

**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: Wisdom 6:12-16**

**Response to the Psalm: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

**Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13**

**Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (12/11/2023)**

**(Remembrance Sunday)**

**Light or Dark?** Every day we either add to the light of the world or we add to its darkness. I know that because I've seen it in my own life. Maybe you've seen it in your life too.

When I break relationships; turn away from the needs, concerns, or hopes of another; or act as if I have no need of him or her; my world becomes darker. And when I remain open and receptive, soften my heart, and recommit to love my neighbours as myself, a new light begins to shine.

When I carry grudges and resentments, nurse old offenses, or refuse another forgiveness, I add to the darkness. But when I offer mercy, forgiveness, and seek reconciliation, I let my light shine in the world.

When, in my marriage or other relationships, I put myself at the centre, act as if I am sovereign, give priority to my needs and desires, I am living in a dark place. But when my concern is for the other, I make him

or her a priority in my life, and I act as if he or she truly matters. I add to the light of the world.

When I think, speak, or act with violence; deny another's dignity; act with indifference to another's well-being, I darken this world. But when I turn the other cheek, work for justice, recognise the dignity of every human being, I add to the light of the world.

When I get stuck in my way as the right way or the only way, assume I know more and better than others, close myself to new truths, ideas, or possibilities, I stand in a darkness of my own making. But when I recognise my need of others; let go of comparisons, competition, and judgements; risk not being in control or having all the answers I begin to see the world in a new light, and new possibilities arise.

What do you see when you look at your life and world today? Every time I live in that dark place, every time I add darkness to the world, I betray the Gospel of Jesus, myself, and the values I claim to hold.

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 27<sup>th</sup> of November at 6:30p.m. Session 2 will be on the following Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

**My Day by Day Advent edition** is now available in the repository £2 each.

Christmas cards are on sale in the church repository.

**On 8th December 2023, Russell, who served many years in our Parish, will be ordained a Priest at the Brompton Oratory at 6:30pm.**

Our usual time of 'Adoration' at 10:30am on Saturday 25th November will be dedicated to thanking God for choosing one of our parishioner to the Priesthood and to ask His blessings on Russell as he goes forth to minister in the Lord's vineyard. Your presence and prayers will be gathered into a 'Spiritual Bouquet' which we will give Russell at his Ordination.

## **St Vincent OLSG de Paul (SVP) Annual Appeal Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 November 2023 after the Weekend Masses**

We are appealing to Parishioners, their families, and friends to support the conference to re-establish the SVP Annual Christmas Lunch for Senior Citizens in the parish after the pandemic. Enabling our lonely and socially isolated seniors to come together to share and enjoy the important celebration of the Christmas Season. Donations given will also go to Needy Families in the parish who continue to be affected by the cost-of-living crisis and other factors in their everyday lives.

### **Red Wednesday is coming!**

Save the date: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

Aid to the Church in Need are asking us to Break the Silence on Christian persecution. Please wear Red clothing to show your support. The church floodlights will be red in the Red Wednesday evening. More options coming soon on [www.acnuk.org/redwednesday](http://www.acnuk.org/redwednesday).

### **The Universe Catholic Weekly Online and PRINT EDITION Newspaper**

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Alma Willox, Rest in Peace We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Alma Willox, Rest in Peace. Funeral arrangements will be in the near future.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Kathleen ‘Kahli’ Cullen. Rest in Peace.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Johanna Whitley, Rest in Peace.

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

<b>06:00 pm</b>	Ellen Fletcher (Rest in Peace) (Joan)
<b>Sun 12 November</b>	<b>Thirty Second Sunday Ordinary Time (Remembrance Sunday)</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	November Dead List
<b>10:00 am</b>	Maura and Frank Robinson (Rest in Peace) (Anne O'Neill)
<b>12noon</b>	William Halpenny (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Mon 13 November</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	November Dead List
<b>06:00 pm</b>	November Dead List
<b>Tue 14 November</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	November Dead List
<b>06:00 pm</b>	November Dead List
<b>Wed 15 November</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Felicio D'Souza (Rest in Peace) (Norah)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	November Dead List
<b>Thu 16 November</b>	<b>Saint Edmund of Abingdon (Rich), Bp Secondary Co-Patron of the Diocese</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	November Dead List
<b>06:00 pm</b>	November Dead List
<b>Fri 17 November</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	November Dead List
<b>06:00 pm</b>	November Dead List
<b>Sat 18 November</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	Deceased Members of KSC (Council 137)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Noel Callanan (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Sun 19 November</b>	<b>Thirty Third Sunday in ordinary Time (World Day of the Poor)</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	November Dead List
<b>10:00 am</b>	November Dead List
<b>12noon</b>	Esther's Intentions (Friends)

### 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, 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