

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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18th October 2015

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)

Today in Rome, Pope Francis will declare as saints a French married couple that lived in the 19th century. They are Blessed Louis and Zélie Martin, who were the parents of St Thérèse of Lisieux. It is a historic moment, the first time a husband and wife are being canonised together. We can learn much from them in facing the hardships and sufferings of life, especially family life, with patience, resignation and humility.

Louis and Zélie married in 1858 and had 9 children: 4 died young and 5 daughters remained, one of whom was a troubled child. They often had financial difficulties but still regularly shared their table with the poor and homeless. In 1876, Zélie was diagnosed with breast cancer and died the following year. Later Louis developed dementia and was committed to a psychiatric hospital. In this family we see the struggles that many families face today: the deaths of children, financial worries, cancer, depression and worry over troubled children, mental illness and all the pressures of life.

Yet their home was permeated by faith, and all five girls, even the troubled sister, joined convents and became nuns. In the midst of their trials, Louis and Zélie strove, like all good parents, to give their children love, security and stability. They bore much suffering patiently, in love for their family, and we too can emulate that in our own situations.

Today's readings speak about suffering, and the necessity to accept and carry it along with Christ. In the Gospel James and John seek power and privilege for themselves, but Jesus makes clear that His followers must be prepared to accept suffering, as He did.

Seeking after power was a temptation for them, and is for us to – to want to be admired, enjoy favours and exercise control. Our Lord corrects this destructive mentality; he says, 'it must not be so among you.' He teaches humble service: we do not prove our worth by dominating others, but recognise *their* worth by serving them.

Many of you already make great sacrifices for your families, especially for your children and elderly relatives. The lives of Louis and Zélie Martin exemplify Christ's teaching on bearing suffering with patience and humility. Today we ask for their prayers and intercession, that they may help our families endure the storms of life, and may they also guide proceedings at the Synod on the family in Rome, which is going into its final week.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 26th October at 7.30pm in the Church.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests for more information.

MASS BOOKINGS: Please note that all Saturday 6pm Masses are booked until the end of Jan 2016; 8.30am Sunday Masses are booked until mid-Jan 2016; all 10am Sunday Masses are booked until the end of February; all 12 noon Masses are booked until the start of February. You are requested to submit Mass intentions well in advance of your anticipated date, and we will do our best to accommodate.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: This Sunday, 18th October 2015 is World Mission Sunday and there will be a second collection in support of Missio. Missio is the Catholic Church's Official Charity for overseas mission. Missio supports children, trains priests and sisters, builds churches and proclaims the Gospel to the developing world. The famous red collection boxes will be available after each Mass. Fr Patrick has recently been appointed Diocesan Director for Missio.

CONFIRMATION 2015/2016: The closing date for submission of Confirmation Application forms is today, Sunday 18th October 2015. After handing in the application form, prospective candidates should sign up for an interview on the list in the Church porch. Interviews take place this coming week.

SR. GENITRIX SILVER JUBILEE: Sr Genitrix Rose Okite from the Daughters of Mary, Mother of Mercy community living in Upper Walthamstow is celebrating her Silver Jubilee of religious profession this Sunday 18th October, at the 12 noon Mass. We give thanks to God and extend our congratulations to Sr Genitrix on this key milestone.

RCIA (BECOMING A CATHOLIC): The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) group meets on Thursday evenings at 8pm in the Church meeting room. This group is for people interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and exploring the possibility of entering the Church. For more information speak to one of the priests.

HCPT FAMILY BINGO NIGHT: Friday 23rd October at the OLSG Primary School upper site (Shernhall St, E17 3EA). Doors open at 7pm, eyes down at 7.30pm. Enjoy a traditional family night out, with good company, good fun, and help send a child to Lourdes. £3 adults, £1 children. Buy your bingo cards on the night (3 books for £6 or 6 books for £10) Cash Prizes. Bring your own drinks and nibbles (tuck shop and hot dogs available). Contact Peter 07976 419 680 for more information.

PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCIES: There are currently vacancies in our primary school in Years 6, 3 and 1. Please call the office on 0208 520 3552 (upper site) or 0208 520 8500 (lower site).

