

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: Proverb 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Response to the Psalm: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (19/11/2023)

(World Day of the Poor)

The Fruits God Want

God's Gifts: The Gospel tells us clearly that God distributes his gifts among us as he wills, and he entrusts each one of us with a mission. He gives us what we need to produce fruits for his kingdom, and he expects us to use those gifts responsibly and diligently. No two people are exactly alike, and God treats each one individually as a unique person made in his image. We need to live before God and respond to him sincerely by using to the maximum the talents he has given us. Are we making the best use of all that God has given us or have we neglected some things and taken others for granted? Might we be committing a sin of omission with regards to some of our talents?

Life as a Mission: The servants who invest the talents and make a return on them have understood the purpose of their lives and the time they have at their disposal. These servants were generous with everything their master had given them, making it bear fruit, and they received from him the reward of greater intimacy and more responsibility. Each of us is also given a limited amount of time in life to use our various gifts to

give glory to God and help save other souls. We too should work every day to hear those words: 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'

The Useless Servant: How often we are paralyzed by fear or false prudence into doing nothing, into trying to preserve ourselves! Sometimes we don't take God's gifts seriously or think we have been given very little, and we use that as a rationalisation of making no effort or for producing little for God. We blame circumstances or others, but the fact is we are neglecting to produce the fruits God wants. The Master didn't expect a return of five talents from the servant to whom he gave only one. He would have been happy with a return of one more, but the lazy servant closed in on his egoism, self-love, and laziness. We must resolve to use our God-given talents wisely to net him a significant return.

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 **next parish Baptism preparation programme** will be on Monday 27th of November at 6:30p.m. Session 2 will be on the following Monday 4th December.

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 22nd 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.

Our Lady and St George SVP Annual Christmas Lunch for Senior Citizens Sunday 10 December 2023 from 2.30 -5 pm

If you would like to attend the SVP Annual Christmas Lunch for Senior Citizens on Sunday 10 December 2023, from 2.30pm-5pm please add your name to the list in the church porch, we have spaces for 40 Senior citizens only. Also, if you require transport, please add your name and telephone number to the Transport list. Thank You.

We welcome into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism on this Sunday Roman Osei, Ava Ama Kawah Saahene Nkyi-Acheampong and Sienna Neia Amegashie. Every blessing to the family.

Today in the afternoon there is the **Sunday Syro-Malabar Mass** at 2:30pm and at 5pm the monthly Mass for the Tamil Community.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00 pm	Noel Callanan (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 19 November	Thirty Third Sunday in ordinary Time (World Day of the Poor)
08:30 am	November Dead List
10:00 am	November Dead List
12noon	Esther's Intentions (Friends)
Mon 20 November	FERIA
09:15 am	November Dead List
06:00 pm	November Dead List
Tue 21 November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
09:15am	November Dead List
06:00 pm	November Dead List
Wed 22 November	Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
09:15 am	November Dead List
06:00 pm	November Dead List
Thu 23 November	FERIA
09:15 am	November Dead List
06:00 pm	Brian Eamonn McDonagh (rest in Peace) (Family)
Fri 25 November	Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companion
09:15 am	Simon Connolly (Rest in Peace) (Claire)
06:00 pm	November Dead List
Sat 25 November	FERIA
10:00 am	November Dead List
06:00 pm	Simon Korze (Rest in Peace) (Geraldine)
Sun 26 November	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Youth Day)
08:30 am	November Dead List
10:00 am	November Dead List
12noon	Betty and Ram Ramsey (Rest in Peace) (Patrick and Katy)

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, Fr. Francis Coveney