

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

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

**Response to the Psalm: In the Lord's own house Shall I dwell
for ever and ever**

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Mathew 22:1-4

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (15/10/2023)

'God is good to us, he freely offers us his friendship, he offers us his joy and salvation,' Pope Francis has said. 'But so often we don't accept his gifts; we place our practical concerns, our interests first. And when the Lord is calling to us, it so often seems to annoy us.'

God often experiences refusal and rejection on the part of those he offers his gifts to. But his love knows nothing of discouragement. That is why he sends his servants to go out to all the byways and invite everyone they meet, both good and bad people without any distinctions. It is striking that bad people are also invited. Our Lord excludes no one from his call. The invitation that many had rejected is now offered to people who previously had not been part of his circle of acquaintances, people with no relation to him. Men and women from every background and social conditions, even those who do not pray or even know much about God --all are called to holiness, to share in the glory of heaven. No one is excluded. God's generous invitation to participate in heavenly glory is gratuitous and universal.

But the Gospel continues: 'When the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment'(v.11). Everyone there had been invited, like all of us are invited, to salvation. The door is open for anyone who wishes to enter, but before enjoying glory there will be a judgement. The supreme judge, who can discern the deepest recesses of our heart, will decide what is of value in each person's life. Jesus' parable makes clear that, whatever one's past actions may have been, the indispensable condition is to wear the wedding garment, that is, to have our soul clean and a repentant heart, to embrace a way of life that gives testimony to love for God and neighbour.

Every day is a good day, especially if we feel in some way stained, to clean our soul, to embrace God's love and enjoy the invitation that Jesus offers us to the heavenly banquet.

Have a Blessed Week

Canon Miall

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

Session 1 of the parish Baptism preparation programme will be on Monday 30th of October at 6:30p.m. Session 2 will be on the following Monday 6th November.

World Youth Sunday This year, on the weekend of the 25th and 26th November, we (along with the rest of the world) will celebrate "World Youth Sunday", a chance to celebrate the role and significance of young people within the church.

Please note that all Mass intentions are booked until mid-December.

Envelopes and Holy Souls list are attached to each newsletter. Please fill in your list and place it in the Holy soul's envelopes with your donation and return in the offertory bag or put through the presbytery post box.

41 Masses for the Holy Souls will be celebrated throughout the month of November.

A big thank you to the Knights of Saint Columba and all who supported the cake sale on Sunday last. A grand total of £300 was raised.... £200 for church maintenance and £100 for training of students for the priesthood.

St John's RC Special School, Woodford Bridge is recruiting full time Learning Support Assistants to work with students aged 5-25 with a wide range of special needs. Hours 9.00am to 3.30pm, term time only, experience preferred. Salary range from £17,372.62 (FTE £23,067). We are also seeking experienced Speech & Language Therapists For an application pack please email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk or call 020 8504 1818, successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk

Job Vacancy Shernhall Pre-School is looking for a full time, permanent, Early Years Practitioner. Candidates must have a level 3 qualification NCFE CACHE or Diploma in Early Years and two years experience working in a nursery or childcare setting. We are a registered charity based in St George's church hall, 136 Shernhall Street, E17 9HU. We provide good quality childcare to our local community and were established over 40 years ago. Please contact Pam Chapman on 020 8520 6756 or e mail: shernhallpreschool@btinternet.com if you would like more information or an application form.

Business English Study Classes in Walthamstow Central every Monday

FREE English class with Business English Study

Course: English Language Study - focus on Job Applications

Level: Elementary, Date: Monday 7pm-8pm, Age: Adults - all welcome

Location: Walthamstow Trades Hall (upstairs room) 61-63 Tower Hamlets Rd,

London E17 4RQ, Cost: Free-Enrolment: Come to the class- Organizer: Paul

Fletcher, www.BusinessEnglishStudy.com +44 (0)7986 802 645

Alma Willox, Rest in Peace We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Alma Willox, Rest in Peace.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Ellen Harte, Rest in Peace. Our condolences to the family. The Requiem Mass for Ellen's soul will be on Tuesday 7th November at 12 noon.

Birthday Blessings to Grace

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00 pm	Joseph Murnane (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 15 Oct	Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Joe Motha (Rest in Peace) (Gowri)
10:00 am	Joseph (Rest in Peace) (Roy)
12noon	Sylvia Yamson (Thanksgiving) (Family)
Mon 16 Oct	FERIA
09:15 am	Intentions of Frank (Family)
06:00 pm	Special Intentions (Gowri)
Tue 17 Oct	Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
09:15am	Theodora D'Souza (Rest in Peace) (Norah)
06:00 pm	Thanksgiving (Gowri)
Wed 18 Oct	Saint Luke, Evangelist
09:15 am	Thomas Balfe (Rest in Peace) (Family)
06:00 pm	Betty and Ram Ramsey (Patrick and Katy)
Thu 19 Oct	FERIA
09:15 am	Elizabeth Nash (Rest in Peace) (Mary Murphy)
06:00 pm	Thanksgiving (Gowri)
Fri 20 Oct	FERIA
09:15 am	Thomas McGoldrick (Rest in Peace) (Mary Murphy)
06:00 pm	Intentions (Gowri)
Sat 21 Oct	FERIA
10:00 am	John William Turner and Muriel Stow (Rest in Peace) (Paciencia)
06:00 pm	Lynn Steven's Intentions (Len ad Babs)
Sun 22 Oct	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Sara Maria Augustine's Intentions (Roy)
10:00 am	Thanksgiving to God for Ambrose (Regina)
12noon	Thanksgiving to God for Ambrose (Regina)

Prayer List

Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Hilda Collett (Chris) Brid O Halloran, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Liberee, 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, Padraic Maloney, Damon, Bridie Curley, Jason Leonard Hamilton Barber (Tracy), Cyril and Rose Ogidi, Barry and Sheila Mayo, John Joseph (Mary), Ambrose and Felistas and family, Chris Newman, Margaret Phillips, Margaret and Norris Levine, Dr. Michael Weston, Chris Cullen, Chris Newnam