

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

Holy Family Catholic College: 8520 0482/8520 3587

Sunday 3 September 2017

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

The idea that suffering could have value is anathema to the world, which will not tolerate even minor discomfort or inconvenience. But Jesus himself who suffered for us gave it a whole different meaning. He faced his own suffering with complete confidence in God. While praying for deliverance from such a dreadful suffering, he never once put his own will before the will of the Father and in his total obedience to the Father's will, we see Jesus receiving from the Father, the strength and the power to face death.

Jesus teaches us how to face our own sufferings. Christians have been taught by the Spirit to unite themselves with the suffering of Jesus in all trials and, just as Jesus received strength from his Father to face his agony, so Christians receive strength through their union with Christ to face their suffering. When we suffer due to sickness, failure, disappointment or bereavement – we are not in control of events – and this is uncomfortable. But all these things are the cross which Our Lord invites us to carry. The cross is not an end in itself but there can be no glory without it. If we want to progress spiritually, we must take up our cross, whatever it is. Then we will truly be His disciples.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 24th 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.

Weekday Masses

From this Monday onwards, Masses will resume at 7am and continue at 9:15am as usual.

Eucharistic adoration

Eucharistic adoration will start again this Monday 4 September.

Comings and Goings

As part of the Diocesan century celebrations, this week Fr Maurice and Fr Nixon will be away at the Brentwood Diocesan retreat from Monday 4 September to Friday 8 September.

We are very blessed to have Father Henry Mobela, Chaplain to the Zambian community who has been staying with us throughout the month of August and has been helping out. This week Fr Henry will also cover all the Masses and we thank him for his generous support.

Schools

Our schools open this week, we welcome back all our students for another academic year. Our Lady and St George's primary school open for staff on Monday 4 September and for pupils, Wednesday 6 September.

Holy Family Catholic School open for year 7, on Wednesday 6 September.

Year 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 will start on Thursday 7 September.

Year 13 will start on Friday 8 September.

First Holy Communion Programme

The First Holy Communion Programme in our parish is open to children who are in school year 4 or older and who live in Our Lady and St George parish or whose families regularly attend Mass here.

There will be a meeting for parents who would like their children to make their First Communion next summer (2018). This will take place in the parish hall on Monday 11 September, 730pm. Application forms and further information will be available at the meeting.

Little Way Association magazines

The Little Way Association magazines is available at the back of the Church. The aim of the magazine is to promote the life of St Therese and to support the missionary life of the Church throughout the world.

If you would like to take a copy, please do so.

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.

We meet on Thursday evenings from 730pm till 9pm in the Church meeting room – first meeting for this year will take place on Thursday 14th September, at 730pm. 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 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

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of **Gladys Eberwein** who died recently. Her funeral will take place at Manor Park Crematorium on 11 September at 1030am.

We also pray for **Bridget Lawrence** who died on the 13th of August. Her funeral took place last Wednesday at the Enfield crematorium.

It is with great sadness we announce the death of **Valerie Peralta**, a year 12 student at Holy Family Catholic School who died suddenly. We extend our sympathy to her parents and family at this sad time.

Her funeral will take place next Thursday, 7 September at 10am, St Patrick's, Blackhorse road. Please keep her family in your prayers.

The collection last week was £1296.07. **Thank you for your generosity.**

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

Sat 2 September 6pm	Tony Keane (RIP)
Sun 3 September	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
830	Bernadette Aboui (RIP)
10am	Mercy Osunwoke & family intentions
12noon	Parish Community
Mon 4 September	Feria
7am	Fr Patrick Sammon intentions
915am	Ronald Charles (RIP)
Tues 5 September	Feria
7am	Filomena Coletta
915am	Tony Keane (RIP)
Wed 6 September	Feria
7am	Peggy Gibbons intentions
915am	Padraig Hester (RIP)
Thurs 7 September	Feria
7am	Kathy Ogles intentions
915am	Tony Keane (RIP)
Fri 8 September	The NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Feast
7am	Mass in Thanksgiving
915am	Nancy Jackson (RIP)
Sat 9 September	Feria
10am	Margaret Moore intentions
6pm	John and Josie Keenan (RIP)
Sun 10 September	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
830am	Parish Community
10am	Philip Swyny (RIP)
12noon	Deceased members of the Clarkes, Hughes and Hogermeers families (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, 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