen:	5/10 Nor	12/10 G	19/10 H	26/10 A
Counting:	6/10 B	13/10 E	20/10 A	27/10 C
Hospital: If you are unavailable please contact Serge 020 8527 4814	6/10 A	13/10 B	20/10 D	27/10 A

Offerory collection for 6th October was £1220.81
Thank you very much for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	Joe Murnane (RIP)
Sun 20 th Oct	<i>Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year (C)</i>
8.30am	Steven & Louella Rodrigues (Ints)
10.00am	Jan Salamonowicz (RIP)
12.00pm	Maria Liassi (Anniversary)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 21 st Oct	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Julian Rodrigues (Ints)
9.15am	Marie Green (Ints)
Tue 22 nd Oct	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Bernie & Lar Fennessey (Ints)
9.15am	Jacob John (Ints)
Wed 23 rd Oct	<i>St John Capistrano</i>
7.00am	Holy Souls
9.15am	Teofila Tuble (RIP)
Thurs 24 th Oct	<i>St Anthony Mary Claret</i>
7.00am	Staff of Whipps Cross Hospital
9.15am	John Rajanathan (RIP)
Fri 25 th Oct	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Housebound of the Parish
9.15am	Sr. Anne Marie (Ints)
Sat 26 th Oct	<i>St Cedd</i>
10.00am	Angelina Horeau (Ints)
6.00pm	Ambrose Dillsworth (RIP)
Sun 27 th Oct	<i>Thirtieth Sunday of the Year (C)</i>
8.30am	Sr. de Paul (Thanksgiving)
10.00am	Parish
12.00pm	Leonora Edmunds (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, Philomena Spranklen, Jeffrey Mitchell.

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)