

**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**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Jeremiah 31: 7-9**

**Response to the Psalm: What marvels the Lord worked for us!**

**Indeed we were glad.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrew 5:1-6**

**Gospel: Mark 10: 35-45**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (27/10/2024)**

The section of Mark's Gospel that deals with discipleship (8:22-10:52), begins with the healing of a blind man (8:22-26), and concludes with the story of another blind man, Bartimaeus. In between these two stories are three episodes in which the disciples are presented as blind to the meaning of Jesus' mission and of their own discipleship. Their spiritual 'blindness' is evident in their persistent misunderstanding. The gradual coming to sight of the first blind man (8:22-26), stands in contrast to the story of Bartimaeus, who regains his vision at once and becomes a follower of Jesus. The healing of the blind Bartimaeus contains four main elements of Christian discipleship: a) the correct recognition of Jesus as Lord and Savior ('Jesus, Son of David'); b) the acknowledgement of the need of Jesus' help ('Have pity on me': 'I want to see'); c) ready response to Jesus' call ('He.... Came to Jesus') and d) becoming Jesus' disciple ('... followed him on the way'). 'The Church has always taught that the life-changing grace of Christ is made available through the sacraments irrespective of the holiness of the minister or the congregation. In the Eucharist, the sacrament of sacraments, it is not just God's grace but Christ's bodily presence which is made available. That means that every Sunday we

have same opportunity as Bartimaeus. Then, why do so many of us go to Mass again and again and walk out the door much the same as we went in? Why so little healing, so little growth in holiness? May be because we lack the outrageously bold faith of Bartimaeus. The gifts and charisms of the Holy Spirit, forgiveness, healing, purification, guidance, all are there for the taking. Hence, in the spirit of Bartimaeus, let's determine to stop going home empty-handed.' instead of remaining in spiritual blindness, let us pray for spiritual sight. Each one of us suffers from spiritual blindness. A clear spiritual vision enables us to see the goodness in others, to express our appreciation for all that they have been doing for us, and to refrain from criticising their performance.

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. **The next marriage preparation course will be held 18th and 19th of November 7:30pm to 9.30pm in the parish hall.**

**Session 1 of the next parish Baptism preparation programme** will be on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 at once, **as applications close today at 1pm.**

**November is the month of the Holy Souls.** Holy Souls envelopes and lists are available in the church porch.

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.

All Masses are now booked up until Christmas.

Friday 1st November is the Solemnity of All Saints-A holy day of obligation. Time of Thursday vigil Mass at 7:30pm and Friday 9:15 am and 7:30pm.

**The Parish RCIA Programme** (The Rite of Christian initiation for Adults) 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.

**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.

**Assisted suicide bill before Parliament** Kim Leadbeater MP is introducing a bill to introduce assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs on the 29 November. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. Please contact your MP by visiting [www.livesworthliving.org.uk](http://www.livesworthliving.org.uk)

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**OLSG St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Annual Collection Appeal Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th November 2024 after the Weekend Masses**

We are appealing to Parishioners, their families, and friends to support the conference to make it possible to offer the SVP Annual Christmas Lunch for Senior Citizens. Your donations will enable lonely and socially isolated seniors to come together, share and enjoy the important celebration of the Christmas Season. Including Families in need who continue to be affected by the cost-of-living crisis and other factors that impact on quality of life.

We welcome Dylan Jayden Venegas Patino into the community of faith through Sacrament of Baptism.

**Birthday blessings to Sarah, Anita and all celebrating birthdays.**

## Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

<b>06:00 pm</b>	Joan Chase-Currier (Rest in Peace) (Christopher)
<b>Sun 27 October</b>	<b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Margaret Hicks (Anniversary) (Thomas O'Connor)
<b>10:00 am</b>	Betty Sands (Rest in Peace) (Chris and Janet)
<b>12noon</b>	Ester Castillo (Armie and Rocky)
<b>Mon 28 October</b>	<b>Saints Simon and Jude</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Margaret Raffo (Rest in Peace) (Amal)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Raouf Tobia (Rest in Peace) (Amal)
<b>Tue 29 October</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Anita Rose's Intentions (Stella)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Joan Chase-Currier (Rest in Peace) (Christopher)
<b>Wed 30 October</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Geogina Kuduah (Rest in Peace) (Andrew)
<b>6:00:00</b>	Moyra Whelan (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Thu 31 October</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Sallay and Florence (Rest in Peace) (Stella)
<b>07:30 pm***</b>	Betty and Ram (Rest in Peace) (Patrick)
<b>Fri 1 November</b>	<b>All Saints</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Rosine Turay (92th Birthday) (Gabriel)
<b>07:30pm***</b>	Betty and Ram Ramsey (Rest in Peace) (Patrick)
<b>Sat 2 November</b>	<b>All Souls Day</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	Holy Souls (Shirley)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Pat and Josie Maloney (Kean)
<b>Sun 3 November</b>	<b>Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Holy Souls
<b>10:00 am</b>	Mercedes Ducanes (Rest in Peace) (Shiela)
<b>12noon</b>	Holy Souls

### 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), 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