

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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Our Lady and St George's Primary School:

Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

Holy Family Catholic School: 8520 0482/8520 3587

Charity Number: 234092

Our Lord Jesus Christ The King (A) Solemnity (Youth Day)

Dear Parishioners,

Chapter 34 in the Book of Ezekiel is about the rulers of the Israel of his day, who do not serve their people. Today we celebrate Christ our shepherd-king. Today's first reading and psalm show us the qualities and characteristics of shepherd who searches, heals, carries, leads and guides.

The shameful treatment of what has become known as the Windrush generation is a modern-day reminder that people are not shepherded with humanity or justice. The Windrush people came from Caribbean countries, Jamaica Trinidad, and Tobago at the invitation of the British government to help to rebuild the country after World War II. The Windrush people were denied legal rights, detained unjustly and deported without due process.

Wrongs are now being righted, but it comes too late for someone who lost their jobs, had been denied health care and suffered emotional trauma. Their stories are heart breaking examples of exclusion by a nation that they helped to rebuild. It is in contrast to the welcome and shelter that a small country like Jordan has given to countless migrants. Jordan shows the world a lesson in inclusion, humanity and compassion.

So what has this to do with shepherding? How is this applicable to the many migrants across our world who are treated by hired hands who run away, rather than by shepherds of faithfulness and compassion? The shepherd calls each sheep by name. God calls us also by name as well as every displaced migrant. The Gospel line of Jesus, *'I was a stranger and you made me welcome'* is a search light into the darkness of abandonment, exclusion and denial of basic human rights that is experienced by countless people today.

In Jesus' day the widowed, the sick, the leper, women and Gentiles were not allowed access to the inner part of the temple as they

were judged unworthy and unclean. In our day, migrants, foreigners on welfare or social care, asylum seekers in Direct Provision Centres are too easily stigmatized as people who should be excluded. The prophet Ezekiel who teaches us about inclusion and acceptance – especially of the lost, the least, the last and the lowest.

Have a Blessed Week

Canon Niall

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

Live-Streaming Mass: Following government instructions and our Bishops' guidance, we have sadly and temporarily closed the Church from Thursday, 5th November 2020 and the Church will be open for private/individual prayers. It is our hope that we will be permitted to offer public mass in the near future. Hence we revive live-streaming mass every morning via the parish account on YouTube.

Thank you for your patience and God bless you all. Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTi5MWZzTWsJzZ-RLVbbdnQ>

Time Schedule

| Days | Live-stream Mass | Private Prayer |
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| Week days (Monday to Friday) | 9.15 am | 9.45 am - 10.30 am |
| Weekends (Sunday & Saturday) | 10.00 am | 10.45 am - 11.30 am |

Prayers and Blessings: On Tuesday 1st December Brendan (Aged 6 years) will have a bone marrow transplant. God bless the family, medical staff and bone marrow donor and of course Brendan.

Happy 60th wedding anniversary to Rhona and Joe Elwood.

Continued prayers and blessings to you both.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2021 is planned for Sunday 25 – Friday 30 July. However, because of Covid-19 it is not possible to know yet whether a pilgrimage will be practical or in what form.

Therefore, any decisions and announcements regarding the Diocesan Pilgrimage will be made in January.

OLSG School Admissions Open - Reception Intake 2021. Virtual Open Days on Wednesdays at 5.30pm and Fridays at 9.30am. Call 02085208500 or email office@olsgschool.org to book your place.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week: “Why do we spend our lives striving to be something that we would never want to be, if only we knew what we wanted? Why do we waste our time doing things which, if we only stopped to think about them, are just the opposite of what we

were made for?" This question, posed by the great Trappist mystic, Thomas Merton, set James Martin – editor of America magazine - on the path to priesthood. He talks about finding God in all things in a sparking interview with Krista Tippett of the award-winning Television programme, "On Being". Listen to it at www.newpilgrimagepath.ie.

St. John Henry Newman and the First Vatican Council: 2020 marks 150 years since the First Vatican Council and the solemn definition of papal primacy and infallibility. In this live streamed event Professor John Morrill, emeritus professor of history at the University of Cambridge, will explore the reaction to the Council in the writings of Newman and set it in today's context on Saturday 21st November from 11am. To access go to www.sppilford.org.uk and click on live stream remote services.

Sacrament of Confirmation - Two Masses have been arranged for the Sacrament of Confirmation for all the candidates on Friday 4th December 7 pm and Sunday 6th December at 2.30 pm. Please keep up to date on the parish website.

John Thomas, Rest in Peace: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of John Thomas. Rest in Peace. Our condolences to Ursula and family. Funeral details are as follows: Requiem Mass on Friday 4th December at 11.30am in Our Lady and St. George Church.

