

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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12th October 2014

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

When we get an invitation to a wedding or other special occasion, we have three options: ignore it, decline it or accept it. In today's Gospel Jesus tells a parable comparing the Kingdom of Heaven to a wedding feast. In the parable, the King invites many people to his son's wedding and they respond in a variety of ways. We too are invited to a wedding feast. The Church is often described as the Bride of Christ, because the Lord gave Himself to be united to her. As members of His Church, we are called to be united to Him, and the Book of Revelation tells us that this will be fulfilled at the end of time – and Isaiah's wedding banquet prophecy in the first reading will also be fulfilled, 'we exalt and rejoice that He has saved us.'

When we accept an invitation to a wedding, we prepare ourselves for it because we want to look our best and share the joy of the couple. When it comes to our invitation to the Kingdom of Heaven, we must also choose to respond, and prepare ourselves for it. This life is given to us to choose wisely and prepare.

Different groups in the Gospel respond in different ways. Some flatly refuse the invitation, others are preoccupied with their day-to-day pursuits, like farming and business. Others felt threatened and killed the King's messengers. These responses all show hostility to the King, who in the parable represents God. In our own lives do we refuse to respond to God's invitation? Are we too caught up with our own work or leisure interests to take seriously what God is offering? Are we so self-absorbed that our hearts are hardened and we don't perceive the invitation?

The King then commands his servants to go to the crossroads and invite everyone they can find. This refers to the Church, where all are invited to enter – good and bad alike, rich and poor, everyone. We too, each one of us, by baptism, have been brought into the wedding hall. But it is not enough just to be here. We have to make ourselves presentable to the King. We make ourselves presentable by pleasing God in living a holy life and performing good works. The man without the wedding garment represents a person persisting in sin, who does not want to repent. He came to the wedding but did not value the occasion enough to prepare – he just wanted what he could get for himself. He was complacent and did not take it seriously, so the King had him thrown out, which is an image of judgement.

When we are baptised we receive a white garment. This white garment represents the wedding garment, which we are to bring unstained to the heavenly banquet. During our life, when we sin, we stain the garment, but we have a means of washing it again. When we repent of our sins and receive forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our garment is restored.

We are reminded in all the readings today of the invitation God offers us to the banquet of heaven. Let us not put that invitation on the shelf and forget about it, but enthusiastically take it up and respond with all our hearts and minds.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 20th October at 7.30pm in the Church.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

CONFIRMATION 2015: The Confirmation programme for young people in school year 10 and above will begin in early November. Application forms are now available from the presbytery and the closing date is Sunday 26th October. All prospective candidates will be required to attend a brief interview with Fr Maurice before the programme begins. Once you have completed and submitted a form, please sign up for an interview on the list on the Church noticeboard. Interviews will take place in the evenings on Monday 27th and Wednesday 29th November, and parents are also asked to attend.

BECOMING CATHOLIC: For anyone wishing to become Catholic or explore the Catholic faith, a new programme of instruction began recently. Sessions take place on Thursday evenings at 8.00pm in the Church meeting room. Please tell any friends or relatives who may be interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the faith.

PARISH BAZAAR: The Bazaar planning committee will meet on Tuesday 21st October at 7.30pm in the Church meeting room. Don't forget that the Bazaar itself will take place on **November 28^h and 29th**. If you would like to help run a stall, please contact Chris Fitzgerald on 0208 524 1119. Raffle tickets will be available in coming weeks.

OLSG SCHOOL: RECEPTION INTAKE: If your child was born between **01.09.2010 and 31.08.2011**, the Waltham Forest Primary Brochure containing criteria for all schools and information on how to apply is now available. Brochures can be obtained directly from Waltham Forest Admissions – telephone 020 8496-3000 (personal callers: Sycamore House, Forest Road E17 4JX – Admissions Team available Monday to Friday 9.30am-4.30pm) libraries, nursery settings and primary schools. The brochure can be downloaded from the Waltham Forest website, www.walthamforest.gov.uk.

