

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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Holy Family Catholic School: 8520 0482/8520 3587

Charity Number: 234092

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (12/02/2023)

Dear Parishioners,

Today Jesus instructs His disciples what not to do. He begins His instructions by saying: 'Do not think that I have to abolish the law and the prophets, I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfil them.' He continues on: 'Of this much I assure you: until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter of the law... shall be done away with until it all comes true. ' Anyone who fulfils the law is the least in the kingdom.' Then He adds: Whoever fulfils and teaches these commandments shall be great in the kingdom of God. And unless your holiness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of God.'

Jesus also speaks about judging others. If we judge a sister or brother, we are the ones who will be liable for judgement, not them. He then talks about anger. He tells his disciples that if they get angry or use abusive language they will be held in contempt and they also are risking 'the fires of Gehenna.' Jesus warns his disciples about the danger of thoughts of impurity, adultery, divorce or making false oaths or pledges. He ends with these words: Say "Yes" when you mean "yes" and "no" when you mean "no". Anything else is from the evil one.'

Take a moment and ask yourself: how often do I speak words that are neither just nor appropriate? If you are like me, it is far too often! Yet I

may continue to do it. Why do we do this? Most of us know what is appropriate and inappropriate yet we continue to berate, judge, or demean others. In today's Gospel, Jesus is very clear about what we are not to do! Today pause a moment and ask yourself: do I take Jesus' words seriously? Do I strive to live as He calls us to live? Or will I continue to act in a manner I know is not healthy for me or for the people in my life? Every day, every moment, we have a choice! What will we choose today?

Have a Blessed Week

Canon Miall

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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available after every parish Mass. Simply ask a priest.

A Day of Reflection for Proclaimers of the Word will be held in the parish hall on Saturday Morning 18th February 11am -1pm. All proclaimers of the Word are expected to attend.

The next Parish Baptism Preparation programme will be on Monday 27th of February in the church at 6:30p.m. for Session one and the following Monday 6th of March again at 6:30p.m. for Session 2.

Blessed Palms Thank you for returning the blessed palms for Ash Wednesday. Today is the final day for returning your palms.

My Day by Day Booklet for the Season of Lent is now available in the Repository. It is a most helpful companion for Lent. The cost is £2. If you buy the Lenten and the Easter My day by Day booklet the cost is £3.

Please remember that if you need a Mass booked for a particular day and time you need to give at least 12 weeks notice. In fact there are Masses already being booked for 2024

A spokesperson from Aid to the Church in Need will visit the parish on the weekend 25th and 26th of February and make an appeal to support this great charity in their work.

On this Sunday we welcome Samuel Isaac Foxton Todd and Jonathan Paul Michael Jude McDonagh and Zoe Michaela Collado into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. Blessings to all families.

Dates for your Diary: Ash Wednesday will be 22nd of February. Ash will be blessed and distributed at both the 9:15a.m. and 6p.m. Masses.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday of Lent immediately after the 6p.m. Mass.

We pray for the children who will make their first Reconciliation on Saturday 25th of February at 11.15a.m.

Petition to stop the introduction of abortion up to birth

In 2021, abortion campaigners brought forward an amendment to a Government Bill that would have introduced abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth (including sex-selective abortion). This amendment did not go to a vote and pass, but the abortion lobby is expected to make another attempt to introduce this extreme abortion law change shortly. This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would introduce one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. Right To Life UK is running a petition to ask the Prime Minister to do everything in his power to stop the introduction of abortion up to birth. Please add your name to the petition here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/signthepetitiontorishi>

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Maureen Hollebrand a former parishioner who died at Waltham Abbey. Maureen's Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 1st March 11:30am at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph Church, Waltham Cross.

We also pray for the happy repose of the soul of Stephen Lawrence Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for Stephen's soul will be on Friday 17th of February at our Lady and Saint George at 11:00am.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady and Saint George Church for Ezinne Geraldine on Saturday 4th of March at 12 noon.

This Sunday is the 10th anniversary of the death of Antonia Rossi, Rest in Peace.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Intentions (Betty)
Sun 12 February	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Parishioners
10:00am	Moyra Whelan (Rest in Peace) (Hodges)
12noon	Jacqueline Keavey (Rest in Peace) (Catherine)
Mon 13 February	FERIA
09:15am	P.J. Keenan's Intentions (Keane)
06:00pm	Special Intention (Maume)
Tue 14 February	Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop
09:15am	Intentions of Pauric and Liz Maloney (Keane)
6:00pm	Special Intentions (Maume)
Wed 15 February	FERIA
09:15am	Intentions (Gertrude)
06:00 pm	Ron Burton (Rest in Peace) (Kristina)
Thu 16 February	FERIA
09:15am	Canon Niall's Intentions (Jane)
06:00pm	Elizabeth Ramsey (Rest in Peace) (Jane)
Fri 17 February	FERIA
09:15 am	Intentions (Jane)
11:00 am	Requiem Mass Stephen Lawrence (Rest in Peace)
06:00pm	Special Intentions (Mayo)
Sat 18 February	FERIA
10:00am	Thanksgiving (Mayo)
06:00pm	Tim Keenan (Rest in Peace) (Keane)
Sun 19 February	Seventh Sunday in ordinary Time
08:30 am	Caroline Sherry-King (Rest in Peace) (Seamus and Evelyn)
10:00am	Thanksgiving (Peter and Eileen)
12noon	Fawzia Tobia (Amal)

Prayer List

Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Hilda Collett (Chris) Brid O Halloran, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Alma Willox, Liberee, Maria Green, Anne (Christina), Grace, Bridie Curley, Sharon Baker, Bridgit Morris, Mavis Hacker, Marjorie Singh, Pietro and Maria Marrai, Peggy McManus, Rosie Ebreo, Kathleen Lloyd, Johanna Whitley, Linda Campbell, Bridie Cronin, Baby Jimmy, Sierra Smucker-Halls (Carol), Maureen Newland (Carol), Anna (Gawlik), Theresa (Curley), Terry Wheeler, Pdraig Maloney , Pauline Brookman, Damon, Fatimata, Sherry Family, Bridie Curley