

**Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George**

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Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

Holy Family Catholic School: 8520 0482/8520 3587

**Charity Number: 234092**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 5: 1-7

**Response to the Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 4:6-9**

**Gospel: Mathew 21:33-43**

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (08/10/2023)**

Today the prophet Isaiah and the Gospel employ the image of the Lord's vineyard. The Lord's vineyard is his 'dream', the plan which he nurtures with all his love, like a farmer who cares for his vineyard.

God's 'dream' is his people. He planned it and nurtured it with patient and faithful love, so that it can become a holy people, a people which brings forth abundant fruits of justice. But in both the ancient prophecy and in Jesus' parable, God's dream is thwarted. Isaiah says that the vine which he so loved and nurtured has yielded 'wild grapes'(5:2,4); God 'expected justice but saw bloodshed, righteousness, but only a cry of distress'(v.7). In the Gospel, it is the farmers themselves who ruin the Lord's plan: they fail to do their job but think only of their own interests.

In Jesus' parable, he is addressing the chief priests and the elders of the people, in other words the 'experts', the managers. To them in a particular way God entrusted his 'dream', his people, for them to nurture, tend and protect from the animals of the field. This is the job of leaders: to nurture the vineyard with freedom, creativity, and the hard work. But Jesus tells us that those farmers took over the vineyard. Out of greed and pride they

want to do with it as they will, and so they prevent God from realizing his dream for the people he has chosen.

The temptation to greed is ever present. Greed for money and power. We are all sinners and can also be tempted to 'take over' the vineyard, because of that greed which is always present in us human beings. God's dream always clashes with the hypocrisy of some of his servants. We can 'thwart' God's dream if we fail to let ourselves be guided by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit gives us that wisdom which surpasses knowledge, and enables us to work generously with authentic freedom and humble creativity. In this way our thoughts and plans will correspond God's dream: to form a holy people who are his own and produce the fruits of the kingdom of God (cf: Mt 21:43).

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.

**Session 1 of the parish Baptism preparation programme** will be on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October at 6:30p.m.

The Knights of Saint Columba Cake Sale this Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of October after all Masses. All the money raised will be used for church maintenance and the training of students for the priesthood. Please support this worthwhile endeavour by donating cakes.

Blessings to Sister Blessing who celebrated 9 years since her profession.

**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.

Blessings to parishioners who are going on pilgrimage to Israel and Knock.

Please place your Cafod envelopes in the collection bag during Mass. Thank you for your offerings.

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

## **Our Lady and Saint George Catholic Primary and Nursery School Open Mornings**

**2023/2024** If you would like to find out more about our school and what it offers, come along and visit. We would especially welcome parents /carers of children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020. Who are due to start school in September 2024. We are holding open morning on the dates listed below which will take place at 140 Shernhall Street, E17 9HU. Entrance is via Maynard Path.  
Dates: 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023, 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Time: 9:30am to 10:30am.

If you are unable to visit during the day, we can offer Saturdays between 9:30am and 10:30am by appointment. Closing date for Reception applications for children starting in September 2024 is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Please contact the school on 02085208500 or email [office@olsgschool.org](mailto:office@olsgschool.org) to book an appointment.

**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.

Once again we thank Green Peace for their most generous donation of 450 flower bulbs to decorate the parish gardens.

Every Blessing to Alycia Sophis Gomes who will be received into the Community of faith through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday next

The monthly Tamil Mass will be celebrated at 5p.m. on Sunday next following the Syro Malabar Mass at 2:30p.m.

**Michael Hurley, Rest in Peace.** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Michael Hurley, Rest in Peace. Funeral services at Saint Patrick's cemetery chapel 12 o'clock Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

**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.

**Birthday blessings to George.**

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

<b>06:00 pm</b>	Ray Smith (Rest in Peace) (Gerry)
<b>Sun 8 Oct</b>	<b>Twenty Seventh Sunday in ordinary Time</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Benedict Jeyanni (Rest in Peace) (Gowri)
<b>10:00 am</b>	John Groarke (Rest in Peace) (Linda and Eunice)
<b>12noon</b>	Angela and Gianni Tardioli (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Mon 9 Oct</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Mary Behan (Rest in Peace) (Harte)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Ram and Betty Ramsey (Rest in Peace) (Patrick and Katy)
<b>Tue 10 Oct</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Harte Family Intentions
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Clarey Family Intentions (Patrick and Katy)
<b>Wed 11 Oct</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Intentions (Margaret Phillips)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Ekbal Rouf Tobia (Rest in Peace) (Amal)
<b>Thu 12 Oct</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Mary Behan (Rest in Peace) (Harte)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Geraldine Motha (Rest in Peace) (Gowri)
<b>Fri 13 Oct</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Teressa Quinn (Rest in Peace) (Elms)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Fatima Alvares (Rest in Peace) (Gowri)
<b>Sat 14 Oct</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	Annie Mathew (Rest in Peace) (Roy)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Joseph Murnane (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Sun 15 Oct</b>	<b>Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Joe Motha (Rest in Peace)
<b>10:00 am</b>	Joseph (Rest in Peace) (Roy)
<b>12noon</b>	Sylvia Yamson (Thanksgiving) (Family)

### 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