

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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11 Sept 2016

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Today we have heard again what is perhaps the most well known parable in the Gospel – the Parable of the Prodigal Son. The behaviour of the wayward son and his jealous brother, and the compassionate response of the father can help us identify areas in our lives where change is needed. At times all of us resemble one or other of the sons.

The prodigal son, after squandering his inheritance in a life of sin, finds himself in a distant country, completely empty. He comes to his senses and returns home. He expected punishment and was willing to work as a slave, but the father takes pity on him and celebrates his return. For us too, no matter where we have been, and how we have sinned, once we return to God, we come face to face with His overwhelming mercy. This is the theme that Pope Francis has wished for us to remember in this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.

The second son, though obedient to his father, and dutiful in carrying out his work, had become hard-hearted, and couldn't accept his father's joy when his brother returned. We too can become envious when we feel forgotten and unappreciated, and when we witness someone else getting the limelight and being appreciated. But the father reassures him, 'my son, you are with me always and all I have is yours.'

At different times in our lives, we have all played the part of these two brothers. But the goal of our lives is actually to become more and more like the father. The father loves both of his sons equally and demonstrates his generosity by going out to meet each of his sons in their need and welcoming them back with heartfelt joy. Every Christian must imitate that example. In all the relationships of our lives, especially the difficult ones, the challenge of Christianity is to love like the Father.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 12th September at 7.30pm in the Church.

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

FR PATRICK FAREWELL MASS: Fr Patrick Daly will be returning for a farewell thanksgiving Mass on **Friday 16th September at 7.30pm**, which will be followed by refreshments in the parish hall. This Sunday we will have a collection for Fr Patrick, to show appreciation for all his hard work during the two years he was with us, particularly his ministry in the hospital and in the schools. Envelopes are also available for donations and can be returned to the presbytery before Friday 16th. Anyone who is able to assist with catering, please speak to Fr Maurice.

OFSTED RESULTS: We are happy to announce that Our Lady & St George School received 'Good' Ofsted results in every area. This is testament to the hard work of our head-teacher, senior staff, teachers and assistants, as well as the students, governors and parents. We look forward to continuing to improve standards in the coming year.

EDUCATION SUNDAY: This Sunday is Education Sunday and some members of Holy Family College senior staff will be speaking briefly at the end of all Masses to update on the School's progress and current development plans. There will not be an extra collection.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2016/17: Parents wishing their child to make their First Holy Communion in 2017 must attend a meeting for parents **this Monday 12th September** in the Church hall at 7.30pm. Children must be in school year 4 or above. For more information please speak to Fr Nixon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place this Monday 12th September at 8pm in the Church. All members are requested to attend.

DEANERY PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next meeting of the Waltham Forest Deanery Pastoral Council will take place on Monday 19th September at 8pm in the presbytery. All members are requested to attend.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE: The next meeting of the parish maintenance committee will be on Monday 26th September at 8pm in the presbytery.

SVP CAKE SALE: The parish St Vincent de Paul Society will be holding a cake sale after Masses on the 17th and 18th September. Funds raised will be used to provide support to local people in need, which is part of the SVP's remit to care for the lonely, sick, hungry and those in financial hardship. SVP members will also be available in the Church porch after Masses that weekend, if you would like to find out more or are interested in joining.

RCIA (BECOMING A CATHOLIC): The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for people interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and exploring the possibility of entering the Church – or for adults who may have been baptised but never received First Communion or Confirmation. **Sessions will recommence this Thursday 15th September.** If you would like more information about the RCIA process please speak to one of the priests or contact Bernadette Wilson on 07804 611 914 / bernadette.wilson1@ntlworld.com.

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL: Conrad Almeida held a second meeting for Coordinators, lay people and parishioners on Bishop Alan's Steward of the Gospel initiative. At the meeting it was decided to form a working group to take forward the initiative. The first meeting of the working group will take place on Monday 26 September at 7:30pm in the

church meeting room. All those who attended both meetings are invited to join the working group. The invitation is also extended to those who were unable to attend the meetings but wish to be in the working group.

MISSION FOLLOW-UP – TRAINING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: As a follow-on from our successful Parish Mission in July, Fr Soji and his team will be coming back to the parish on Sunday 2nd October to provide training to young people (aged 15-25) to help them feel more confident about their faith and sharing it with others. The training will run from 10am-5pm on that day. If interested, please speak to Fr Maurice.

TUTORING: Icilda Stewart will be running small group tuition for children and young people from October 2016 in the parish hall, including preparation for SATs. To register your interest please call Icilda on 07949 528 873.

DECEASED MEMORIAL SERVICE: There will be a memorial service for the deceased at All Saints Church on Chingford Mount (opposite the cemetery) on the 11th September at 3pm. Fr David Waller from Christ the King will officiate.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Registering to donate to the parish via the offertory envelopes allows the parish to reclaim 25p for every £1 given, at no extra cost to the giver. This makes your generous donations go further, and supports the upkeep of the Church and its buildings, and our schools. If you would like to register for the Gift Aid scheme, or have any questions about it, please call Armie on 07962 501 555.

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.

RIP:

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Ann Rooney, whose funeral will take place at the City of London Crematorium on 13th September at 3.30pm.

Tony Keane who died last Monday morning. His body will be received into the Church on Monday 19th September at 7.30pm, and his requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 20th at 12 noon, followed by burial at Chingford Mount Cemetery.

May they rest in peace.

ROTAS – SEPTEMBER

Counting	4/9 D	11/9 B	18/9 E	25/9 F
Christian Kitchen	3/9 Nor	10/9 F	17/9 G	24/9 A
Hospital	4/9 D	11/9 A	18/9 B	25/9 D

The offertory collection last week was £1409.42. Thank you for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	John & Josie Keenan (RIP)
Sun 11 Sept	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
8.30am	Parish
10.00am	Mother Maria (Ints)
12.00pm	Ali Mubariz, Islam Al-Esawi; Noor Mohammad (Ints)
Mon 12 Sept	The Most Holy Name of Mary
7.00am	Ruby Mangal and family (Ints)
9.15am	Jim Hurley (Ints)
Tue 13 Sept	St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
7.00am	Katie Browne (RIP)
9.15am	Denis Fahey (Ints)
Wed 14 Sept	Exaltation (Triumph) of the Holy Cross
7.00am	Jason & Kristina Coeur-de-Lion (Ints)
9.15am	Kitty Sweeney (Anniv.)
Thu 15 Sept	Our Lady of Sorrows
7.00am	Geraldine Unger (RIP)
9.15am	Emmanuel Jacob (RIP)
Fri 16 Sept	Ss Cornelius, Priest, and Cyprian, Bishop; Martyrs
7.00am	Gabriel Moses Abraham (RIP)
9.15am	Ann Rooney (RIP)
Sat 17 Sept	St Robert Bellarmine
10.00am	Theodora D'Souza (Ints)
6.00pm	Joel Dias (RIP)
Sun 18 Sept	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
8.30am	Rego D'Souza (RIP)
10.00am	Parish
12.00pm	Ramon & Arnie Jose (Ints)

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, 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, Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati, Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave, Anthony O'Boyle, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Bill Walsh, 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, Padraig Hester, Regina Jose

Morning Prayer:

Rosary:

Reconciliation (Confessions):

Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.45am

Weekdays after morning Mass

Sat. 10.30am – 11.30am. 5.00pm – 5.45pm. 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.