RECEPTION INTAKE, OUR LADY & ST GEORGE SCHOOL: If your child was born between 1.9.11 and 31.8.12 they are due to start school in September 2016. To apply to OLSG School, you will need to complete the common application form available at www.eadmissions.org.uk and return to Waltham Forest Admissions by 15th Jan 2016. You will also need to complete the Supplementary Information Form, available from www.olsgweb.org, which needs to be returned to the Lower Site School office by 15th Jan 2016. For more information contact Mrs Moloney on 0208 520 8500.

Parents are invited to look around the school on Wednesday 4th or Thursday 5th November at 10am or 2pm. Parents should telephone the school office and let them know what day and time they would like to come and visit.

SIGNING OF PRIMARY SCHOOL FORMS: Fr Maurice will be available to sign primary school application forms at the following times ONLY: Saturday 14th November, 3-5pm and Monday 16th November, 6-8pm, in the Church meeting room.

PARISH BAZAAR: The parish bazaar will take place on 27th and 28th November. The bazaar planning committee will next meet on Monday 19th October at 7.30pm – anyone interested in helping is very welcome to come to this meeting. The bazaar committee will be handing out raffle tickets this week, and we encourage all families to support the raffle.

JUSTICE & PEACE MEETING: The next meeting of the Justice & Peace Group will be on Wed 21st October, 7.30-9pm in the parish hall.

SICK CALLS TO HOSPITAL: In light of strict data protection rules it is important that on entering hospital you tell the nurses that your details or those of your relatives be passed to the Catholic chaplain, if you wish to be visited. We visit the wards during the week and also provide a 24-hour on-call service in case of emergency.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: 19-24th September 2016, £649. See noticeboard for details or book directly through Pax Travel website www.paxtravel.co.uk. For more information contact Stella on 0208 527 3879.

CUMBRIAN CHALLENGE: 2016 Cumbrian Challenge: 13-15 May, Walking with the Wounded – 22 mile walk in aid of a good cause. Stella Kearns is looking for 2 more people to complete the team. Contact 0208 527 3879.

RIP

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Tony Eastman, whose body will be received into the Church on Thursday 29th October at 4pm, and whose Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 30th October at 12 noon.

We extend our deep sympathy to his family at this time.

We also pray for the repose of the soul of Rita Stafford, a long-time parishioner, who retired to Ireland some years ago and died last week. She will be buried in Ireland.

May they rest in peace.

ROTAS – OCTOBER

Hospital	4/10 D	11/10 A	18/10 B	25/10 D	
Counting	4/10 C	11/10 F	18/10 E	25/10 C	
Christian Kitchen	3/10 Nor1	10/10 G	17/10 Nor2	24/10 A	31/10 B

The offertory collection for 10th/11th October was £1572.10

£235 was raised for the Macmillan Coffee Morning.

Many thanks for your generosity.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George this week

6.00pm	Joel Dias (RIP)
Sun 18 th Oct	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30am	Ladislav Ondercin (Ints)
10.00am	Peggy Halpenny (RIP)
12.00pm	Greta Jen Gapp (RIP)
Mon 19 th Oct	Feria
7.00am	Theresa Onuchukwu (RIP)
9.15am	Frank Burns (RIP)
Tue 20 th Oct	Feria
7.00am	Rita Stafford (RIP)
9.15am	Victoria Ibideji (Ints)
Wed 21 st Oct	Feria
7.00am	Jean Carr (RIP)
9.15am	Thanksgiving
Thu 22 nd Oct	St John Paul II, Pope
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Danny Sugrue (RIP)
Fri 23 rd Oct	Feria
7.00am	Eithne Wootton (RIP)
9.15am	Antonia Angela Brazzi (RIP)
Sat 24 th Oct	St Anthony Claret, Bishop
10.00am	Joan Beirne (RIP)
6.00pm	Joe Murnane (RIP)
Sun 25 th Oct	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30am	Parish
10.00am	Roderick & Dolly Mayers (Ints)
12.00pm	Nicholas & Henrietta Constantine (RIP)

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, Martin Keane, 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, 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, Luis & Lukas, Anne Hutton, Comfort Kwawu, Judith Hilton, Gloria and Tracy Joseph.

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. During these times the priest is in the Reconciliation Room, inside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left. Confessions are also available at other times on request; please call at the house.