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 2015** 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 29th September 2014. The completed form and any documentation should be returned to the Lower Site school office by **15th January 2015**.

Parents are invited to come and have a look round the school on Wednesday 5th 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.

Fr Maurice will be available for the signing of Primary school forms at the following times ONLY: Saturday 8th November; 2-4pm and Monday 10th November; 6-8pm

OLSG NURSERY INTAKE: Children born between 01.09.2011 and 31.08.2012
Parents wishing to apply for a nursery place for September 2015, can download the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) from the school website www.olsgweb.org or collect it from the Lower Site School Office, 140 Shernhall Street, Walthamstow E17 9HU.

There will be a choice of full time or part time places term time only. Part Time Hours: Mornings 8.45am – 11.45am, Afternoons 12.15pm – 3.15pm, Full time (8.00am to 3.15pm) part funded. Packs are available from the Lower Site School Office from Monday 29th September. **The closing date for completed forms is Friday 13th February 2015.** If you have any queries please contact Mrs Moloney on 0208 520 8500.

OLSG Y2 / Y3 SCHOOL VACANCIES: Two families have recently moved from the parish, resulting in vacancies in year 2 and 3 of our primary school. Please speak to Fr Maurice if you would like your child to transfer to a Catholic school.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL FORMS: The closing date for the return of the priest's reference form is 31st October. Fr Maurice will be available to sign these on the following dates **ONLY:** Sunday 19th and Monday 20th, 6-8pm on each day.

LOOKING FOR A TENANT? One of our parishioners, a professional who works in the city, is looking for accommodation. If you are seeking a tenant, please speak to Fr Maurice.

WONDERING WHAT GOD IS CALLING YOU TO DO WITH YOUR LIFE? The 'Samuel' groups are groups of young men and women between the ages of 18-35 years who commit to meeting **once a month for a nine month period** to reflect on the various ways we can live our Christian Vocation within the Church. Last year around 50 young people joined the groups which take place around London. The local group meets in Chingford and Bethnal Green. If you would like to know more, please contact Sr Josephine on 0208 531 0466. Our first meeting will take place on Sunday 12th October from 2-5pm.

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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Victor Dangarembizi and Jean Broderick, and Kristina Kalpee and Jason Coeur-de-Lion, who were married recently. We wish them all of God's blessings for their future happiness and wellbeing.

ROTAS – OCTOBER

Counting	5/10 B	12/10 E	19/10 C	26/10 D
Hospital	5/10 A	12/10 B	19/10 D	26/10 A
Christian Kitchen	4/10 Nor	11/10 C	18/10 D	25/10 E

The offertory collection for last weekend's Masses was £1511.40
An additional £126.50 was collected for CAFOD.

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

6.00pm	Conrad J. Nervil (RIP)
Sun 12 th Oct	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
8.30am	Magdalene Correa (Ints)
10.00am	Len Church (RIP)
12.00pm	Dennis Perkins (RIP)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 13 th Oct	St Edward the Confessor
7.00am	John & Josephine Hayden (RIP)
9.15am	Pascal Hayden (RIP)
Tue 14 th Oct	Feria
7.00am	Ramadhin Ramsey (RIP)
9.15am	John Paul Ramsey (Ints)
Wed 15 th Oct	St Theresa of Jesus
7.00am	Mary & Jim Gordon (RIP)
9.15am	James Fletcher (Ints)
Thu 16 th Oct	Feria
7.00am	James Fletcher (Ints)
9:15am	Peter Rice (Ints)
Fri 17 th Oct	St Ignatius of Antioch
7.00am	Kristina & Jason Coeur-de-Lion (Ints)
9.15am	Ken Nevin (Ints)
Sat 18 th Oct	St Luke, Evangelist
10.00am	Holy Souls
6.00pm	Joe Murnane (RIP)
Sun 19 th Oct	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
8.30am	Magdalene Correa (Ints)
10.00am	Katie Browne (Anniv)
12.00pm	Greta Jen Gapp (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)