

## **CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE**

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**Rev. Joseph Baffour-Awuah (Permanent Deacon)**

Our Lady & St George's Primary School:

Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

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**Sunday 10 September 2017**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**(Education Day)**

One of the spiritual works of mercy is to 'admonish the sinner'. When we draw somebody's attention to something in their lives that is objectively sinful or problematic, we always do so conscious that we too are sinners – we could just as easily have the same fault and we certainly have other imperfections. Nevertheless, God wants us to help one another. We should pray to the Holy Spirit for light and guidance in confronting difficult situations in the way He want us to, and ask for the grace to be considerate – in other words, to say what needs to be said in the least hurtful way possible but without beating about the bush or avoiding the issue.

Correction should be given out of love and concern; the motive is the good of others and not our own benefit.

On the other side of the coin, when we are corrected by someone, we may not like it. Perhaps they corrected us in a way that made us feel humiliated or hurt. Nevertheless, perhaps there was some truth in the correction, even if it was poorly made. As the response admonishes us, we should not harden our hearts but listen to the voice of the Lord. Sometimes we are called to be that voice for others and at other times, other people are that voice for us.

Fr Maurice

**BAPTISMS:** By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on **Monday 18 September 2017** at 730pm (we apologise for the wrong date last week). 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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### **Weekday Masses**

Morning Masses continue at 7am and 9:15am as usual.

### **Comings and Goings :**

Thanks to Father Henry Mobela for his continued support. He will continue to help us over the next few weeks.

Today, Fr Nixon leaves for a few weeks to go home to his family in India.

Next Sunday, we celebrate the **20<sup>th</sup> Pan African Annual Mass and Bishop Alan will be the main concelebrant**. This takes place at 3pm, at Our Lady & St George's Church followed by a reception – food and drinks will be served.

The following Sunday 24 September, Fr Maurice will be saying his last Mass with us as our Parish Priest.

The weekend of 30 September/1 October, Fr Niall Harrington will arrive as our new Parish Priest.

**Hour of Adoration ~ invitation to all** - In response to Mother Mary's invitation to the children of Fatima, we will have an hour of Adoration from 12:00 to 13:00 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on 13 September. We will recite the Rosary and prayers given to the children of Fatima during this time.

### **Stewards of the Gospel working group meeting**

There will be a meeting for members of the SOTG working group on Wednesday 13 September at 730pm in the Church hall to discuss the 'Working together to Evangelise our Diocese' booklet that the diocese has issued. Details are on the SOTG notice board. As always, anyone who would like to be involved in Bishop Alan's initiative is welcome to attend.

**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 takes place in the parish hall this Monday 11 September, 730pm. Application forms and further information will be available at the meeting.

## **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 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.

Next Sunday 17 September, **The Knight of St Columbus, will have a cake sale** at the end of all Masses, the money which will go towards the training of priests for the Brentwood Diocese. Thanks for your support.

### **HCPT Group 161 Bingo night! Cash prizes, raffles, tuck shop & hot dogs!!!**

Date - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September! Doors open 7pm and eyes down for 730pm, Our Lady & St George's parish hall, Shernhall street E17 9HU. Admission: Adults £3, Children £1 – tickets at the door. 3 books for £6, 6 books for £10. Bring your own drinks and nibbles; Tuck and hot dogs available.

Contact Peter on 07976419680 with any queries.

**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. First meeting for this year will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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:** If 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 +** 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.

**Don't forget our Church REPOSITORY – for all your Christmas cards, calendars, diaries and a selection of new rosaries.**

The collection last week was £1688.38. **Thank you for your generosity.**

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

<b>Sat 9 September 6pm</b>	John and Josie Keenan (RIP)
<b>Sun 10 September</b>	<b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b>
<b>830</b>	Parish Community
<b>10am</b>	Philip Swyny (RIP)
<b>12noon</b>	Deceased members of the Clarkes, Hughes and Hogermeers families (RIP)
<b>Mon 11 September</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>7am</b>	Kitty & Martin Sweeney (RIP)
<b>915am</b>	Phoebe Roach (RIP)
<b>Tues 12 September</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>7am</b>	Sean Lyons intentions
<b>915am</b>	Lena White (RIP)
<b>Wed 13 September</b>	<b>St John Chrysostom, Bp, D</b>
<b>7am</b>	Krishna & Tessie Kalpee intentions
<b>915am</b>	Milly Nicholls (RIP)
<b>Thurs 14 September</b>	<b>EXALTATION (TRIUMPH) OF THE HOLY CROSS</b>
<b>7am</b>	Jason & Kristina Coeur-de-Lion intentions
<b>915am</b>	Gilu D'Souza (RIP)
<b>Fri 15 September</b>	<b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b>
<b>7am</b>	Gilu D'Souza (RIP)
<b>915am</b>	Maureen Obiora Sam intentions
<b>Sat 16 September</b>	<b>Saints Cornelius &amp; Cyprian, Bp, Mm</b>
<b>10am</b>	Ann Bracken (RIP)
<b>6pm</b>	Hugh Higgins (RIP)
<b>Sun 17 September</b>	<b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b> <b>(Home Mission Day)</b>
<b>830am</b>	Martha D'Souza (RIP)
<b>10am</b>	Hilda Evans (Thanksgiving)
<b>12noon</b>	Parish community

### 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