

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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3rd August 2014

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Today's readings speak to us of hunger, and of being satisfied. A person can hunger not only for food, but also for friendship, love and acceptance, for meaning and purpose in life. There is a yearning in all our hearts. If we are honest with ourselves, even if we experience moments of happiness and satisfaction, there is still a deeper desire for enduring joy. Throughout life we jump from one pleasure, one distraction to another – now a holiday, now a gadget, now a car or new clothes. But even if we get these things, which may be good, we still find ourselves desiring something deeper.

The deep craving we all have, to be satisfied, is a central theme of this week's readings. We find that at a deep level, we are needy – and there is an invitation from the Lord to come to Him, and to find in Him all that our hearts are longing for. The first reading says, 'Come to the water all you who are thirsty', and 'listen to me and you will have good things to eat.' We do many things to try and secure our own happiness, but the one guarantee of joy - life in Jesus Christ – does not cost us anything, 'though you have no money, come!' It is not like a business deal where we 'do something for God' and He repays us. Instead, what He offers is a totally free gift, which we do not merit, but for which we stand in need. As our psalm today says, 'you open wide your hand O Lord; you grant our desires.'

The Gospel today begins with Jesus' withdrawal to a lonely place, after his cousin John the Baptist was put to death. He desires to get away from the crowd, and yet they come after Him. These people are like us, hungry in all kinds of ways. Jesus, in His generosity, takes pity on them and shows compassion. As the time goes on, and the disciples realise there isn't enough food to feed the multitudes, they suggest to Jesus that He send them away. They reach the end of their human resources and try to wrap things up. Jesus' command to 'give them something to eat yourselves' must have shocked them. Up to now, Jesus had been doing everything – healing and teaching – but now the disciples have a chance to take part and become co-workers with Him. They look at their scant resources and think this is the end of the story. Humanly speaking, it would be. But when they turn over to Christ everything they have – little as it was – it is multiplied through His hands and satisfies everyone.

The multiplication of this food to feed and satisfy everyone anticipates Christ's self-sacrifice in the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus devised a way of giving Himself to us, and of nourishing our hungers. God is very generous, and if we just open our hearts, He will give us what we need. In the Eucharist we taste the love of God. The proof that we have experienced that love will be our willingness to love others. So as we freely give, we freely receive. We are called to be co-workers with Christ, participating in His work – feeding and caring for our brothers and sisters who are hungry, sick or starving, whether physically or spiritually.

Today we pray: Lord, you call us to work with you, in bringing your truth to the world. I want to follow you and help satisfy the crowds but I know I hunger myself in many ways, and have little to offer. Take the little I am and the small offering I have and multiply it, so that those who hunger and thirst for you will be satisfied. Amen.

Fr Maurice

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

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

COMINGS AND GOINGS AT ST GEORGE'S: Fr Mark's last weekend with us will be 23rd/24th August, as he leaves to take up his new appointment as Parish Priest at Brightlingsea-with-Wivenhoe and chaplain to the University of Essex. Fr Patrick Daly will be arriving the weekend of 13th/14th September, to take up his appointment as Assistant Priest here. We will have a Farewell Mass for Fr Mark in September, details to follow.

NEWSLETTERS: There will be no further newsletters until the end of August. Details of all Masses for the month are given in this edition.

MASSES FOR THE ASSUMPTION: Friday 15th August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be at

DAILY MASSES will continue during the summer at 7.00am and 9.15am, except on Bank Holiday Monday, 25th August, when there will be one Mass at 10.00am.

ADORATION: Regular Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will cease during the month of August, and resume on Monday 8th September.

SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB: The Senior Citizens Wednesday group will be on a break for the summer, and will resume on 3rd September.

DIVINE MERCY HEALING SERVICES will cease for the summer and resume on Sunday 7th September.

MASS OFFERINGS: To have Mass offered for your intentions, pick up and complete an envelope from the Church porch and drop it into the Presbytery. Please note that Saturday 6.00pm and Sunday 8.30am Masses are fully booked up until January 2015.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2014-15: Thank you to the parents who have already made appointments to see Fr Mark following the recent First Communion Meeting. (The First Communion programme is open to children who are in school year 4 or older and who live in Our Lady and St George parish or whose families regularly attend Mass here). If you would like your child to make their First Communion please speak to Fr Mark during August.

RED MISSION BOX: If you have a red mission box at home, please bring it to the Church. We thank Mary Lindo for helping to coordinate this scheme; if you have any queries, please contact her on 0208 539 1344.

CONGRATULATIONS: We congratulate Anthony Whitney and Jane Bedford, who were married at St George's last week. We wish them all of God's blessings for their future happiness and wellbeing.

