

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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**2 July 2017**

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, 'anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.' The prevailing worldview is that we will 'find ourselves' by chasing after success, longing for prestige, grasping for possessions. But a life lived in pursuit of these, to the exclusion of God, can never bring us lasting happiness. We are created for more; we are created for authenticity and truth, and the truth about ourselves is that we are created for God. Before his conversion, St Augustine pursued material things, and his heart became only more restless, but later, in renouncing himself he found deep serenity.

The Lord then says, 'anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.' The parents who forget themselves in concern for their children truly find themselves; single people who give generously of their time and talents for the sake of others truly find themselves; consecrated people who dedicate their lives to God and neighbour truly find themselves.

If you want to find yourself, you must give yourself away in love for others. That is the challenge: to resist the desire for personal fulfilment and seeking our own advantage.

*Lord, make me mindful of the things that really matter, and give me a disciple's heart.*

Fr Maurice

**BAPTISMS:** By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in the Church. Prospective godparents are also very much encouraged to attend.

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

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**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK:** This week there will be an appeal and second collection for the Holy Family Sisters of the Needy, who are based in Beckton and bring hope to vulnerable women and children in the East end of London.

**OUR LADY & ST GEORGE SCHOOL SUMMER FETE: Saturday 8th July:** On Saturday 8th July between 12-3pm, Our Lady and Saint George's School (Lower Site) at 140 Shernhall Street, will be holding their School Summer Fete. Everyone is welcome. There will be world food stalls, BBQ, bouncy castle, face painting, nail art, tattoos, fun games and a live performance from The Vestry School of Dance. It would not be a fete without amazing raffle prizes - come and try your luck. Music provided by a live DJ. Come along and have an afternoon of fun! Entry for Adults £1.00 and children are free.

**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 next 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.

**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.**

**DIGNITY BAGS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS - APPEAL:** At the Easter Vigil we welcomed several new members to our parish family. These new members now wish to take up a project in thanksgiving to God for their journey of faith and the prayers and support they received. They have chosen as their project one of the appeals launched by the charity "Samara's Aid" which supports refugees in the camps in Syria and Iraq. After each of the Sunday Masses from next weekend until October members of the team will be available to give you information, handouts, shopping list and answer any questions about the appeal, and how you can help.

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** We congratulate Lucinda El-Bazar and Nikolai Koranteng-Agyare who were married at St George's on 10<sup>th</sup> June. We wish them all of God's blessings for their future happiness and wellbeing.

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

May he rest in peace.

**ROTAS – JULY**

Counting	2/7 B	9/7 E	16/7 F	23/7 B	30/7 E
Christian Kitchen	1/7 Nor	8/7 E	15/7 F	22/7 G	29/7 A
Hospital	2/7 A	9/7 B	16/7 D	23/7 A	30/7 B

The collection last week was £1293.37. Thank you for your generosity.

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

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)
Mon 3 July	<b>St Thomas, Apostle (Feast)</b>
7.00am	Jane Frances (Thanksgiving)
9.15am	Christopher Ramsey (Ints)
Tue 4 July	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Martin Flynn (RIP)
9.15am	Lazaro & Carmen D'Souza (RIP)
Wed 5 July	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Martin Flynn (RIP)
9.15am	Affi Colette (RIP)
Thu 6 July	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Susan Brady (Ints)
9.15am	Martin Flynn (RIP)
Fri 7 July	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Jane (Ints)
9.15am	Padraig Hester (Ints)
Sat 8 July	<b>Feria</b>
10.00am	Canon Anthony McKentey (Ints)
6.00pm	Joe & Maria McGee (Ints)
Sun 9 July	<b>Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)</b>
8.30am	Bruno D'Souza (RIP)
10.00am	Dejanire Talma (RIP)
12.00pm	Parish

### **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:**

### **Rosary:**

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

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

**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.

**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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