

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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17th November 2013

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Today is the 33rd Sunday of the Church's year; next Sunday is the last Sunday of the year before Advent begins. Towards the end of the Church's year, the readings remind us that all things are ultimately passing. As we look around us, we see nature itself in decline.

In the gospel, the disciples are in awe of the magnificent building that was the Jerusalem Temple. It was adorned with marble and gold, making it breathtaking to behold. But Jesus tells them, 'the days will come when there shall not be left one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.' The disciples were shocked, but Jesus gave them a lesson in the true value of material things – even those devoted to God – they are all passing. Even for us, it is important that our Churches are beautiful, but the architecture and design are not ends in themselves – they must point beyond themselves to the presence of the risen Christ in the Eucharist. Christ cautions us to be aware of what is permanent, and what is transitory. We should not misplace our trust; for our own lives, what is important is not the external appearance, but the internal temple of our love. Having a heart moulded on Christ, and making that the source of all our thoughts, decisions and actions: that is the splendor that lasts.

When we reflect on our relationship with Christ, we realize how much we fall short of what He calls us to be. We are often carrying the wounds of sin and division in us. Malachi in the first reading foresees the day on which God will judge everyone. God is described as the sun, which burns up and consumes evil, but for those who stand in awe of God, the fire is really the love of Christ, which purifies and heals. As Pope Emeritus Benedict said, 'the fire that both burns and saves is Christ Himself...all that we build during our lives can prove to be mere straw, pure bluster, and it collapses. Yet, in the pain of this encounter, when the impurity and sickness of our lives become evident to us, there lies salvation.'

Before the gaze of Christ, all falsehood melts away. All the defense mechanisms, barriers, masks that we build up collapse, like the temple in the Gospel. In our sins we play around with the possibility that this or that creature could replace God, latching inordinately onto money, sex and honour. This is why we need the fire of Christ's love to purify us, even though detaching ourselves from sin is a painful and humbling process. But when we know we are loved, we open our hearts and thus allow them to be healed.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place tomorrow, Monday 18th November at 7.30pm in the Church.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

ADVENT CONCERT: Instead of the Bazaar, this year we will have an Advent concert on Saturday November 30th at 7:00pm. There will be input from OLSG School, the two parish choirs and the Ordinariate group. Tickets will £5 for over 16s, children free – and will be on sale in the porch after all Masses. Proceeds will go towards the church heating, which has to be upgraded for this coming winter, at a cost of approximately £6000.

GIFT AID: Gift Aid is a government scheme that allows the parish to reclaim tax on all donations made. If you are a UK taxpayer, you could add 25p to every £1 given, at no extra cost to yourself. This is a good way for the parish to obtain extra funds for the upkeep of the buildings and the schools. If you are not currently enrolled in the Gift Aid scheme, please pick up a Gift Aid form from the back of the Church. Many thanks.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please note that all Saturday 6pm Masses are booked up until March 2014.

CONFIRMATION 2014: The second session of the Confirmation programme is today, Sunday, 17th November, 4-6pm in the Parish Hall.

FIRST COMMUNION 2014: The next session of the First Communion programme is next Saturday 23rd November at 10am.

OLSG SCHOOL: If your child was born between **01.09.2009 and 31.08.2010**, and you would like to apply for a place at Our Lady & St George School, please speak to Fr Maurice.

HCPT FUNDRAISERS: HCPT group 161 proudly present the Family 'Disney' Christmas Disco – Saturday 7th December, in the Parish Hall of Our Lady & St George, from 6.30pm. Tickets available from Peter Norman, Anita Feculak and Emily Mara at schools and after Masses – just ask for one of us. £5 adult, £3 child.

PHILIPPINES APPEAL: This weekend there will be a second collection for the people of the Philippines, to assist relief efforts following typhoon Haiyan.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL: In order to have a second collection for the Philippines this week, the SVP second collection will be postponed to next week.

