

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

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**Charity Number: 234092**

### **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) (01/08/2021)**

Dear Parishioners,

Pier Paolo Pasolini (1922-1975) was an Italian writer, journalist, novelist, politician and film producer. In 1964, the film, 'The Gospel According to St Mathew' was written and produced by Pasolini. Yet, despite being called Peter Paul, he was an ardent Marxist! The focus of the film is on Jesus as a man of the people intent on delivering them from all that oppressed them. It is one of the best films about Jesus. But the final scenes of the film covering the tragic denouement in Jerusalem and the resurrection don't work because Pasolini cannot accept that this is the pivotal point of the life and ministry of Jesus.

Every generation seems to have a take at remaking Jesus in terms of its current occupations and interests. We can see this in the depiction of Jesus in 'Jesus Christ Superstar' and 'Godspell'. The making of idols to suit ourselves is a persistent temptation. The immediate followers of Jesus had the same problem. They loved him, followed him, attended closely to what he said and did, but struggled to understand him, because he did not fit in neatly to categories of what they expected in an inspiring religious leader.

Today's Gospel has the crowd searching for Jesus. He reminds them that they are looking for him for all the wrong reasons. Jesus takes them by surprise. He leads them into a situation where he makes God accessible to them through the everyday symbol of bread.

What would be abstract, hard to grasp, beyond human understanding is summed up in someone right in front of them, an approachable human being who wants to feed their famished hearts with the lasting food of God's

forgiveness and friendship. It is a reminder to us that we can never reduce the Gospel message or the person of Jesus to the narrow agenda of our own seductive culture and notions.

Later this week, we will celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration. Jesus opens a new inner dimension for his disciples to glimpse and understand. They will be dazzled by the experience of the future glory that is promised by Christ. This happens whenever we listen as God's Word is voiced (under a cloud!) to us in the whirlwind mayhem of our lives today.

Have a Blessed Week.

*Canon Mall*

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

**Baptism Courses:** First and last Monday of the month at 6.30 p.m. in our Church.

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

Today we welcome into the community of faith through the Sacrament of Baptism Ava Adwoa Wynter Servina . Every blessing to the family.

#### **Envelopes with No Donor Details**

The following are the envelopes that have no gift aid declaration forms. We cannot enter these donations as we need their details in order to create their account in the Giftwise database.

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

Attached to each newsletter this weekend is an envelope. The envelope is marked 'Thanksgiving to Fr. John Victor'. Parishioners are invited to place a gift of money inside and return in the coming Sundays to the collection basket. Canon Niall.

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.

### **Ladislav Ondercin**

I would love to share exciting news with you. I applied and was accepted for a one year program called \*The Diploma in Kodály Music Pedagogy \* at Liszt Music Academy at Kecskemet (Hungary). I begin start in September 2021 and finish in May 2022. As I am required to attend the classes in person in Hungary I will not be able to play at Our Lady and St Georges for the aforementioned time. However, I shall be able to play at Christmas and hopefully Easter celebrations in this parish. Ladislav Ondercin (Director of Music & Organist).

### **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)

If you wish to add name(s) to the Prayer List please put in writing to the priest.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions:** Every Saturday after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 11:30 am.

**Repository Opening Times:** Sundays: 9.15 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. to 12.15 a.m.

**Happy Birthday to Patrick, Christine Bernabe and to Devina**

### **Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George**

<b>06:00pm</b>	John D' Arcy (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Sun 1 Aug</b>	<b>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Con and Cepta (Rest in Peace)
<b>10:00am</b>	Jack Cullen (Rest in Peace) (Kay)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Tala-Rosa Thanksgiving (Reade)
<b>Mon 2 Aug</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>9:15am</b>	Elizabeth Bowman's Intentions (Ursula)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Thanksgiving (Geary)
<b>Tue 3 Aug</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Jose Japasin (Rest in Peace) (Kalpee Family)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Brian Eamonn McDonagh (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Wed 4 Aug</b>	<b>Saint John Vianney, Priest</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Arthur Fitzgerald (Rest in Peace) (Linda)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Very. Rev. Canon Peter Prendergast (Foundation)
<b>Thu 5 Aug</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Intentions (Geary)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Fri 6 Aug</b>	<b>The Transfiguration of the Lord</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Special Intention (Mary O'Connor)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Alfredo Bonifacio (Rest in Peace)(Clara)
<b>Sat 7 Aug</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	Andre Uzice (Rest in Peace) (Lucy)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Michael Charles' Intentions (Gertrude)
<b>Sun 8 Aug</b>	<b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Peter O'Rourke (Rest in Peace) (Margaret Smith)
<b>10:00 am</b>	Roque Urbina (Rest in Peace) (Shirley PanGillian)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Herve Regis Benoit and Ivey Benoit (Rest in Peace) (Suzette)

A safe and happy school holidays to all  
teachers and children and parents.