

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 College: 8520 0482/8520 3587

Charity Number: 234092

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) (08/08/2021)

Dear Parishioners,

The Gospel today opens with people complaining about Jesus-who had just fed them in body and nourished them in spirit. And they still moan and whinge Sounds familiar??!! Despite decades of economic growth and development the world is haunted by the spectre of mass starvation. Food insecurity and malnutrition remain a challenge. In conflict-torn regions, famine is the most severe form of insecurity.

134 million people in 51 countries require urgent humanitarian action. Hunger and starvation kill approximately nine million people every year, more than malaria, HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis combined. 5 to 6 million children die every year from malnutrition and related disease. 65 million people have been forced from their home including 22.5 million refugees.

Today's Gospel is about food. Jesus says that 'anyone who eats of his bread will live forever'. This Gospel is a challenge in the world that is experiencing famine, mass starvation, conflicts, displacements and 'a globally warming climate of devastating consequence'. Pope Francis reminded us about this in 2015. He asked us to see the earth as our shared common home for all in his Encyclical, *Laudato Si'*

Elijah in today's first reading is at a low point. His name literally means 'Yahweh is my God'. Elijah is in the wilderness. Elijah wants to give up. God attends to him and strengthens him physically and spiritually to journey for forty days and forty nights to reach God's mountain.

Encouragement, support, understanding, genuine concern, acceptance, readiness to listen are some of the ways we can put God's word into action for those in the wilderness of depression, loneliness, addiction, doubt, alienation and rejection. The physical hunger for food is a sad reality across our world. There is also the hunger for love, the hunger for truth, the hunger for understanding and the hunger for life. The Lord tells us in today's Gospel that he can satisfy the hungers of the human heart which is always restless until it rests in God's love.

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.

We welcome Pierre Raymondo Emmanuel Rose and Ava Thompson and Sophia Izabella Thompson into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.

On Saturday 21st August Sr. Milly celebrates her Silver Jubilee of her profession. Every Blessings.

Next Sunday is the Solemnity Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Fr. Michael Barwick will be visiting the parish on Friday 27th August to accompany Fr. John Victor to visit Whipps Cross Hospital. He will formally arrive in the parish in the first week of September.

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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If you have any of these numbers please speak to one of the priests after Mass. and complete a Gift Aid declaration with your telephone and e/mail address.

Parishioners are invited to place a gift of money inside an envelope in thanksgiving for Fr. John Victor's time in our parish. Please 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).

Birthday Blessings to Rakiya Charles.

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

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

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| 06:00pm | Michael Charles' Intentions (Gertrude) |
| Sun 8 Aug | Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 08:30am | Peter O'Rourke (Rest in Peace) (Margaret Smith) |
| 10:00am | Roque Urbina (Rest in Peace) (Shirley PanGillian) |
| 12:00noon | Herve Regis Benoit and Ivy Benoit (Rest in Peace) (Suzette) |
| Mon 9 Aug | St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr |
| 9:15am | Aurora's Intentions |
| 06:00 pm | Alfredo Bonifacio (Clara) |
| Tue 10 Aug | Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr |
| 09:15am | Thanksgiving -Caro Oduah (Rosebell) |
| 06:00pm | Thanksgiving (Keet Williams) (Clara) |
| Wed 11 Aug | Saint Clare, Virgin |
| 09:15am | Edna's Intention |
| 06:00 pm | Isabel Mendes (Clare) |
| Thu 12 Aug | Feria |
| 09:15am | Thanksgiving (Jane) |
| 06:00pm | Parishioners |
| Fri 13 Aug | FERIA |
| 09:15 am | Fr. John Victor's Intentions |
| 06:00pm | Terry Higgins (Rest in Peace) (Clara) |
| Sat 14 Aug | Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr |
| 10:00am | Evangeline (Rest in Peace) |
| 06:00pm | Brian Kearey (Rest in Peace) (Harte) |
| Sun 15 Aug | The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| 08:30 am | Housebound of the Parish |
| 10:00 am | NA Grace Kahkuntan -Ghanian Community (Grace Ouoloekwe) |
| 12:00noon | Cyril and Rose Ogidi's Intentions |

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)

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.