

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 Isaiah 53: 10-11

Response to the Psalm: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

2nd Reading: Hebrew 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 35-45

Twenty- Ninth in Ordinary Time (20/10/2024)
(World Mission Sunday)

James and John asked for the highest positions of honour in his kingdom. No wonder Peter and the rest of the disciples were upset. Jesus saw that power struggle was developing, and he had to do something about it.

Sometimes we have the idea that if we follow Jesus we are guaranteed to receive an award. When that happens we forget that Jesus' ministry was one of serving others. He gave himself for the sake of others, including suffering for their salvation. Christians today should be just as willing to suffer with Christ as they are to reign with him. Nowhere is this more evident than in countries where being a Christian could lead to jail, physical harm and even death. In our part of the world we may never have to suffer the same consequences for following Christ, but there will be times where we will have to endure our own brand of trials because of our faith.

Jesus had the right to be angry with the disciples, but he realized that they were slowly beginning to understand what ministry would involve. He chose to teach them the meaning of true greatness by comparing human standards of greatness with God's standard of servanthood. In Jesus' vision, greatness is

equal to servanthood. Jesus redefined the true nature of greatness. To be great does not mean to lord it over someone. It means to willingly serve under someone. By giving his own life as a ransom, Jesus the Suffering Servant would soon show his followers ultimate humility.

When we care about the things that hurt others, our hearts will be opened to their pain, and that openness will lead to its own suffering. We need to see other people and realise their importance to God. True humility and love for others flows from the infinite love God has for his people. When we serve others as Jesus served us, we will know the true meaning of greatness. Being called by God is not an invitation of ease and special treatment but is an invitation to abundant life.

Have a Blessed Week

Canon Miall

MARRIAGES: By appointment. At least six months' notice is required. Please speak to the priests for more information. **The next marriage preparation course will be held 18th and 19th of November 7:30p.m. to 9.30pm in the parish hall.**

Session 1 of the **next parish Baptism preparation programme** will be on Monday 28th October at 6:30pm in the church. Session 2: Monday 4th November.

Application forms for the **Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Holy Communion** are available from the Repository in the church porch. Please fill in the form and return to the Repository.

On Wednesday 15th of October **2025** Bishop Alan will come for a pastoral visitation and at the evening Mass administer the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. A preparation programme will be available in advance of the celebration. Details will be available in the parish newsletter. All candidates must attend Mass every Sunday.

A big thank you to Joseph and Mary for painting the church railings black and gold.

The Parish RCIA Programme (The Rite of Christian initiation for Adults) will commence in the Autumn. The programme is for adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and exploring the possibility of joining the Catholic Church. The classes are also for adults who have been baptised but never went on to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. Jonathan has been given special permission from the seminary **to** deliver the RCIA programme along with some parishioners. Please speak to Jonathan for details and application form.

November is the month of the Holy Souls. Holy Souls envelopes and lists will be available in the near future.

All Masses are now booked up until Christmas.

The **Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass** at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone E11 4HL, will be held on Monday 11th November at 11.30.am.

World Mission Sunday is on the 20th October. Red Mission boxes will be available in church porch. Please take one home with you and return before October 2025. Sr. Vitalis will give a brief talk at the end of masses this weekend. Red boxed are available in the church porch.

Greenpeace UK have again donated hundreds of bulbs for the church grounds. A big thank you.

Ambrose Kibuuka Katende, Rest in Peace: We pray for the repose of the soul of Ambrose. His requiem Mass is on Monday 21st October **at 12 noon.** Our prayers for the family.

Wednesday 20th November 2024 is #Red Wednesday. We pray for the persecuted Church throughout the world. We are invited to wear an item of Red clothing in solidarity with the persecuted people of the world.

A big thank you to the pupils and staff of Our Lady and Saint George primary School for their participation at 10am Mass last Sunday

Birthday Blessing to Fr. Michael for the 20th October.

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00 pm	Joseph Murnane (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 20 October	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Fr. Michael's Intentions (Nestor)
10:00 am	Joan Chase-Currier (Rest in Peace) (Christopher)
12noon	Thanksgiving (Sylvia)
Mon 21 October	FERIA
09:15 am	Madge Maume (Rest in Peace) (Family)
06:00 pm	Michael Daly (Roselind)
Tue 22 October	FERIA
09:15am	Joan Chase-Currier (Rest in Peace) (Christopher)
06:00 pm	Sarah Maria Augustine's Intentions (Roy)
Wed 23 October	FERIA
09:15 am	Peter Raffo (Rest in Peace) (Amal)
6:00:00	Joan Chase-Currier (Rest in Peace) (Christopher)
Thu 24 October	FERIA
09:15 am	Joan Chase-Currier (Rest in Peace) (Christopher)
06:00 pm	John E.V. (Rest in Peace) (Roy)
Fri 25 October	FERIA
09:15 am	Margaret Raffo (Rest in Peace) (Amal)
06:00pm	Joan Chase-Currier (Rest in Peace) (Christopher)
Sat 26 October	Saint Cedd, Bishop Secondary Co-Patron of the Dioceses
10:00 am	Joan Chase-Currier (Rest in Peace) (Christopher)
06:00 pm	Joan Chase-Currier (Rest in Peace) (Christopher)
Sun 27 October	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Margaret Hicks (Anniversary) (Thomas O'Connor)
10:00 am	Betty Sands (Rest in Peace) (Chris and Janet)
12noon	Ester Castillo (Armie and Rocky)

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, Cyril and Rose Ogidi, Barry and Sheila Mayo, John Joseph (Mary), Felistas and family, Margaret Phillips, Margaret and Norris Levine, Dr. Michael Weston, Bruce Pereira, Nigel Smith, Mary Murphy, Phyllis Beer, Chirs Cullen. Kim Parkins, Mrs Best, Ashish, Michael Brown