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16 October 2016

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

The readings today speak to us about the importance of persistence in prayer. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable in which he praises the persistence of a widow, who repeatedly seeks justice from an unjust judge, and finally her appeals are heard. The woman is determined to obtain justice, and the judge eventually gives in, finding her a nuisance. Jesus teaches all the more that God, who loves us, will hear our prayers and help us, whatever our situations may be. The answer may not come quickly; here is the lesson in perseverance. It is easy to give up praying, and to ask 'what is the use?' In this culture, waiting is not our strong point, because it can make us feel powerless and uncomfortable. When we have to wait, we are not in control.

Perhaps the Lord delays in responding to our prayers in order to purify our motives and our intentions. Jesus tells us not to lose heart if prayer seems to go unanswered. Even in times of crisis, we have to have patience; it is through persistent prayer that our faith will grow. Mother Teresa said that 'prayer is the oil that keeps the lamp of faith burning brightly'. If you are trying to pray, hang in there with it. Whatever the problem or situation may be; stay with it and continue to bring it to prayer.

The best way to learn to pray is by actually doing it. But we all need support. Even Moses in the first reading needed help – he had others to keep his arms lifted up in openness to God. This is why family prayer is so important. Often we tell small children to say their prayers, but we adults have a responsibility to encourage them by our example, to pray with them. The month of October is associated with Mary and with the Rosary. The Rosary can be a challenging prayer to say alone, but sitting together as a family for 10-15 minutes to pray it together can be a great help.

Today we pray for the grace of perseverance and endurance, so we stay in contact with God and do not give up.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 17th 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.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE 2016: As next year is the 100th anniversary of the Diocese of Brentwood, in thanksgiving to Our Lady, our parish patroness, we would like to organize a parish pilgrimage. I have made initial enquiries, and expect that we can organize a coach pilgrimage from 22nd-29th July 2017, beginning with a visit to Walsingham, followed by 5 days in Lourdes, and a visit to Paris (including the Miraculous Medal chapel in the Rue de Bac), on the return journey. The annual diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage will be happening at the same time, so we can join with much of their programme. Expected costs, for luxury A/C coach travel, ferry transfer, 3-4* accommodation in Lourdes, guided tours and excursions are about **£550** per person. Please let me know if you would be interested in making this pilgrimage, and I will arrange a meeting in the near future. -- Fr Maurice

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL SURVEY: I hope that you have all received a copy of the "Stewards of the Gospel" booklet following last week's launch. I also hope that you have had an opportunity to see the display in the church meeting room. This week you will receive a sheet with one of the questions from the booklet. I should be most grateful for your response which can be dropped in the suggestion box. Further questions will be handed out in the coming weeks until all twelve questions are addressed. Thank you. Conrad Almeida

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2016/17: The next session for the First Communion Programme will be on 5th November. As usual, children will register in the parish hall at 9.45am and the parents' session will begin at 10am in the hall of the Lower Site of OLSG School next door. Parents and children will then all gather for the 10am Mass on Sunday 6th November.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME: The Confirmation programme for next year will begin in January 2017, and planning is currently underway. Young people in school year 10 and above, wishing to be confirmed next June, should come personally to speak to Fr Maurice and collect a form to express interest, and return it by next **Sunday, October 23rd**. These forms will be available from this weekend. Fr Maurice will then contact you to arrange a meeting, provide more details and give you a full application form.

OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE ROSARY: Next **Sunday, October 23rd at 5pm**, in the Church meeting room, we will have a screening of 'A Dedicated Man', the story of Fr Patrick Peyton, known as the Rosary Priest. As a seminarian, Fr Peyton was cured of tuberculosis during a novena to Our Lady, and as priest he wanted to tell the families of the world what she would do for them if they would open their hearts and their homes to her by praying the rosary as a family every day. He travelled the world with this message and millions came to hear it (2 million in Sao Paulo, Brazil; 1.5 million in Rio de Janeiro; 500,000 in San Francisco and 2 million in Manila). Fr Peyton's motto was 'the family that prays together, stays together'. Come along and learn about his message of hope. The film is about 30 minutes in length.