The SVP collection will help prepare for the senior citizen's Christmas lunch on Sunday 8th December. The lunch will begin at 3pm at OLSG school lower site. A maximum of 50 places are available. If you or someone you know would like to come, please see the noticeboard in the Church for full details and put your name down. If transport is required contact Chris Finney on 0208 527 7366 or Jenny Richmond on 07801 628 799.

AVILA PILGRIMAGE: A dinner/evening out is being arranged for all those who

travelled on the parish pilgrimage to Avila, on Friday 22nd November at 7.30pm. For further details contact Stella 0208 527 3879.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT GROUP: St George's marriage support group will meet on Monday 25th November at 7.30pm in the Church meeting room. Married couples are invited to attend. For further information please contact Fr Maurice.

CAMEROON COMMUNITY MASS: Cameroon Community Mass will be held on Sunday 24th November 2013 at 3pm in the Church. Everyone is invited to attend – details are in the Porch.

DEACON JOSEPH RETIREMENT MASS: A Thanksgiving Mass and party will be held to commemorate the retirement from full-time lecturing and the birthday of Deacon Joseph. This will take place at the Church on Sunday 1st December at 3pm. Parishioners are invited to attend – please see details in the porch.

FAMILY SYNOD 2014: The Synod of Bishops will meet next year to focus on the needs of the Family. In order to fully understand the views and opinions of Catholics on a range of issues, all are invited to complete a questionnaire either on line (via <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FamilySynod2014>) or on paper. The Marriage and Family Life Office are coordinating this work. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the completion of this survey, please contact Phil Butcher via familylife@dioceseofbrentwood.org or telephone 01277 265252. **All responses must be in by the 1st December 2013.**

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RIP
 Please pray for the repose of the soul of Phoebe Roach,
 whose Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 27th November at 11am
 May she rest in peace.

ROTAS – NOVEMBER

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| Christian Kitchen: | 2/11 Nor | 9/11 B | 16/11 C | 23/11 D | 30/11 E |
| Counting: | 3/11 D | 10/11 C | 17/11 A | 24/11 C | |
| Hospital: If you are unavailable please contact Serge 020 8527 4814 | 3/11 B | 10/11 D | 17/11 A | 24/11 B | |

Offertory collection for 10th November was £1477.95
 Thank you very much for your generosity.

Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George
THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

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| 6.00pm | Ellen Fletcher (RIP) |
| Sun 17 th Nov | <i>Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year (C)</i> |
| 8.30am | Msgr. Zachary & Rego D'Souza (RIP) |
| 10.00am | Deceased relatives of Miguela and Romeo Tolibas |
| 12.00pm | Parish |
| 6.30pm | <i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i> |
| Mon 18 th Nov | <i>Feria</i> |
| 7.00am | John-Paul Ramsey (Ints) |
| 9.15am | Tracy Redman & family (Ints) |
| Tue 19 th Nov | <i>Feria</i> |
| 7.00am | Joe & Mary Band (Ints) |
| 9.15am | Silvestre Salalima (RIP) |
| Wed 20 th Nov | <i>Feria</i> |
| 7.00am | Eitnhé Mary Wootton (RIP) |
| 9.15am | Francis Palmer (RIP) |
| Thurs 21 st Nov | <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> |
| 7.00am | Ron Abraham (Ints) |
| 9.15am | Heather John (Ints) |
| Fri 22 nd Nov | <i>St Cecilia</i> |
| 7.00am | Sr Kathleen (Ints) |
| 9.15am | Eitnhé Mary Wootton (RIP) |
| Sat 23 rd Nov | <i>Feria</i> |
| 10.00am | Ana Jael Arango (Ints) |
| 6.00pm | Joel Dias (RIP) |
| Sun 24 th Nov | <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (C)</i> |
| 8.30am | Deceased relatives of Roy & Stella Rodrigues |
| 10.00am | Emiljana Paloci (Ints) |
| 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, Philomena Spranklen, Jeffrey Mitchell, Mary Akinkuolie.

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)