

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Our Lady & St George's Primary School:
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16^h February 2014

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

Today's Gospel begins with Jesus affirming the commandments and the Jewish Law. He says, 'Do not think I have come to abolish them.' But He goes beyond the letter of the Law. The Law forbids murder, adultery, lying etc., but Jesus is telling us that all these sins – all violations of the commandments, arise from deeper problems in the heart. The heart is what each of us is, deep inside. The state of our hearts will affect how we live.

The Law forbids murder. But Jesus says that the underlying problem is resentment in the heart. Though there are times when anger is justified; for instance it can spur us to correct something or someone that is wrong, if it becomes hatred or malice then it is harmful and destructive. If you have been wronged, you may be justifiably angry, but do not let it fester. Harboursing resentment robs of us peace and consumes us. It is often difficult to forgive, and yet we are called to try.

The Law forbids adultery. But Jesus says that the underlying problem is lust in the heart, 'whoever looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery in his heart.' To lust is to desire to use somebody for our own pleasure. Sexual sins of this sort affect many people, but one solution is to remember that each person is a human being and does not deserve to be used.

As regards marriage, Jesus reminds us of the importance of being faithful to our commitments. Temptations in the heart can lead us to entertain infidelity, and if we succumb to these, it can destroy families. It starts in the heart.

Finally – we are to be honest, with ourselves and with others. We should speak from a pure and truthful heart, not a devious or corrupt one.

As we look at the examples that Jesus gives regarding the virtues He wants to see in us, we see that he goes beyond the Law to the heart. We are not called just to meet the minimum requirements of the Law, but to reshape our interior life so that obedience flows from within. The state of the heart affects how we live.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 17th February at 7.30pm in the Church.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

HALF TERM: Our schools are now on half term break. We wish all our staff and students a restful week.

CONFIRMATION 2014: The next session for the Confirmation programme is Sunday 16th February, 4-6pm in the Parish Hall.

FIRST COMMUNION 2014: The next session for the First Communion programme is next Saturday 22nd February at 10am.

GIFT AID: Gift Aid is a government scheme that allows the parish to reclaim tax on all donations made. If you are not currently enrolled in the Gift Aid scheme, please pick up a Gift Aid form from the back of the Church. For further information, please contact Hana on 07939 485957. Many thanks.

OUR LADY & ST GEORGE NURSERY: Children born between 1/9/10 and 31/8/11 will be due to start nursery in September 2014. If you are thinking of choosing Our Lady & St George's Catholic nursery for your child you are invited to come along to the Lower Site for an application pack. There will be a choice of full-time and part-time places, term-time only. Part time hours: Mornings 8.45-11.45am; Afternoons 12.15pm-3.15pm. Full time (8.00am-3.15pm) part funded. Packs are available from the Lower Site school office from Monday 10th February 2014. The closing date for return of the completed form is Wednesday 26th March 2014. Please phone the school office on 0208 520 8500 if you have any queries.

SINGERS REQUIRED: Singers are urgently required to join the parish choir, which performs and leads the music for the 8.30am and 12 noon Sunday Masses. You do not have to be able to read music, just have a desire to sing, be able to attend rehearsals on Fridays at 7.30pm and commit to either the 8.30am or 12 noon Mass. If interested, contact Ladislav Ondercin 07472 861 186 or Timothy Campbell on 07981 657 729.

TRINITY SCHOOL JOB VACANCY: Trinity Catholic High School, a large and successful split-site comprehensive school, wishes to appoint a Teacher of Maths with effect from Easter 2014 – Permanent, full time. The successful candidate will be a practicing Catholic. If you are interested in applying for the above post, full details and an application form are available on the school website <http://fc.tchs.uk.net> or email margaret.keenan@fc.tchs.uk.net. Closing date for receipt of completed application forms is Monday 24th February 2014.

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN REQUIRED as soon as possible in St Bonaventure's Forest Gate. The school is a popular, over-subscribed boy's Catholic school in the Newham Deanery of the Diocese of Brentwood. We also run a highly successful joint and mixed 6th Form with St Angela's Ursuline school. A full job description and person specification is on the website www.stbons.org in the vacancies section. Deadline for applications is Friday 29th February at 4pm.

BRES LENTEN SPIRITUALITY MORNING: Saturday 1st March, 9.15am – 12 noon at Conference Centre, Cathedral House, Brentwood. The theme of this year's retreat is **Baptism: plunging the depths** and will be led by Fr Martin Boland. For further details contact mary@dioceseofbrentwood.org or telephone 01277 265 285.

LENTEN RETREAT: Please join us for a residential Lenten Retreat led by the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham at Abbotswick, the Diocesan House of Prayer, Brentwood from 7th-9th March 2014. All are welcome! Please call 01277 373 959 for further details.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – SUMMER 2014: The 25th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage runs from 26th to 31st July 2014. From £618 by air with full board for six days, five nights, or from £418 by coach. This pilgrimage includes a wonderful and varied programme of Masses, liturgies and socials, plus an experienced medical team and plenty of help for those with mobility needs. It is also ideal for couples, individuals, and groups of friends. There are brochures at the back of the church, or visit www.brentwoodlourdes.org for much more information and to order a brochure. **Please book by 1st March if you will need medical assistance.**

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) is going to Rome for the Canonizations of Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II. 44 places are on offer at a cost of £349 for young people 18-35. We depart on Saturday morning 26th of April, stay at a villa outside Rome, travel in for the Canonizations and then fly back in time for work/college/uni on Monday morning. Prices includes flights, transport within Italy and accommodation. For further details, go to www.bcys.net/events, or email info@bcys.net

RIP

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of:

Jade Lecun, who died suddenly on January 10th in France. Mass will be offered for the repose of her soul on Saturday 22nd February at 10am.

May she rest in peace

ROTAS – FEBRUARY

Counting:	2/2 E	9/2 D	16/2 A	23/2 C
Hospital:	2/2 D	9/2 A	16/2 B	23/2 D
Christian Kitchen	1/2 Nor	8/2 D	15/2 E	22/2 F

Offertory collection for 9th February was £1379.64
Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6.00pm	Betty O'Brien (RIP)
Sun 16 th Feb	<i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8.30am	Ann Eagle (Ints)
10.00am	Mary Margaret Callanan (RIP)
12.00pm	Jacqueline Keavey (RIP)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 17 th Feb	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Tony Forrest (RIP)
9.15am	Sr Raymond (Ints)
Tue 18 th Feb	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Pat Duncan (RIP)
9.15am	Veronica Dolan (RIP)
Wed 19 th Feb	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Ann Connor (RIP)
9.15am	Anne Lane (Ints)
Thurs 20 th Feb	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Joan Sullivan (RIP)
9.15am	Luke Briana (Ints)
Fri 21 st Feb	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Ethel Lane (RIP)
9.15am	Christine & Seamus Fleming (Ints)
Sat 22 nd Feb	<i>The Chair of St Peter</i>
10.00am	Jade Lecun (RIP)
6.00pm	Hilda Ogilwy (RIP)
Sun 23 rd Feb	<i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8.30am	Natalie Rosario (Ints)
10.00am	Philomena Girling (Ints)
12.00pm	Kwami Nantwi
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>

We pray for those in our parish community who are ill:

Christoper 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, Natalie Rosario, Ronald Rolle. Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati. Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave, 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, Michelle Boyle, Carla Cornelius, Cecelia Gibbs, Arthur Gibbs, Ural Gibbs, Gilbert Gibbs, Augustina Osei, Archie, George & Issac.

Morning Prayer:

Rosary:

Adoration & Exposition:

Reconciliation (Confessions):

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)