SIGNING OF SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMS: Fr Maurice will be available for signing secondary school forms in the Church meeting room on the following evenings **only:** 17th October, 6-9pm, 24th October, 6-9pm. For secondary admissions, the closing date for the return of the forms to the school and the Waltham Forest application form to the Borough is 31st October 2016.

ADMISSIONS FOR RECEPTION, OLSG SCHOOL: If your child was born between 01.09.2012 and 31.08.2013 they are due to start school in September 2017. To apply for OLSG school, please see further information on the Church noticeboard for details of the forms to be completed. There will be **Admission Information Meetings** at which parents can look around the school on **Wednesday 2nd November at 10am or 2pm, Thursday 3rd November at 10am,**

2pm and 6.30pm. Parents wishing to attend one of these meetings should email office@olsgweb.org or phone 0208 520 5800 to book a place.

SIGNING OF PRIMARY SCHOOL (RECEPTION) FORMS: Fr Maurice will be available for signing primary school forms for Reception classes, in the Church meeting room at the following times **only**: Saturday 19th November 2-4pm; Sunday 20th November 5-7pm.

SOCIAL IN OUR NEW PARISH HALL ROOM: Sunday 30th October, 3-5pm. Come to the new social area of the parish hall (recently refurbished back room), for a karaoke sing-a-long to raise funds in support of the SVP Christmas dinner (11 Dec), and for the Holy Land. Tea and coffee will be available; bring your own drinks and snacks! Joe Elwood (MC Joe) will lead the afternoon's entertainment.

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 take place on **Thursday evenings at 8pm in the Church meeting room**. 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.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE DINNER: Thank you to all who travelled on the Knock pilgrimage 2016. We are grateful for all the blessings received. A reunion dinner has been arranged on Friday 16th December 2016 @ 7.30 pm ~ Adriatico Restaurant, 423 Woodford Green, IG8 OXG. Please ring 020 85273879 or email Stll240@aol.com Stella, to confirm your attendance.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: If you are preparing for marriage in the next year, we have two sessions on the Sacrament of Marriage, which will take place on the 10th and 17th November, 7.30-9.00pm in the Parish Hall. Any couples wishing to marry in the parish must attend these sessions. In addition, attendance at a 1-day marriage preparation workshop, organized by Marriage Care, is also required – details of these dates will be made available later. For more information about getting married in the parish, please speak to Fr Maurice.

RIP:

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of:

Anthenia Trim, whose Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 21st October at 10am here in the Church.

Angela Tardioli, whose Requiem Mass whose body will be received into the Church on Monday 24th October at 8pm, followed by a Mass (in Italian). Her Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 25th at 12 noon, followed by burial at St Patrick's cemetery.

Norva Dabreo who died recently and whose Requiem Mass will take place in St Vincent in the Caribbean.

May they rest in peace.

ROTAS – OCTOBER

Counting	2/10 D	9/10 C	16/10 B	23/10 E	30/10 D
Christian Kitchen	1/10 Nor	8/10 B	15/10 C	22/10 D	29/10 E
Hospital	2/10 A	9/10 B	16/10 D	23/10 A	30/10 B

The offertory collection last week was £1552.34. Thank you for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	Joe Murnane (RIP, Anniv)
Sun 16 Oct	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
8.30am	Special Ints
10.00am	Parish
12.00pm	Sylvia Yamson (Ints) & Maria Liassi (RIP)
Mon 17 Oct	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Geraldine Gallagher
Tue 18 Oct	St Luke, Evangelist
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Sr Sophie's brother (RIP)
Wed 19 Oct	Feria
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Sr Teresa Quinn (Thanksgiving)
Thu 20 Oct	Feria
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Susan Bell (Thanksgiving)
Fri 21 Oct	Feria
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Georgina Dillon (RIP)
Sat 22 Oct	St John Paul II, Pope
10.00am	Special Ints
6.00pm	Mario & Sue Zeppetelli (Thanksgiving)
Sun 23 Oct	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (World Mission Day)
8.30am	Mary Williams (Ints)
10.00am	Parish
12.00pm	Special 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, Pdraig Hester, Regina Jose, Margaret Hicks, Kojo Gyebi-Ababio

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.
