

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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3rd November 2013

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

In today's Gospel we hear the story of Zacchaeus's encounter with Jesus. As a tax collector who regularly cheated people, he was a despised man. Despite his wealth, Luke gives us the indication that he was not content on the inside. When he hears that Jesus is approaching, he is 'anxious' to see Him.

At times in our lives we can feel lost, anxious and trapped by the circumstances we find ourselves in. This may be our own doing, through sinful choices we have made. Zacchaeus must have felt like this; he was brought up to know the Jewish Law and scriptures and knew his actions were wrong. He had heard stories of Jesus healing the blind, raising the dead and forgiving sinners, and didn't want to miss the opportunity to see Him. So he climbs a sycamore tree to catch a glance.

And from that moment, his life changes. Zacchaeus makes a small movement towards the Lord and the Lord does the rest. Jesus says He is to stay at Zacchaeus' house. The word 'house' here represents the heart. Jesus comes into his heart and transforms his life from within. For Zacchaeus the conversion is immediate, and he vows to give his property to the poor, and pay back those he has cheated.

The Lord is always waiting for each of us to make a little move towards Him. He respects our freedom, but if He sees us making the effort to turn to Him, humbly seeking His grace and help, He reaches out and extends His love and forgiveness.

The Lord desires to enter into every area of our lives; our families, marriages, relationships, our joys, struggles and sinfulness. There is a tendency to allow the Lord into a limited area, but prevent Him from getting too close: we may be unwilling to let Him penetrate the darkness in other areas of our heart. But the Christian life requires that we give all, holding nothing back.

We should not be afraid to approach Christ, in all our weaknesses. After all, he knows us through and through. But His grace can only sanctify us if we are open to receiving it. Like Zacchaeus, when we repent, the Lord receives us and grants forgiveness.

Fr Maurice

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

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

WELCOME FR JOSEPH: This weekend we welcome Fr Joseph Anthiamkulam (MCBS), from the Missionary Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, who is replacing Fr Innocent as Chaplain to the Syro-Malabar community in the Diocese of Brentwood. We hope that his ministry in the Parish and Diocese will be fruitful.

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.

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. All are invited to attend.

CONFIRMATION 2014: The second session of the Confirmation programme is today, Sunday 3rd November, 4-6pm in the Parish Hall.

SUPPORTING CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND: Last weekend's sale of religious articles from the Holy Land raised £2847.65. Thank you for your great generosity in supporting this important cause. For anyone who missed the sale, or would like to buy other items, Nicholas will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Wanstead, next Sunday 10th November. Please keep the Christians of the Middle East in your prayers.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: I intend to set up a new social committee, to plan Parish events. If you would like to be involved in shaping social events in the Parish, please come to a meeting on Thursday 7th November at 7.30pm in the presbytery. We are keen to give new people a chance to be involved, so please come forward if you can help with this.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The next finance committee meeting is tomorrow, Monday 4th November at 7.30pm in the presbytery. All committee members are asked to attend.

JUSTICE & PEACE: The next meeting of the Justice and Peace group will be tomorrow, Monday 4th November at 7.30pm in the meeting room.

HCPT FUNDRAISERS: After all Masses next weekend (9th/10th November) HCPT Group 161 will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts and cakes to raise money to send children with special needs to Lourdes this coming Easter.

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. An evening of music, dancing, face painting, fancy dress, competitions, raffle, tuck shop and much more. A chance for the whole family to dress up as their favourite Disney characters, have fun and get into the party spirit. There will be hot snacks, but you can bring your own drinks / nibbles too! 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.

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.

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.

MARGARET LEVINE would like to thank everyone for all their support during her recent illness. She hopes to return to the parish soon.

CONGRATULATIONS: We congratulate Michael Adeyeni and Victoria Ibideji, who were married at our Church recently. We wish them all of God's blessings for their future happiness and wellbeing.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Eithné Mary Wootton,
whose Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 6th November at 12pm

Francis Alphonse,
whose Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 15th November at 11am

May they 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 | | |
| 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 27th October was £1323.62.

Standing orders: July £1733.85, August £1578.85, September: £1233.85

Thank you very much for your generosity.

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

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| 6.00pm | Mike Kearns (RIP) |
| Sun 3 rd Nov | <i>Thirty-First Sunday of the Year (C)</i> |
| 8.30am | Debbie Vernazza (RIP) |
| 10.00am | Hil Kovci (RIP) |
| 12.00pm | Roman, Antonio (RIP) |
| 6.30pm | <i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i> |
| Mon 4 th Nov | <i>St Charles Borromeo</i> |
| 7.00am | Marie Micheline Gregoire (RIP) |
| 9.15am | Andre Cyril Mootooveeren (Ints) |
| Tue 5 th Nov | <i>Feria</i> |
| 7.00am | Joseph Gregory (RIP) |
| 9.15am | Lilian Pipe (RIP) |
| Wed 6 th Nov | <i>Feria</i> |
| 7.00am | Margaret Smith (RIP) |
| 9.15am | Bernard D'Souza and family (RIP) |
| Thurs 7 th Nov | <i>Feria</i> |
| 7.00am | Eithné Mary Wootton (RIP) |
| 9.15am | Marash & Mri Vuksanaj (RIP) Nik & Vuksanaj (RIP) |
| Fri 8 th Nov | <i>Feria</i> |
| 7.00am | John Rajanathan (RIP) |
| 9.15am | Emel Drego & family (RIP) |
| Sat 9 th Nov | <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> |
| 10.00am | Parish |
| 6.00pm | Paul Craig (RIP) |
| Sun 10 th Nov | <i>Thirty-First Sunday of the Year (C)</i> |
| 8.30am | Marie, Gus, Joe Kinnane (RIP) |
| 10.00am | Brian Burns (RIP) |
| 12.00pm | Marie & Klea Toma (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)