

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Holy Family Catholic College: 8520 0482/8520 3587

Sunday 17 September 2017

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

(Home Mission Day)

Today's readings remind us that God is a loving and forgiving God. We, in turn, recognise that Jesus taught us that we must be loving and forgiving of our brothers and sisters.

How can we forgive when it seems impossible? How do we cope with our bitterness and resentment? How can we be sincere, when we want to forgive but also want to hold a grudge? We have to see forgiveness as it really is. It is firstly an act of justice. We have been forgiven by God, our response to that great gift is to forgive others in return, not because of fear of punishment but out of a grateful heart. Secondly, forgiveness is not something we can do, but rather something we can begin and nurture. It is a process and not a one-off act. Thirdly, forgiveness is not something we can do alone. We have the Holy Spirit in our heart, constantly calling us to be reconciled with each other and with God. It is at the Spirit's prompting and with the Spirit's help that we can begin to forgive. Fourthly, being from God, forgiveness works miracles of healing. Where once was darkness and despair, forgiveness brings light and peace.

Finally, we cannot forgive and forget. We can bring to forgive and as we grow in forgiveness our memory of hurt will be redeemed by God. We will understand more about ourselves, about our neighbour and about the infinite, tender mercy of God.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place tomorrow evening, **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.

Weekday Masses

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

Comings and Goings :

This afternoon, we celebrate the **20th Pan African Annual Mass. Bishop Alan will be the main concelebrant.** This takes place at 3pm, here at Our Lady & St George's followed by a reception – food and drinks will be served. All invited.

Next Sunday 24 September, Fr Maurice will be saying his last Masses with us, as our Parish Priest.

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

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

Welcomers required:- We are looking for welcomers at all Masses. This is something you can do at the Mass you attend. Welcomers play an important role in the life of the parish and are integral to the smooth running of the Mass. You can be an individual, family of all generations or group of friends. Please contact Jenny Richmond at the repository or via the presbytery to register your interest.

Cake sale - This 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.

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. Meetings take place on Thursday evenings. 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.

Holy Family Catholic School update: A senior member of staff from the Holy Family Catholic School will speak at all Masses next weekend 23/24 September to update parishioners about the school and distribute free magazines.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: If 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.

DIGNITY BAGS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS - APPEAL:

At the Easter Vigil this year, we welcomed several new members to our parish family. 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 Masses until October, members of the team will continue to be available to give you information, handouts, shopping list and answer any questions about the appeal, and how you can help.

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

Date - Friday 26th 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.

The Royal School of Church Music Choral Festival will take place this year at the Brentwood Cathedral on 21 October and will celebrate the Centenary of Brentwood Diocese. All singers are invited to take part. The Festival will take the form of a workshop starting at 10am to prepare the music which will be used in the Centenary celebration service at 4pm. The specially chosen music for the occasion is all contained in a book at a cost of £5. For further details please contact shirleytimmins@btinternet.com or ring 01277233302 (answerphone).

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

The collection last week was £1428.60. **Thank you for your generosity.**

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

6pm	Hugh Higgins (RIP)
Sun 17 September	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Home Mission Day)
830am	Martha D'Souza (RIP)
10am	Hilda Evans (Thanksgiving)
12noon	Parish community
Mon 18 September	Feria
7am	Gordon Evans (RIP); Anna Creighton (RIP)
915am	Rego D'Souza (RIP)
Tues 19 September	Feria
7am	Kathleen Hunte
915am	Teresa Coker intentions
Wed 20 September	St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Pr, and Paul Chong Ha-sang
7am	Russell Rodrigues intentions
915am	Ellen Mary Frances Caplehorn (RIP)
Thurs 21 September	ST MATTHEW, Apostle and Evangelist - Feast
7am	Julian Rodrigues intentions
915am	James O'Reilly
Fri 22 September	Feria
7am	Romeo Rodrigues (RIP)
915am	Sean Lyons intentions
Sat 23 September	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
10am	Mary Kevelatis deceased and relatives (RIP)
6pm	Ron Hacker (RIP)
Sun 24 September	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
830am	Parish Community
10am	Fr Maurice Gordon intentions
12noon	John Young (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