

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Sunday 24 September 2017

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

In today's Gospel, it seems unfair that the latecomers to the Vineyard were paid the same as those who had been working all day. We can picture the scene and imagine the workers grumbling and complaining. The men who came last had done only one hour's work, and they were paid the same as those who had been there since early morning. Of course, the parable was not intended as a model for employment contracts – it deals with something far more important. So what is the point Jesus is making?

God represents the landowner, who, throughout the day is calling people into his vineyard. In the same way, he comes into the marketplace of our lives, calling each one of us for a purpose. As Blessed John Henry Newman put it, 'God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another.' Christ is all-powerful, and doesn't need us. Yet, he has chosen to do his work through us. Perhaps we might think we are not worthy, or not up to it, but his call is continual.

The landowner in the parable understood human nature so well when he said 'why be envious because I am generous?' Let us give thanks for the call that we have received, and for all the blessings that we enjoy. In humility, let us also give thanks for the gifts that others have received, because as members of the Church, we are all part of the same body, and are invited to share all our gifts for the sake of the Kingdom.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on **Monday 23rd October 2017**, in the Church at 19:30. 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.

Newsletter – help required weekly

We are looking for someone who would help us with our weekly newsletter. It is essential that you are able to use Microsoft Word. If you feel you are able to do this work, contact Aurora 07500962678.

Comings and Goings :

Goodbye! This weekend we say goodbye to Fr Maurice and we thank him for the 18 years of his ministry amongst us. Fr Maurice touched all of our lives in some way and we are very grateful to him. We wish him all the best in his new parish of St Alban's, Elm Park.

Next weekend **we welcome** our new Parish Priest, Fr Niall Harrington who comes from the parish of Danbury in South Woodham, Ferrers. We pray that he will feel at home amongst us and his work will bear much fruit for the Kingdom.

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.

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL

A booklet, "Working Together To Evangelise Our Diocese" has been issued by the Diocese of Brentwood. It sets out a Draft Working Plan, Vision, Objectives and Strategy for the Diocese. A summary of this booklet is on the Steward of the Gospel notice board and in the Church meeting room. A PDF copy is on our Parish website. Steven Webb, the Diocese Director of Development will visit our parish to speak about this at all Masses on Sunday 8 October.

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 this weekend to update parishioners about the school and distribute free magazines.

The collection last week was £1315.59. Thank you for your generosity.

GIFT AID : To all Gift Aid Donors: as we have renumbered some of the envelopes, please do not use prior tax year Gift Aid envelopes for your donations. This will ensure that your donations are recorded correctly in the database.

If anyone wishes to join the Gift Aid Scheme, please email finance@olsg.co.uk or call Armie on 07962 501 555.

DIGNITY BAGS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS - APPEAL: There will be a retiring collection next Sunday 1st October for this appeal in order to cover shipment cost and the final shop before we deliver the bags to Samara's Aid on 6th/7th October.

The response has been amazing so thank you again. We will publish full details of the amount we have collected, bags and money, after the 7th October.

For more information please call Bernadette 07804 611 914.

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

***This Friday 29th September!** Doors open 7pm and first game at 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.

Walsingham House at Abbotswick: Funding Appeal this weekend. Target £430,000.

Each year, over 5000 young people from our schools and parishes enjoy a retreat with the Walsingham Houseteam. In January 2018 this work is moving to Abbotswick, a beautiful house near Brentwood, set in 14 acres of grounds. In school holidays, Abbotswick will also continue to be used by parish groups seeking a time of retreat, resting with the Lord. However, Abbotswick is in need of a significant refurbishment and we seek your help. An appeal will be made, you will receive an appeal leaflet with this newsletter. Please support the appeal as generously as you can. In the words of Bishop Alan '*This project builds a prayerful and inspiring future for the young people of the Diocese*'. Thank you.

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).

BRENTWOOD DIOCESE TOURING EXHIBITION - will take place here in our Church on 7 October after 10am Mass continuing on the Sunday 8 October. This will take place in the Church meeting room (Fr Stuart Foster)

Shernhall Pre-School – Stay and Play session, - Monday mornings in term time, 9:15am to 11am. Cost £1.50 for the first child, £1 for siblings. All welcome.

Brentwood News magazines at the back of the Church, do take a copy with you.

Request for parishioner S Titre – Could S Titre kindly contact Mrs Armie Jose at 07962501555 as she needs some information from you? Thank you.

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

6pm	Ron Hacker (RIP)
Sun 24 September	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – The Harvest
830am	Parish Community
10am	Fr Maurice Gordon intentions
12noon	John Young (RIP)
Mon 25 September	Feria
7am	David Banks (RIP)
915am	John O'Donell & Deceased relatives (RIP)
Tues 26 September	Feria
7am	Holy Souls
915am	Holy Souls
Wed 27 September	St Vincent de Paul, Priest
7am	Holy Souls
915am	Holy Souls
Thurs 28 September	Feria
7am	Shannon Ramsey intentions
915am	Santan D'Souza (RIP)
Fri 29 September	Saints MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL ARCHANGELS - Feast
7am	Ann Clarke (RIP)
915am	For the poor, homeless and Holy Souls
Sat 30 September	St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church
10am	Ann Clarke (RIP)
6pm	Ronald George Amedee & Violet Amedee (RIP); Joseph Amedee (RIP)
Sun 1 October	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
830am	John Mills intentions
10am	Parish
12noon	Agnes Fadina & family intentions

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