

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Sunday 9 September TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Education Sunday)

Dear Parishioners,

There's a striking little phrase in the gospel for this Sunday that we'd do well to reflect on for a moment. It's the words. 'Their admiration was unbounded'. People had heard what Jesus had said, and witnessed what he had done, and they felt deep admiration for him. They were drawn by his goodness, which wasn't just a matter of words, or fine talk, but a goodness that expressed itself in action.

This might invite us to ask ourselves: 'what kind of qualities do I admire in people? What thing do I find attractive, genuine, appealing?' Jesus, the Son of God, and the perfect man, had the best and finest of human qualities-qualities that people couldn't but admire.

'Their admiration was unbounded.' Yes, then and now, people recognise the genuine article, the 'real McCoy.' I like a phrase I once came across: 'People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care.' That was the case with Jesus-it wasn't just his wisdom and his teaching that drew people-it was the fact that he lived the vision he shared, and lived the principles he taught. And so, 'their admiration was unbounded.'

There's another telling comment in today's gospel, where we hear that Jesus didn't want people going and publishing the news of the good he was doing. The main reason for that was that the Lord didn't want people to follow him only because they were looking for a miracle. He wanted followers who were

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willing not just to admire him , but to share –and live by-his vision, and the Lord’s vision always- but always-includes the Cross. Ironic, isn’t it, that Jesus was asking that news of his goodness not be published, while in our time, bad news is widely published.

Part of our job description as followers of Christ, is to be people whose ‘admiration is unbounded’. To be Christian is to be an admirer of Christ, his vision and his values. And not just an admirer, of course, but also a doer, a person who seeks to live the gift, even when it’s costly.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Niall (Fr.Niall)

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

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 joining the Church. It is also for adults who may have been baptised but never received sacrament of Holy Communion or Confirmation. Meetings will now take place on Tuesday evenings 7.30-9.30pm in the church meeting room. 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. email: bernadette.wilson1@ntlworld.com

Autumn Spirituality Talk: Conference Centre. Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT

Saturday 15th September 2018 - 10.30am-12.00noon. Topic: One Bread One Body. Speaker: Thomas McMahon, Bishop Emeritus of Brentwood.

For further details: tel. 01277265285 email: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org

A Day of Reflection and Enrichment for READERS – Saturday, 20th October in Woodford Green.

A day of reflection and enrichment has been arranged to take place at The Becket Centre, Woodford Green on Saturday 20th October led by Dr Marian Tolley from Shrewsbury Diocese. Marian has travelled throughout Britain running courses for Readers for many years; has a highly respected reputation for running workshops in liturgical music; the training of deacons and for speaking on various topics relating to the liturgy. The day will start at 10 am with registration and refreshments and will end at 4 pm. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be available during the day.

Book your place by the Doodle link <https://doodle.com/poll/h49mzkv7hxxqu8tw> or email adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org or Bernadette at richard.ebling@btinternet.com or phone 01206 385 881.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE EUROPEAN PROJECT

A study day on this theme will be held at the Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH on Saturday 6th October. The speaker will be Fr Ashley Beck, priest of the archdiocese of Southwark, and Senior Lecturer in Pastoral Ministry at St Mary's University, Twickenham. The day begins at 11 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. Please make your booking by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com

Are you aged 18-35? Do you have an enquiring mind? Do you want to think more deeply about who God is and what the death and resurrection of Christ means? If so then An Intelligent Person's Guide to Catholicism at Brentwood Cathedral is for you. Beginning on 19th September. More information at www.cathedral-brentwood.org

This Sunday is Education Sunday There is a second collection for the Catholic Education Service at all Masses

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL The Diocese is holding a Formation and Training course to be held over six days beginning on Saturday 15 September. The course is specifically designed to equip Stewards, their team and anyone in the parish for evangelisation and renewal. Further details are on the SOTG notice board. Parishioners are reminded that Bishop Alan will publish the Final Document on the First Sunday in Advent. The next SOTG Working Group meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Thursday 27 September. Those interested are welcome to attend.

Tom James Rest in Peace We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Tom James, Rest in Peace. Tom was a parishioner at St Joseph's Parish Leyton and as a Knight of St Columba assisted in this parish's Christmas Bazaar down the years.

Mass Attendance last weekend 650. The collection last week was £1247.21p
Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity.

ROTAS

<u>Counting Rota</u>	9/9F	16/9E	23/9E	30/9B	7/10E	14/10B
<u>Hospital Rota</u>	9/9D	16/9 A	23/9 B	30/9 D	7/10 A	14/10 B



Joke of the Week: : So I went to the Chinese restaurant. I said, these noodles are a bit crunchy. He said, you're eating the chopsticks.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Tony Keane (Rest in Peace) (Mary Keane)
Sun 9 September	TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
08:30am	Romeo Rodrigues (Rest in Peace) Stella Rodrigues)
10:00am	Eleanor McCurley (Rest in Peace)
12:00noon	Mathew Gage (Rest in Peace)
Mon 10 September	FERIA
09:15am	Philip Mitchell (Rest in Peace) (Esther)
04:00pm	Whipps Cross Hospital-Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tue 11 September	FERIA
09:15 am	Paolo Fiordarancio (Rest in Peace) (E.Dellapina)
Wed 12 September	FERIA
09:15am	Gertrude Pereira (Rest in Peace) (Bruce) John Reilly (Rest in Peace) 2 nd Anniversary
Thu 13 September	SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP
09:15	Elvira Fiordarancio (Rest in Peace) (E.Dellapina)
Fri 14 September	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
09:15am	J and K Coeur-de-Lion (Thanksgiving) (Betty Ramsey)
Sat 15 September	OUR LADY OF SORROW
10:00am	Parishioners
06:00pm	John and Josie Keenan (Rest in Peace) (Mary Keane)
Sun 16 September	TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
08:30am	Louella Rodrigues (Thanksgiving)
10:00am	Ginny and Tim Hoban (Intentions)
12:00noon	Augustine B.O. Fadina Rest in Peace) (Agnes Fadina)

Prayer List

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 and 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, Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati, Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave,, 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 and Issac, Luis and 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, Hazel Belizaire, Tina Henriques, Christopher O'Neill, Alan and Ross Smith, Stefan, Monica Baugh, Eileen O Kane, Louis Marie

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. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Monday-Friday 7.30-8.30am; Mondays: 10am-7pm; Wednesdays 10am-4pm; Fridays 9.45-10.45am; 10.30-11.30am. Bible Study Mondays at 8pm-Church Meeting Room.