

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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**25 June 2017**

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

Dear Parishioners,

I wanted to write a letter to thank all of you for the wonderful celebration on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June for my Ordination Anniversary. I will always look back with deep gratitude on that evening. I recognise all the hard work that went into the preparation, and was moved by your generosity in giving time, food, drink, gifts and other resources to make the evening so memorable for me and the whole parish. Special thanks go to the organising committee, to those who decorated the hall and garden and planned and orchestrated the evening's events so carefully, to create a cordial and orderly atmosphere.

We also thank the Shernhall pre-school and the afterschool club for their kindness and cooperation in making the hall available for us, and thank OLSG primary school and Holy Family College for their participation in the Mass. I was delighted to see the parish uniting and working together, and everybody enjoying themselves. So many visitors commented on how much they enjoyed the evening. The liturgy was also excellent, and we thank the choir, readers and servers, those who cleaned and beautifully decorated the Church and prepared the flowers. The ushers were instrumental in keeping the large crowds flowing in the Church and in the hall.

My 40 years as a priest have been filled with blessings. I have been in Walthamstow for 18 years – almost half my time in service. I have received so much from all of you and am deeply grateful to God for placing me here.

When a diocesan priest is ordained, he makes a solemn promise of obedience to the bishop and his successors that he will serve in whichever parish he is asked to. I got a call to see the Bishop this past Tuesday, and he said that he would like to move me from Walthamstow to St Alban's Church, Elm Park, Hornchurch. This new appointment will take effect from 16<sup>th</sup> September. From that weekend, there will be a new Parish Priest in St George's: Fr Niall Harrington. Fr Niall will be moving from the parish of South Woodham Ferrers near Chelmsford. Some of the older parishioners might remember him; he was chaplain to Whipps Cross and an assistant priest here in the 1980s. I am sure you will give Fr Niall as warm a welcome as you gave to me.

There will be more details in coming weeks, but let us keep one another in prayer during the upcoming period of transition.

*Fr Maurice*

**BAPTISMS:** By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required.

**MARRIAGES:** By appointment. At least six months notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests for more information.

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**SS PETER AND PAUL:** This Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June is the Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul, a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be at 7am, 9.15am and 7.30pm.

**CLERGY APPOINTMENTS:** The following appointments will take effect from 16/17 September 2017: **Parish Priests:** **Fr Chris Brooks** from Chingford, Our Lady of Grace, to Colchester; **Fr Francis Coveney** from South Woodford to Chingford, Our Lady of Grace; **Fr Neil Brett** from Upton Park to South Woodford; **Fr Angelus Houle** returns from *Cor et Lumen Christi* Community in Chertsey to Upton Park; **Fr Maurice Gordon** from Walthamstow, St George, to Elm Park; **Fr James McShane** from Elm Park to Danbury/South Woodham Ferrers; **Fr Niall Harrington** from Danbury/South Woodham Ferrers to Walthamstow; **Fr Dominic Howarth** will move into Abbotswick; **Canon Tony McKentey** from Colchester to Halstead; **Fr Brian McGilloway** will be retiring. **Priests-in-Charge:** **Fr Daniel Kelly** is appointed Priest-in-Charge at Holy Trinity, Basildon and St Therese of Lisieux at Laindon; **Fr Paul Kerner** (new to the diocese) is appointed Priest-in-Charge at St Basil's, Basildon; **+Alan Williams sm**, will live in the Presbytery at Laindon; **Fr Sabu Pariyadin (RCJ)** remains at Springfield; **Fr Thomas Madukkamoottil (Syro Malankara)** who has been based at Hainault, to St John the Baptist, Ilford; **Fr Joseph Soosai Marian (SCA)**, Assistant Priest from Barking STM to Becontree.

**Pallottine Fathers:** **Fr John O'Brien** to remain at Barking STM, assisted by **Fr Paul Gabriel Makita** (new to the diocese).

**Claretian Missionaries (Leyton):** **Fr Gerry Ezekwere cmf** is newly appointed as Parish Priest, assisted by **Fr James Boothman cmf** who moves from St John the Baptist, Ilford, **Fr Philip Blandford cmf** who remains, and **Fr Bijoy Chandra Nayak cmf** (new to the diocese).

**HMP Chelmsford:** **Fr Paul Cracknell (Ord)** is appointed Chaplain to HMP Chelmsford.

The diocese also welcomes two experienced priests from Trivandrum Diocese, Kerala, India, in September: **Fr John Victor** who will assist Fr Angelus Houle at Upton Park, and **Fr Jijo George** will also work in the diocese.

**FR KEVIN DEPARTS:** This Wednesday Fr Kevin will return to his home diocese in Australia to resume his pastoral and teaching duties there. We thank him for his support and assistance in the parish over the past three weeks.

**CONFIRMATION MASS OF THANKSGIVING:** On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 12pm there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for all the recently-Confirmed young people. After the Mass the Confirmandi will be presented with their certificates.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE – SUMMER 2017:** Thanks to all who attended the recent meeting in preparation for the Summer 2017 parish pilgrimage to Lourdes. As discussed, outstanding payments should have been settled by **17<sup>th</sup> June**. If you have not yet paid **we now require them urgently**. We will hold a final meeting on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm in the parish hall to finalize the programme.

**STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL:** On display in the Church meeting room is our response to part B (Reflective Questions) and Part C (Our Community's Initial Thoughts and Ideas about the Future) of the Parish Questionnaire that was submitted to the Diocese at Easter. Part B is a summary of your responses to the survey that was carried out last October. The Diocese has sent us their preliminary observations to our Parish Questionnaire, which is on the SOTG notice board. Please take time to read these.

**MEETING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS ATTENDING WHIPPS CROSS ON SUNDAYS:** There will be a meeting for all Extraordinary Ministers who take Holy Communion to patients at Whipps Cross Hospital on Sundays, as well as newly-

commissioned Extraordinary Ministers who have applied to do so. The meeting will be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 12 noon in the Church meeting room. Please attend.

**HOLY FAMILY SUMMER FAIR:** Saturday 1st July 2017, 12:00-4:00pm: 1 Shernhall Street, Walthamstow, London E17 3EA. The Friends of Holy Family Catholic School and Sixth Form are holding an afternoon of family fun. Come and join us for games, food stalls, bouncy activities, home made cakes & refreshments, football shootouts, DJ, Irish dancing and Holy Family's Got Talent! A limited amount of outdoor selling tables will be available at £10.00 (available in advance only), to book a table please email [t.friends@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:t.friends@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk) for a booking form or phone the school on 0208 520 0482. Entrance fee: 50p Adults, 20p children/concessions.

**CATECHIST DAY:** There will be a mini-retreat day for all First Communion and Confirmation Catechists on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July, beginning with 10am Mass at St George's, and followed by a directed programme of talks from 11am-4pm at the Oblates of the Assumption, 20 Higham Station Avenue, Chingford. Sr Josephine Canny will lead the day. A letter was sent to all Catechists; please return the reply slip to let us know whether you can come.

**DAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** This being the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our diocese, there will be a Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Our parish will be organising a coach, and a sign-up sheet is now on the noticeboard. **If you signed up but are no longer able to go, please cross off your name as there are many others looking for a space.** The coach will depart the parish at about 8am, and there will be a Mass at 3pm in Walsingham on that day, which will fulfil the Sunday obligation. A cost of £15 per seat for transport expenses will be collected on the day. **Please note that there will be no 6pm Saturday evening Mass on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at St George's.**

**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. 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.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** The new offertory envelopes are now available in the porch – **if you haven't already taken yours, please do so.** If you cannot find your box, or you wish to join the Gift Aid Scheme, please email [finance@olsg.co.uk](mailto:finance@olsg.co.uk) or call Armie on 07962 501 555. The scheme allows the parish to reclaim 25p for every £1 given by UK taxpayers 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 are part of the scheme and your tax situation changes in the future, please let us know.

**RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Christopher Lym, who died last week. His Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am. We

May he rest in peace.

**ROTAS – JUNE**

Counting	4/6 B	11/6 E	18/6 F	26/6 E
Christian Kitchen	3/6 Nor	10/6 B	17/6 C	24/6 D
Hospital	4/6 D	11/6 A	18/6 B	25/6 D

The collection last week was £1789.65. Thank you for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	Deceased members of the Rodrigues family (RIP)
Sun 25 June	<b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Day for Life</b>
8.30am	Parish
10.00am	Kitty Mackey (Ints)
12.00pm	Padraig Hester (Ints)
Mon 26 June	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Doris Jarvis (RIP)
9.15am	Holy Souls
Tue 27 June	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Ram Ramsey (RIP)
9.15am	John & Josephine Hayden (RIP)
Wed 28 June	<b>St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr</b>
7.00am	Peace in the world
9.15am	Palmer family (Ints)
Thu 29 June	<b>Ss Peter and Paul (Solemnity) – Holyday of Obligation</b>
7.00am	Marie Theresa Kelly (Ints)
9.15am	Pascal Hayden (Ints)
7.30pm	Thanksgiving
Fri 30 June	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Adeline Rosario (RIP)
9.15am	Patrick Ramsey (Ints)
Sat 1 July	<b>Feria</b>
10.00am	Private Intention
6.00pm	Krishna Kalpee (Ints)
Sun 2 July	<b>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</b>
8.30am	Fr Maurice Gordon (Ints)
10.00am	Parish
12.00pm	Bridie Mulvey (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, Esperanza Buenaventura, Joyce Ross, Christine Raymond, Jacky Boyrow, Thelma Lewis, Tasmin Sparks, Eileen Karim, Sandra Gibson, 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, Kojo Gyebi-Ababio, Thampirajah Baskaran, Linda Campbell, Brid O'Halloran, Betty Ramsey.

### **Morning Prayer:**

**Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.40am**

### **Rosary:**

**Weekdays after morning Mass**

### **Reconciliation (Confessions):**

**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.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Monday-Friday 7.30-8.30am; Mondays: 10am-7pm; Wednesdays 10am-4pm; Fridays 9.45-10.45am; Saturdays 10.30-11.30am.

### **Bible Study:**

Mondays at 8pm, Church Meeting Room

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