

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

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Charity Number: 234092

1st Reading Wisdom 2:12

Response to the Psalm: The Lord upholds my life.

2nd Reading: James 3:16-4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Twenty- Fifth in Ordinary Time (22/09/2024) (Double Edition)

While I was reflecting on this Sunday's Gospel, what really struck out to me is the word 'passion.' Jesus predicted for the second time his passion and death. Allow me here to give you my insights on the word 'passion.' The word passion has a double meaning. Commonly it refers to any intense feeling, whether of love or desire, delight or enthusiasm. It also means 'suffering.' (From the Latin word 'Pati' meaning 'to suffer.') Passion, therefore, both means Love and Suffering. In that case, there must be some connections between Love and Suffering. Henri Nouwen puts it beautifully, he said 'Every time we make the decision to love someone, we open ourselves to great suffering, because of those we most love cause us not only great joy but also great pain. And if we want to avoid suffering. We will never experience the joy of loving. If you genuinely love something or someone, then you must be willing to suffer for it.' If we are to love God, then we should love him passionately. He does not want us to love Him half-heartedly. He wants us to love Him with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with your mind.

Likewise, if we are to love our neighbours, then we should love them passionately. If we truly believe in the love of others then we should be willing to suffer for it. Love one's neighbour as oneself.

'At the end of life, we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by 'I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in.' (Mother Teresa)

For Jesus, the measure of greatness is determined by our service and love. The more we are willing to serve and love, the more humble we become. For service, love and humility go hand in hand. Aim to be great that is motivated by humble service and love.

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 September at 6:30pm in the church. Session 2: 7th October Monday.

Catechist Training and Resources Day, Saturday 9th November, 10am – 3pm
Brentwood Ursuline Convent School, Queen's Road, Brentwood

We would like to invite anyone working with young people in the Diocese of Brentwood, to join us for our annual Catechist Training and Resources Day run by the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. This includes, but is not limited to, all First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists, Parish Partnership Youth Coordinators and Youth Leaders as well as those who look after the children's liturgy. We would particularly like to welcome any young people (16+) who already are or may be interested in working as young leaders and catechists in the parish, and wish to develop their faith further post-confirmation. For more information, including a proposed timetable for the day, please visit www.bcys.net/events/catechist-training-and-resources-day-2024

This Sunday we welcome Santiago Starr into the community of faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.

The next **Maranatha Mass** celebrated by Fr. Paschal Uche, followed by Prayer and Praise, will be held at Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, CM15 9BX on Thursday, 19th October, at 7pm - an evening of hope and joy to which everyone is welcome.

I received a big thank you from the Good Shepherd Community for your generous purchasing of £2,050.00 from their religious goods.

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00 pm	Thanksgiving (Kristina)
Sun 22 Sept	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Intentions of Louella (Parish)
10:00 am	Thanksgiving (Stella)
12noon	Simon and Mary (Family)
Mon 23 Sept	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina
09:15 am	Intentions of Fr. Pat Lennon (Whelan Family)
06:00 pm	Intentions (Christopher)
Tue 24 Sept	Our Lady of Walsingham
09:15am	Thanksgiving (Whelan)
06:00 pm	Intentions (Christopher)
Wed 25 Sept	FERIA
09:15 am	Intentions (Elizabeth O'Donovan)
6:00:00	Elizabeth Mathew (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Thu 26 Sept	FERIA
09:15 am	Intentions (Whelan)
06:00 pm	Thanksgiving (Christopher)
Fri 27 Sept	Saint Vincent de Paul
09:15 am	Thanksgiving (Stella)
06:00pm	Thanksgiving (Christopher)
Sat 28 Sept	FERIA
10:00 am	Canon Peter Prendergast (Rest in Peace) (Foundation)
06:00 pm	Deceased of the Keane Family) (Mary)
Sun 29 Sept	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Marie Green (Rest in Peace) (Family)
10:00 am	Choi-Yee-Kwan (Ping)
12noon	Billy Halpenny (Rest in Peace) (Maureen)

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

Mon 30 Sept	Saint Jerome
09:15 am	Marie Green (Rest in Peace) (Family)
06:00 pm	Peter James O'Rourke (Nigel)
Tue 1 October	Saint Therese of the Child Jesus
09:15am	Georgina Koduah (Rest in Peace) (Family)
06:00 pm	Anne Murphy's Intentions (Abigail)
Wed 2 October	The Holy Guardian of Angels
09:15 am	Carol Phillips (Rest in peace) (Margaret)
6:00:00	Lucy Uzice (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Thu 3 October	FERIA
09:15 am	James and Ellie Harte (Rest in Peace) (Family)
06:00 pm	Intentions (Maume)
Fri 4 October	Saint Francis of Assisi
09:15 am	Lucy Uzice (Rest in Peace) (Family)
06:00pm	Lucy Uzice (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sat 5 October	FERIA
10:00 am	Peter James O'Rourke (Rest in Peace) (Nigel)
06:00 pm	Marie Green (Rest in Peace) (Marie Family)
Sun 6 October	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Thanksgiving (Shania)
10:00 am	Hannah Bryant (Rest in Peace) (Anne Murphy)
12noon	Doherty Family Intentions (Simon)

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, Pdraic Maloney, Damon, Bridie Curley, 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, Bruce Pereira, Nigel Smith, Mary Murphy, Phyllis Beer, Chirs Cullen. Kim Parkins, Mrs Best