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7th September 2014

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

"CONSECRATE THEM IN THE TRUTH"

Any time we gather around the table of God's Word, we are privileged not only to hear the Word of God proclaimed to us. In fact, we come to experience and receive Christ himself who is God's Word. We pray with Christ, in Christ and through Christ to the Father. In our encounter of Him in today's liturgy, Christ himself has offered a prayer to the Father on our behalf; "Consecrate them in the truth" (Jn 17:17a).

What is the truth for which Christ prayed that we be consecrated in?

In his prologue, John tells us, 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God' (Jn 1:1), and 'the Word became flesh and lived among us' (v 14). The Word, which lived among us, is Christ himself who became like us in all things, but sin. As God's Word, Christ is also the truth, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (Jn 14:6). Being the truth and praying that we be consecrated in the truth can then be interpreted as being consecrated in Christ himself who is the truth.

To consecrate means to be made holy, dedicated or set apart. In this regard, the prayer of Christ, that we be consecrated in the truth, is a prayer for us to be made holy, dedicated or set apart in Christ for a specific task, that is, the work of God, the work of evangelization. Differently put, it is a prayer for us to share in the work of Christ, 'As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world' (Jn 17:18). A prayer not only meant for the disciples but for all Christians, as Christ makes it clear in verse 20 of chapter 17, 'I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word', so that all Christians, together with the disciples may come to share in the oneness of the Trinity (verse 22), in terms of God's work of love, mercy, forgiveness and salvation.

So in this prayer of Christ, we see ourselves chosen by God in Christ to help in the conversion and the salvation of the world. As a people set apart, the responsibility rests on us to help people deal with the issue of their wrong doings. This we do by helping people know and accept their wrongful acts so as to be forgiven and transformed in Christ. 'If your brother does something wrong, as Christ says, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves'. The intention is not to humiliate but to save the dignity of the person. This calls for love, that which we owe one another as Paul tells us in the second reading. Love then should be the basis of that journey of bringing the sinner back to faith in Christ.

As a people set apart, and like Ezekiel, we must be the mouthpieces of God, in our homes, church, country and the world at large, so that in us, God's message of love, mercy, forgiveness, reformation and the redemption of each soul may be heard. Where two or three meet in Christ's name, he is there with them. And whatever they ask, it will be granted to them by the Father. With this in mind, we pray that God grants His grace to all who may hear His own words in us so that they can renounce their ways and live. And may He, who has consecrated us in Christ, help us to be faithful at all times in His work.

Fr. Richmond

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.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN): There will be an appeal and second collection for ACN next weekend, 13th/14th September, to support their work in helping persecuted and oppressed Christians around the world – an important cause, as recent events remind us. There will also be a small bookstall selling ACN merchandise and books.

FR MARK: Fr Mark will return for a thanksgiving Mass on Friday 19th September at 7.30pm. If you would like to contribute to a collection for Fr Mark, please return your envelopes before Sunday 14th September. After the thanksgiving Mass there will be a celebration in the Parish Hall; if you are able to help with the organization or contribute food/drink, please put your details on the flipchart in the Church porch.

FR PATRICK DALY, our new assistant priest will join us next weekend.

FR RICHMOND: Fr Richmond Osei Amoah, who has been staying with us over the summer, will return to Ghana this Wednesday 10th. We thank him for his pastoral work and assistance during the last several weeks.

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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume from tomorrow, Monday 8th September.

DIVINE MERCY HEALING SERVICES: These will resume this Sunday, 7th September.

JUSTICE & PEACE MEETING: The next Justice & Peace group meeting will be on Tuesday 9th September, 7.30-9.30pm in the Parish Hall.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be on Monday 15th September at 8.00pm in the Presbytery. All members are requested to attend.

BAZAAR COMMITTEE MEETING: The next meeting of the Bazaar Committee will take place on Tuesday 16th September at 7.30pm in the Church Meeting Room.

HCPT GROUP 161 CAKE SALE: The deanery HCPT group will be holding a cake sale after Masses on the weekend 21st/22nd September to raise funds for their work in taking special needs children to Lourdes.

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. The day promises to be interesting and fun and we would welcome as many people as possible who would like to attend.

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.

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN IN TWICKENHAM: Pro- life meeting with the talks and great plans to make a life-saving difference in the community. Food, drinks and nice socializing afterwards. Please come and bring your friends. Wednesday 10th of September at 7 pm, Parish Hall of St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, 130 St Margaret's Road, Twickenham London TW1 1RL only 2 minutes from St Margaret's Railway Station. Be a voice of those who cannot speak for themselves. www.goodcounselnetwork.com

"DON'T STOP THE MUSIC": This programme, to be broadcast on Channel 4 on Tuesday 9th and 16th September, at 9.00pm, features St Teresa's School, Basildon, and the beginnings of a school orchestra. Over 90 instruments were donated to the school – donations from across the Diocese should feature in the second episode. The programme makes a passionate case for teaching young children to play classical music and the school would like to warmly thank all those who were so generous in donating instruments.

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE: Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is not counseling but provides the tools and skills to help you get your marriage back on track. Retrouvaille has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels from disillusionment to deep misery. The next programme commences with a residential weekend on 19th -21st Sept 2014. email info@retrouvaille.org.uk ; call or text 0797 338 0443 or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk Confidentiality assured.

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

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| 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 31st August was £1373.79.
Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George
TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

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| 6.00pm | John Burnham (RIP) |
| Sun 7 th Sept | <i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i> |
| 8.30am | Dorinaq Philogene & Thora Shillingford (Ints) |
| 10.00am | Brigid Farrell (RIP), Joe & Rona Ellwood (Ints) |
| 12.00pm | Nazir Allam Khiljee (RIP) |
| 6.30pm | <i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i> |
| Mon 8 th Sept | <i>The Birthday of Our Lady (Feast)</i> |
| 7.00am | Thanksgiving |
| 9.15am | Jack Cullen (RIP) |
| Tue 9 th Sept | <i>St Peter Claver</i> |
| 7.00am | Paudie Kelly & Maureen Harrington (RIP) |
| 9.15am | Mick Hurley (RIP) |
| Wed 10 th Sept | <i>Feria</i> |
| 7.00am | Nora Cybulco (Ints) |
| 9.15am | Margaret O'Sullivan (RIP) |
| Thu 11 th Sept | <i>Feria</i> |
| 7.00am | Thomas & Ellen O'Sullivan (Anniversary) |
| 9:15am | Joan Feehan (RIP) |
| Fri 12 th Sept | <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i> |
| 7.00am | Sr Bridget |
| 9.15am | Richard Mainwaring (RIP) |
| Sat 13 th Sept | <i>St John Chrysostom (Bishop, Doctor of the Church)</i> |
| 10.00am | James Fletcher (Ints) |
| 6.00pm | John & Josie Keenan (RIP) |
| Sun 14 th Sept | <i>The Exaltation (Triumph) of the Holy Cross</i> |
| 8.30am | Arjay Jose (Ints) |
| 10.00am | Winifred Louis (Ints) |
| 12.00pm | Kristina Kalpee & Jason Coeur-de-Lion (Ints) |
| 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.

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)