

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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6th October 2013

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Two weeks ago, suicide bombers, killed 81 people coming out of Mass in Pakistan, and recently there has been appalling violence in Kenya and Nigeria. So much of the news we hear is evil, and it is easy to wonder, 'where is God in all of this?'

The prophet Habakkuk cries out in the first reading, 'how long Lord must I cry for help, while you will not listen? Outrage and violence is all I see.' The prophet saw, and we all see the great capacity mankind has for evil. We are all capable of doing evil; it is a consequence of having free will. Yet, without free will, we would not be capable of doing good. Free will is the only thing that makes love possible. In the face of an ideology of hatred and oppression, we have seen heroic examples of goodness, courage and self-sacrifice.

God tells Habakkuk to remain faithful and not to despair. Faith is tested in many ways – not only by persecution, but especially in the west, by a culture of indifference and ridicule, cynicism and despair.

In today's Gospel reading, the apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith. What is faith? Faith is a virtue, which enlightens our minds and moves our hearts and wills to give ourselves to God, and to what He has revealed. Faith is a gift from God, but also a free action on our part to respond. Today Jesus emphasises how precious the gift of faith is, because even the slightest amount can do wonders.

Perhaps for us it is not so much a question of needing more faith, but of putting into practice and making active the little faith we have. As we do so, we will find that our faith does grow and become deeper. With faith, and with the help of God's grace, we can accomplish things that seem amazing to us, even impossible.

As lay people, you live out the faith through your work, your prayer, through witness to others and serving the needy, through your marriages and family life, even through times of leisure and relaxation, and through the difficulties and sufferings you endure.

We pray that our faith may be a light in the darkness; that it may grow strong within us and shine forth to the world.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required.

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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: Interested in becoming Catholic? 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBA CAKE SALE: The Knights of St Columba co. 137 will be holding a Cake Sale after all Masses next 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.

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.

OLSG SCHOOL VACANCIES: There are vacancies in the following year groups: Year 4 and Nursery. For Year 4, your child's date of birth will be between 1st September 2004 and 31st August 2005. If you are interested in applying, please contact the school on 0208 520 8500, email office@olsgweb.org or call into the Lower Site office (situated behind the Church).

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 next talk will take place tomorrow, 7th October, 7.30pm-9.00pm. Subsequent talks are on the 14th and 21st October at the same time. 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.

AVILA PILGRIMAGE: Thank you to all the pilgrims who travelled last week to Avila in the footsteps of Sts. Teresa and John of the Cross. It was a magnificent pilgrimage, which we hope will bring us many blessings for the days ahead. - Stella

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC BIBLE CONVENTION, BIRMINGHAM: Come and join thousands of Catholics worshipping and praising God in the power of the Holy Spirit. Hear the Word of God being preached by inspiring speakers. The event takes place on Saturday 12th October 2013, at the Bethel Convention Centre, West Bromwich. If you are interested in going, contact Daisy James (07429 531237).

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: The annual 40 Days for Life campaign has just begun again. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful, prayerful and proven effective pro-life campaign that has already been embraced by more than half a million people worldwide, saved 7,536 lives from abortion, led to the conversion of 83 abortion workers, and seen 39 abortion centres close. The movement features three components: 1) Prayer and Fasting, 2) Peaceful vigil outside abortion centres, and 3) Community outreach. For more information visit www.40daysforlife.com/london or contact Robert on 07947 698 195.

JOB VACANCIES, SS PETER & PAUL SCHOOL, ILFORD: Ss Peter & Paul Catholic is recruiting for a Deputy Headteacher and a Foundation Stage Leader. For more information contact the school (0208 478 1267).

JOB VACANCIES, PALMER CATHOLIC ACADEMY: The Palmer Catholic Academy has two vacancies, one for an Expressive Arts/Reprographics Technician, and for a Librarian. For an application pack, contact Miss Royer at the school on 0208 508 3808 or visit www.thepalmercatholicacademy.org.

JOB VACANCY, TRINITY SCHOOL: Trinity Catholic School wishes to appoint an Administrative Assistant. If interested, application forms are available on the website, <http://fc.tchs.uk.net>, or email jlamarque@fc.tchs.uk.net. Closing date is 18th October.

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

Offeratory collection for 15th September was £1824.66
Thank you very much for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	S&J Burnham family (Ints)
Sun 6 th Oct	<i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year (C)</i>
8.30am	Bruno D'Souza (RIP)
10.00am	Kathleen McGlynn (RIP)
12.00pm	Parish
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 7 th Sept	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
7.00am	John & Mary Staunton (RIP)
9.15am	Fr Sean Bennett CSSR (RIP)
Tue 8 th Oct	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Mary Vesey (RIP)
9.15am	Marie Kinnane (RIP)
Wed 9 th Oct	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Mary Crowley (RIP)
9.15am	Thaddeus Henry (RIP)
Thurs 10 th Oct	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	John Rajanathan (RIP)
9.15am	Sylvester D'Souza (RIP)
Fri 11 th Oct	<i>St Francis of Assisi</i>
7.00am	Holy Souls
9.15am	OLSG School staff & pupils (Ints)
Sat 12 th Oct	<i>Feria</i>
10.00am	Pope Francis (Ints)
6.00pm	Laura & William Meredith (RIP)
Sun 13 th Oct	<i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year (C)</i>
8.30am	Sean Gurry (RIP)
10.00am	Kujtim Reka & family (Ints)
12.00pm	Evani Xavier-Alves & family (Thanksgiving)
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)