Red Wednesday: Wednesday 25th November will be Red Wednesday. This day is organized by Aid to the Church in Need. It provides us with the opportunity to pray for the persecuted Christians throughout the world. Parishioners are invited to wear red on that day. **Nigeria: Leah Sharibu** - 1,000 days into her captivity after she refused terrorists' demands to convert. **Eritrea:** Patriarch Antonios – seized and forced from office. Under house arrest but at 93 still defiant. **China:** Bishop James Su Zhimin. Arrested 25 years ago for rejecting regime control of Church. Whereabouts unknown. **Pakistan:** Maria Shahbaz. Aged 14, forcibly married and 'converted'. Now in hiding from her kidnapper. For your free Red Wednesday activity Pack visit

www.acnuk.org/redwednesday

Visiting the Priests: In this lockdown - 2, please come to visit the priests in the presbytery having made a prior appointment.

Those who hold the following envelope numbers **on gift-aid** please report to either one of the priests. **3015, 3030, 3118, 3221, & 3242.**

CAFOD World Gifts: World Gifts, CAFOD's range of virtual gifts, make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world. While we have the coronavirus pandemic and lockdown here, we can still be good neighbours to our sisters and brothers overseas by giving World Gifts as Christmas presents to family and friends. The Keep Clean Kit gift for £6 and the Vegetable Garden gift for £10 are just two gifts that will help vulnerable families affected by the pandemic to protect and feed themselves. Let's spread joy and hope around the world this Christmas. Visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts.

Celebrate Advent with CAFOD: After a year of uncertainty, we all need the hope, peace and true comfort and joy that the Advent season can offer. CAFOD has a range of resources and virtual events to help us come together online to pray, reflect and celebrate as we prepare for the coming of our Lord. Visit cafod.org.uk/parishes to learn more. [This Advent you can help share comfort and joy with families around the world, like Saba's. Saba and her three children fled their home in Myanmar to escape horrific violence and persecution. They were targeted because of their ethnicity. Thanks to your support last year, Saba was given essential materials to build a shelter – so finally her children have a safe place to call home.] We can stretch out our hands to people living in poverty and refugees by donating to CAFOD's Advent Appeal at cafod.org.uk/advent.

CAFOD Messages to the Brave: Every day, human rights defenders and environmental activists across the world are risking everything to defend our brothers and sisters and protect our common home. CAFOD are asking that as many of us as possible to show our solidarity with these brave people, by sending them a Christmas message, to show their efforts and struggles are not forgotten. It's easy to do - please follow the link below for instructions, or go to the CAFOD website and look for Messages to the Brave.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns/Messages-to-the-brave>

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

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| Sun 22 Nov | Our Lord Jesus Christ The King (A) Solemnity (Youth Day) |
| 10.00 am | Ted (Rest in Peace) (Chris & Jeanette) |
| | Pat & Josie Maloney (Rest in Peace) (Family) |
| Mon 23 Nov | FERIA |
| 9.15 am | Thanksgiving (Joe & Rhona) |
| | Shelia Canney (Rest in Peace) (Keane) |
| Tue 24 Nov | Ss. Andrew Dung-Lac, Pr & Companions, Mm - Memorial |
| 9.15 am | Joe Larkin (Rest in Peace) (Maloney) |
| | Holy Souls |
| Wed 25 Nov | FERIA |
| 9.15 am | Holy Souls |
| | Deceased Members of KSC |
| Thu 26 Nov | FERIA |
| 9.15 am | Deceased Members of KSC |
| | Holy Souls |
| Fri 27 Nov | FERIA |
| 9.15 am | Holy Souls |
| | Holy Souls |
| Sat 28 Nov | FERIA |
| 10.00 am | Deceased Members of KSC |
| | Mary Cunningham (Rest in Peace) (Bridget D'Souza) |
| Sun 29 Nov | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVANT (B) |
| 10.00 am | Deceased Family of R & S B Rodrigues (Family) |
| | Shun Choi & Choi Yee (Rest in Peace) (Ping) |

Our parish safe guarding officials are:

Jenny Richmond and Marina Tudda.

Samaritans 020 8520 9191.

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, 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, Comfort Kwawu, Judith Hilton, Gloria and Tracy Joseph, Regina Jose, Kojo Gyebi-Ababio, Thampirajah Baskaran, Linda Campbell, Brid O'Halloran, Hazel Belizaire, Tina Henriques, Neill, Alan and Ross Smith, Stefan, Monica Baugh, Eileen O Kane, Grace McCaley, Jadwiga, Matthias Fredberg, Michael White, Fr. Jean Laurent Marie, Roy and Margaret Bandhu, Alma Willox, John Walsh, Chantale Wildman, Christopher Almeida, Aileen Mensah, Sr. Helen, Sebastian, Pat Howland, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Jennie Richmond, Terry Coe, Stephen Donnelly, Daniel Donnelly. Brendan Mc Donagh (aged 6), Liberee Uwimana, Violet Alahendran, Bernedette Doherty.