

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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21st September 2014

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – *Home Mission Day*

“WHY BE ENVIOUS BECAUSE I AM GENEROUS?”

Those words from today's Gospel challenge us to examine ourselves, to detect and uncover any envy that could be smouldering in our hearts, or even festering and poisoning our relationships.

What is envy?

St Thomas Aquinas defines envy as sorrow at another person's good – being miserable when seeing other people's blessings. It is easy to fall into this trap as the labourers in the Gospel did. Those who had worked all day were envious that the latecomers were paid the same amount. They were all paid the fair amount that the landowner had agreed but it was his generosity to the latecomers who had been idle most of the day, which they begrudged.

Envy is considered one of the seven deadly sins and it is particularly deadly because it causes nothing but pain and sorrow for the person who is envious. It does no good to anybody.

The antidote to envy is gratitude. In other words, to count our own blessings! The men who had worked all day were sympathetic to the frustrations of those who could not find work and were thus forced to remain idle; telling the landowner they were in the marketplace because 'nobody has hired us.' The men who were there from dawn did not consider the goodness of the Master in providing work for them for the full day. At the end of each day it is a good practice for us to count the day's blessings and say thank you Lord for the goodness we have known.

Whatever we receive is a gift from God – there is no entitlement, we cannot be grasping. All the gifts He bestows are to be used for His service – each one of us has gifts that others do not, but we all have something to offer. Those to whom much is given, much will be expected and so if it seems that our neighbour has something better than us, we know that he is expected to use it for the greater good. We should instead rejoice in each other's gifts and appreciate them.

This parable also reminds us that it is never too late to turn to the Lord: as long as we live, we can be taken into the vineyard and work for Him – even if we come to it late in life, at the eleventh hour – God is abundantly generous and so there is hope for us all. As the first reading says, 'seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near ... he is rich in forgiving.' Saint Augustine came late to the faith after an early reckless life but he is not less a saint for his later conversion – he still receives an entire day's pay.

From our perspective, the generosity of God may seem outlandish and baffling. Yet, as the first reading says, '(His) thoughts are above (our) thoughts; (His) ways are above (our) ways.' We pray that our hearts will open to God's goodness working in our lives and in the lives of those around us – Amen

(Fr Maurice)

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 22nd September at 7.30pm in the Church.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Holy Family Catholic School Open Evening – Thursday 25th September, Walthamstow House Site for children transferring to secondary schools in September 2015. Dr Stone will speak to parents at 6pm followed by a tour of the school. A prospectus and supplementary information form (including a priest's reference) will be available for each family attending. The closing date for the return of the supplementary information form to the school is 31 October 2014.

HCPT Group 161 Cake Sale this weekend !: The deanery HCPT group will be holding a cake sale after Masses this weekend 21st/22nd September to raise funds for their work in taking special needs children to Lourdes.

St George's Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) cake sale will take place after Masses on the weekend of 4th/5th October to raise funds for their work in helping those in need, we look forward to your support. Thanks to parish volunteers who dedicate their time and resources for this.

St George's Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Healing Mass will take place on Sunday 5 October, 2014 starting at 3pm. We all need healing in some areas of our lives, whether physical, spiritual, emotional, or relational. All are encouraged to attend this Mass and Healing Service.

For your diary - Dates for the Parish Bazaar this year - 28/29 November 2014 – Church Hill Estate agent have agreed to sponsor and will give £10 a board. Parish volunteers are available to take names this weekend and we look for your support for our annual bazaar – you don't have to put up the boards or take them down, the agent will do this.

ORGAN AND KEYBOARD LESSONS: Instrumental tuition offered in both organ and keyboard by a qualified organist. Organ lessons can take place at the church, and piano lessons either at the church or at home if more convenient. Lessons are offered for pupils of all ages and different stages of playing experience and musical knowledge. For further information please contact Ladislav Ondercin on 07472 861 186 (please leave a message after 5pm) or email ladislav.ondercin@gmail.com.

