

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 Deuteronomy 4:1-2

Response to the Psalm: The Just will live in the presence of the Lord

2nd Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22,27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Twenty- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (01/09/2024)

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

The Greek word for 'hypocrite' doesn't quite have the same moral weight to it that our modern English word does. As Jesus is using it here, it refers to an actor playing a part or someone who is putting on a show but whose true identity and heart isn't in it. In the case of the Pharisees, Jesus saw in them what the Holy Spirit has been trying to get the people of God to see about themselves throughout our history: being obsessed about and satisfied to stay and focused on outward devotion reveals a heart that is far from God. Their hearts were not in true communion with and worship of God, and this resulted in their human ideas becoming more important than God's commands. The modern idea of a hypocrite is to say one thing and do another. In our text's version of being a hypocrite, they do exactly what they say; the problem is that instead of God filling their hearts, it's their own tradition and ideas that rule the nest. Of course, both forms of hypocrisy are bad.

By Jesus' words, we see how our human traditions, whether we mean them to or not, can lead us very far from the will of God. What was once about the purity of God has become about something different entirely different – about making ourselves feel better compared to someone else, so Jesus steps in to reorient us back to himself.

Moral purity, unlike ritual purity, is about sin. Jesus want us to be more concerned about our own sin and hearts. Jesus calls us to pay attention to what is coming out of us because it is an even more important way that we symbolically express the wholeness and purity of God to the world: not by separating ourselves from those who are different, but by living according to the fruit of the Spirit. Jesus is trying to re-root us in our associations with others: that in our posture of loving God and loving neighbour, service is superior to separation in the way of holiness.

Have a Blessed Week

Canon Miall

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

We welcome back Fr Michael after his holidays.

We welcome Fr Shinto Varghese to the presbytery. Fr Shinto will take pastoral care of the Syro-Malabar community and also will work in the parish as fits in with his responsibilities. Fr Shinto arrives on Monday 9th of September.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament recommences on Monday 2nd of September and Wednesday 4th of September. Exposition begins after the 9:15a.m. Mass until 5p.m.

Jonathan will shortly go to seminary for weekdays and will be in the parish for most weekends.

Holy Family School staff will attend the 9:15a.m. Mass on Monday 2nd of September.

We welcome into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament Elijah Xavier Levi Dawe and Kene Chuckwu Buglass-Onuorah.
Blessings to the families

Olive wood cravings from the Holyland Visit to our Parish on 7/8 September

We are the Good Shepherd Company from the Holy land (Bethlehem) which is based in Nottingham. Our goal is to support and help the Christian families in the Holyland, to stay at work as olive wood carves is one of the most important source of income for them, as 90% of the Christians rely on this sale. So by selling their produce here in their behalf, this will prevent the Christians from leaving the country in search of better work opportunities, as a test survey from the bishops of Jerusalem there is only forty one thousands Christians left in the area.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Judith "Judy" Emmanuel Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for Judy's soul will be at 11a.m. 18th of September here in Our Lady and Saint George Church.

We also pray for the happy repose of the soul of Ladislav Ondercin senior Rest in Peace. He is the father of Ladislav who played the church organ for many years. Our condolences to the family.

We pray for all students, teachers and staff in our catholic schools.

Session 2 of the parish Baptism preparation programme will be on Monday 2nd September at 6:30pm in the church.

Holy Family 6th Form will be joining us for the Friday 6th September 9:15am Mass.

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00 pm	Parishioners
Sun 1 Sept	Twenty -Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Intentions of Louella (Carol and Conrad)
10:00 am	Mary Kearns (Rest in Peace) (Family)
12noon	Billy Halpenny (Rest in Peace) (Maureen)
Mon 2 Sept	FERIA
09:15 am	Intentions of Louella (Almedia)
06:00 pm	Mercedes Ducanes (Rest in Peace) (Magtulis)
Tue 3 Sept	Saint Gregory the Great
09:15am	Intentions of Louella (Almeida)
06:00 pm	Armie and Rocky Intentions (Family)
Wed 4 Sept	FERIA
09:15 am	Intentions of Louella (Almeida)
6:00:00	Intentions of Roy and Shynamma (Family)
Thu 5 Sept	FERIA
09:15 am	Thanksgiving (Armie)
06:00 pm	Doreen Marks (Rest in Peace) (Neville)
Fri 6 Sept	FERIA
09:15 am	Kim Anh Trann (Rest in Peace) (Armie and Rocky)
06:00pm	Parishioners
Sat 7 Sept	FERIA
10:00 am	Thanksgiving (Armie)
06:00 pm	Tony Keane (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 8 Sept	Twenty -Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Thanksgiving (Armie)
10:00 am	Brendan Murphy (Rest in Peace) (Anne)
12noon	Christine and Jose Thanksgiving (Family)

Prayer List

Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Hilda Collett (Chris) Brid O Halloran, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Liberee, Anne (Christina), Bridie Curley, Sharon Baker, Bridgit Morris, Mavis Hacker, Marjorie Singh, Pietro and Maria Marrai, 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, Margaret Phillips, Margaret and Norris Levine, Dr. Michael Weston, Chris Cullen, Kim Ahn and family, Bruce Pereira, Nigel Smith, Mary Murphy, Phyllis Beer, Chirs Cullen, Kim Parkins