

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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Charity Number: 234092

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) (29/08/2021)

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrated the feast of a mother and son, Saints Monica and Augustine this weekend. Augustine's Confessions*give us an insight into the real person of faith. The Confessions are not about our search for God but about Gods' search for us. Augustine had reason to despair and be discouraged by the pattern of his life. I often wonder what was the relationship with his 'partner', her name is unknown, who was the mother of his son Adeodatus-'*gift of God*' and yet he referred to him as 'the child of my sin.' But thanks Monica and her prayer-tears, Augustine realised that it was never too late to know God's love and to respond to it in one's own life'

Jesus alerts us to a lurking hypocrisy in religion-when we bypass God's love for 'worthless doctrines and human regulations.' Jesus invites us today in these words: 'Listen to me, all of you and understand.' He touches a raw nerve and gets to the heart of emotions, feeling, attitudes, desires, dilemmas and experiences- what T.S. Eliot in 'East Coker' called 'the intolerable/Wrestle with words and meanings.'

Jesus says in today' Gospel: 'You put aside the commandments of God to cling top human traditions.' We don't like to hear the word 'commandment' as they are couched in the negative! I remember as a small child learning the hymn, 'Jesus my Lord, my God, my all, how can I love thee as I ought?' The word 'ought' puzzled me, but then you dare not ask! It was a rhetorical questions.

Augustine reminds us that before we are in relationships with one another, we are in relationship with God. Our relationship with God defines our relationship with others when we 'put aside the commandments of God' we jeopardise the

gift of God's love that can sadly be replaced by an attitude of indifference that is shallow and superficial.

St James echoes these words today and reminds us that 'God, the Father of light' has called us to be his children.

Have a Blessed Week.

Canon Miall

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

Baptism Courses: The next Baptism preparation course will be on Monday 23rd of August at 6:30pm in the church.

Baptism Ceremonies: Second and Third Sunday of each month at 1.15pm.

This Sunday we welcome Okeoghene Natufe into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. Blessings to the family

Parish Holy Communion programme for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. As you recall no preparation was possible this year, consequently a lot of applications are expected for the coming year but priority will be given to families who attend Mass every Sunday, this also applies for candidates for Sacrament of Confirmation

Blessings and Congratulations to Camille, Tracey-Jane and Jose who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last weekend. A big thank you to Rakiya for preparing these candidates on-line.

Last weekend all the church guttering and down pipes were cleaned. Also damage was observed on the church roof. The necessary repairs were carried out. This will be an on-going problem.

This weekend we say farewell to Fr John. We pray for many blessings in his new parish of Manor Park.

Next Sunday we welcome Fr Michael Barwell who takes up his appointment as curate in place of Fr John Victor. Please give him a Walthamstow welcome.

Also we say farewell to Ladislav our parish organist. Ladislav goes to Hungary for a year long music course. He hopes to return for parish Christmas and Holy Week and Easter celebrations.

BRAND NEW BCYS YOUTH MASS – 2nd September, Brentwood Cathedral

Taking place on the first THURSDAY of the month at Brentwood Cathedral, the BCYS are delighted to welcome young people back to Youth Masses which will be bigger and better than ever! The evening will start with a celebration in the Parish Hall at 6pm, where we will provide food and drink as we know many will come straight from school or work, followed by Youth Mass in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. We always welcome new people, old friends, school and confirmation groups so please do come along! For more information please visit www.bcys.net/events/september-youth-mass/ or email info@bcys.net

BCYS AUTUMN YOUTH GATHER – Saturday 23rd October, Walsingham House at Abbotswick The BCYS invite all young people from school year 9 and above to join us at Walsingham House at Abbotswick for a one day event on Saturday 23rd October, with outdoor activities and inflatables and 2 fantastic speakers - John Pridmore will speak about his conversion from a life of organised crime in the East End of London, to teach us that we are all capable of changing our futures and Leila Bousbaa will inspire and educate us on the Catholic response to climate change. We are asking £20 for the day and you can book online NOW at <https://bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2021/>

CATECHIST TRAINING AND RESOURCES DAY – Saturday 6th November, Sacred Heart of Mary School, Upminster. This training and resources day is open to all First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists, as well as those who look after the children's liturgy in the Diocese of Brentwood. It will be an opportunity to hear about fresh resources, as well as receiving input to assist you in your First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes. There will be keynote speakers and updates from the BCYS in the morning, with a variety of inspiring and exciting workshops for you to choose from in the afternoon. We would particularly like to welcome any young catechists or young people in your parish (16+) who may be interested in working as or with catechists, and wish to develop their faith further post-confirmation.

Monday 30th of August is a bank holiday. Mass times 10:00am and 06:00pm.

Our parish safe guarding officials are Jenny Richmond and Marina Tudda. Samaritans 020 8520 9191.

Birthday wishes and Blessings to Fatimata and everybody who is celebrating a birthday this week.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Brian Kearney (Rest in Peace) (Harte)
Sun 29 Aug	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30am	George and Cynthia Davis (Rest in Peace) (Ghanaian Community)
10:00am	Patricia and Dennis (Patrick)
12:00noon	Joan Elizabeth Benoit (Suzette)
Mon 30 Aug	FERIA
10:00 am	Patrick and Sean Whelan (Rest in Peace) (Maura)
06:00 pm	Edna's Intentions
Tue 31 Aug	FERIA
09:15am	Vera Macken (Rest in Peace) (Quinn)
06:00pm	Parishioners
Wed 01 Sept	St. Sebba, King of the East Saxons (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation)
09:15am	Leonida Ebreo (Rest in Peace) (Rosie)
06:00 pm	Margaret Ward (Rest in Peace) (Margaret Newland)
Thu 02 Sept	Feria
09:15am	Curley Family Intentions (Christina)
06:00pm	Deceased of the Staunton Family (Sr. Anne Marie)
Fri 03 Sept	Saint Gregory The Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
09:15 am	Patrick and Bridget Kane (Rest in Peace) (Maura)
06:00pm	Thanksgiving (Johnson)
Sat 04 Sept	Feria
10:00am	Roy and Shynamma (Thanksgiving)
06:00pm	Tony Keane (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 05 Sept	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Agnes and Shania's Intentions
10:00 am	Paul Elwood (Rest in Peace) (Family)
12:00noon	Mr. Smith and Maria (Rest in Peace) (Suzette)

Prayer List

Jenny Richmond, Betty Ramsey, Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Lucia Zeppetelli (Mario) , Hilda Collett (Chris) Brid O Halloran, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Alma Willox, William Wyndham, Liberee, Maria Green, Anne (Christina), Agnes Fadina, Grace

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions: Every Saturday after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 11:15 am.

Repository Opening Times: Sundays: 9.15 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. to 12.15 a.m. Nelly and Rosie look after the Repository.