CAFOD PETITION to Foreign Secretary, to create peace in Gaza – after all Masses: A member of the Justice and Peace Group will be available in the porch with a petition to sign. These will be sent off to Philip Hammond at the Foreign Office to let him know what you think about the situation in Gaza. Or visit the CAFOD website www.cafod.org.uk/events/gazapetition

REMINDER - Climate Change Coalition March (CAFOD, along with other charities) – will take place in the centre of London, Sunday 21 September 12:30 – 16:00. The march will start

from Temple Place, London WC2R 3BD and make its way to the Houses of Parliament where there will be a massive group photograph at 2:30pm followed by guest speakers and space for prayer and reflection. Contact Timothy Campbell 07981657729

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ON LIVING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH? You are warmly invited to attend an evening to ask these questions including those on Moral Issues and Catholic Social Teaching, Theology and Scripture, The Church and its history and The Church in today's world or any question you may have always wanted to find the answer to. Our experienced panel members will help you! Join us on Wednesday 24 September 2014 at **Our Lady and St George Parish Hall**, Shernhall Street, Walthamstow, London E17 9HU from 7.30 p.m. No charge and wine and nibbles are provided.

AFRICAN CHAPLAINCY MASS: The Pan-African annual Mass will take place, Sunday 21st September at 3pm at St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, Southwark, London SE1 7HY. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick Lynch and various African Community Choirs will be in attendance. A special reception will follow at the Amigo Hall.

RELIGIOUS PROFESSION: The Novices of the Marian Missionary Sisters of the Poor will be making their First Religious Profession on Saturday 4th October at the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Helen, Brentwood. If you would like to attend the ceremony and reception, please contact Mother Maria on 07940 143 545 or 0208 518 7499.

DEANERY MUSIC DAY: The Diocese of Brentwood is holding a Deanery Music Day in our church and parish hall on Saturday 4th October. It is being lead by Frances Novillo, the Representative for the Royal School of Church Music for London and the South East and will include talks, demonstrations, practical sessions and workshops for parish musicians and anyone else who would be interested in learning about music/developing their skills in church music. If interested, please see Ladislav Ondercin or any other parish musician after the Masses on Sunday morning or during the week.

JEWS AND CATHOLICS IN DIALOGUE: In anticipation of the fiftieth anniversary of Vatican II's *Nostra Aetate*, the diocesan Commission for Evangelisation and Formation announces an Ecumenical Study Day entitled 'Milestones in Modern Jewish Catholic Relations', which will take place on Saturday 25th October at Brentwood Cathedral Hall, 10.30am - 3 p.m. The day will be given by Sr Margaret Shepherd of the Sisters of Sion, who is Secretary of the Bishops' Committee for Catholic Jewish Relations and Director of the Sion Centre for Dialogue and Encounter in west London. There is no admission fee and a buffet lunch will be provided. Please book your place by contacting cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org or by phone to 01277 265289.

GIFT AID: Gift Aid is a government scheme that allows the parish to reclaim tax on all donations made by UK taxpayers, at no cost to you. If you are not currently enrolled in the Gift Aid scheme, please pick up a Gift Aid form from the back of the Church or for further information, please contact Hana on 07939 485957. This provides much-needed additional income for the upkeep of the Church and support of our schools.

ROTAS – SEPTEMBER

Counting	31/8 E	7/9 D	14/9 A	21/9 E	28/9 D
Hospital	31/8 D	7/9 A	14/9 B	21/9 D	28/9 A
Christian Kitchen	30/8 F	6/9 Nor	13/9 G	20/9 A	27/9 B

The offertory collection for last weekend Masses was £1357,61
Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

6.00pm	Michael Spillone
Sun 21 Sept	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
8.30am	Richard Loughin (RIP)
10.00am	Josephine & Paul Moise RIP)
12.00pm	James Walsh (RIP)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 22 Sept	FERIA
7.00am	Kay Carroll (RIP)
9.15am	Philip Mitchell (ints)
Tue 23 Sept	SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST
7.00am	James Fletcher (Ints)
9.15am	Holy Souls
Wed 24 Sept	FERIA
7.00am	Joan Beirne (Ints)
9.15am	Margaret Perry (Ints)
Thu 25 Sept	FERIA
7.00am	Russell Rodrigues (Ints)
9:15am	Kristina Kimasauskaite (ints)
Fri 26 Sept	FERIA
7.00am	Kristina & Jason (Ints)
9.15am	Veronica Nolan (Ints)
Sat 27 Sept	SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL
10.00am	Pat Maloney (RIP)
6.00pm	Burnham family (ints)
Sun 28 Sept	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
8.30am	Magdalene Correa
10.00am	Sydney Lassie-Darreo (RIP)
12.00pm	Victoria & John Baptist (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, 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, Michelle Boyle, Carla Cornelius, Cecelia Gibbs, Arthur Gibbs, Ural Gibbs, Gilbert Gibbs, Archie, George & Issac, Boyce Chandasingh, Elaine Francis

Morning Prayer:

Rosary:

Adoration & Exposition:

Reconciliation (Confessions):

Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.45am

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)