ROTAS – AUGUST

Counting	3/8 A	10/8 B	17/8 C	24/8 B	31/8 E
Hospital	3/8 B	10/8 D	17/8 A	24/8 B	31/8 D
Christian Kitchen	2/8 Nor	9/8 C	16/8 D	23/8 E	30/8 F

The offertory collection for 27th July was £1359.93.
Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George
AUGUST 2014

6.00pm	HPD Colaco (RIP)
Sun 3 rd Aug	<i>Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)</i>
8.30am	Dejanire Talma (RIP)
10.00am	Deceased family members of P McKenna
12.00pm	Peace in the Holy Land
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 4 th Aug	<i>St John Vianney (Curé of Ars), Priest</i>
7.00am	Lazaro De Souza (RIP)
9.15am	Steven Rodrigues (Ints)
Tue 5 th Aug	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Natalie Rosario (Ints)
9.15am	Raymond Louis Fowell & Nicklette Louis (Ints)
Wed 6 th Aug	<i>The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)</i>
7.00am	Darren Rodrigues (Ints)
9.15am	Michael Charles (Ints)
Thu 7 th Aug	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Marie Kinnane (RIP)
9:15am	Julian Rodrigues (Ints)
Fri 8 th Aug	<i>St Dominic, Priest</i>
7.00am	Thanksgiving
9.15am	Cyrus & Ana Paula Sanches (Ints)
Sat 9 th Aug	<i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Patroness of Europe), Martyr</i>
10.00am	Romeo Rodrigues (RIP)
6.00pm	Sean O'Neill (RIP)
Sun 10 th Aug	<i>Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)</i>
8.30am	André Uzice (RIP)
10.00am	Marie Kinnane & Arthur Hamill (RIP)
12.00pm	Joseph Moise (Ints)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 11 th Aug	<i>St Clare, Virgin</i>
7.00am	Claire Kennedy (Ints)
9.15am	Thomas & Ellen O'Sullivan (Ints)
Tue 12 th Aug	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Olga Tully (RIP)
9.15am	Michael McBride (RIP)
Wed 13 th Aug	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Benedict, Lorraine, Andrea, Sandra & Frank (Ints)
9.15am	Theresa Kalpee (Ints)
Thu 14 th Aug	<i>St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr</i>
7.00am	Kyle Casey (Ints)
9:15am	Caesar & Yasmin Sanches (Ints)
7.30pm	Thanksgiving
Fri 15 th Aug	<i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Holyday of Obligation</i>
7.00am	Maria Sanches (Ints)
9.15am	Maureen Harrington (RIP)
7.30pm	Muriel Chetty (Ints)
Sat 16 th Aug	<i>Feria</i>
10.00am	Kathleen Flynn (RIP)
6.00pm	Mary & Jerry Spillane (RIP)
Sun 17 th Aug	<i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i>
8.30am	Francis Palmer (RIP)

10.00am	Sheila Allcock & family (Ints)
12.00pm	Jermaine Welch (RIP)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 18 th Aug	Feria
7.00am	Tommy Lavin (RIP)
9.15am	Elizabeth Aranzazu (Ints)
Tue 19 th Aug	Feria
7.00am	Louella Rodrigues (Ints)
9.15am	Eileen Fouhy (Ints)
Wed 20 th Aug	St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church
7.00am	Holy Souls
9.15am	Frances Henry (RIP)
Thu 21 st Aug	St Pius X, Pope
7.00am	Mary, Adolf & Adeline Rosario (RIP)
9:15am	Mary Rosario (RIP)
Fri 22 nd Aug	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7.00am	Angelina Hoareau (Ints)
9.15am	Bridget Lyons (Ints)
Sat 23 rd Aug	Feria
10.00am	Margaret O'Sullivan (Ints)
6.00pm	Michael Murtagh (RIP)
Sun 24 th Aug	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
8.30am	Melanie Roselyn J. Baptiste (RIP)
10.00am	Claire Gray (RIP)
12.00pm	Parish
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 25 th Aug	Feria (BANK HOLIDAY)
10.00am	Ronald Arthur Clark (RIP)
Tue 26 th Aug	Feria
7.00am	Margaret Perry (Ints)
9.15am	Eileen Balfe (RIP)
Wed 27 th Aug	St Monica
7.00am	Joan Beirne (Ints)
9.15am	Patrick Arthur Clark (RIP)
Thu 28 th Aug	St Augustine
7.00am	Rita Gannon (Ints)
9:15am	Krishna Kalpee (Ints)
Fri 29 th Aug	The Passion of St John the Baptist
7.00am	Dolores Kerr (Ints)
9.15am	Kristina Klimasauskaite (Ints)
Sat 30 th Aug	Feria
10.00am	Delmira & Romeo Rodrigues (RIP)
6.00pm	Robert Brown (RIP)
Sun 31 st Aug	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
8.30am	Mary & Adeline Rosario (RIP)
10.00am	Kathy Ogles (Ints)
12.00pm	Parish
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>

Morning Prayer:

Rosary:

Reconciliation (Confessions):

Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.45am

Weekdays after morning Mass

Sat. 10.30am – 11.00am. 5.00pm – 5.30pm (Or on request)