

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 1 King 17:10-16

Response to the Psalm: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

2nd Reading: Hebrew 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (10/11/2024)

Our age, even more than the time of Jesus, is so obsessed with image that it becomes the most important feature for our leaders, even more than their message or vision.

Jesus did not seem to believe in appearances. Shows of piety and religiousness did not of themselves impress him. He saw behind the tiny amount of money to the huge generosity of the heart in the case of the poor widow. He declared often that religious appearances can be empty and hypocritical.

Jesus proclaims that the woman who put in two small copper coins had given more than all the rich people. In a very real way it is a summary of the whole Gospel, for God looks at the heart and its readiness to give generously. Do I measure my worth by my external success, or am I free to look at my heart and be ready to be generous even in my poverty?

Honours and titles are hard hit in the Gospel. Seeking after them is at variance with the way of Jesus. Seeking attention for oneself is not the way he treads. In the Passion he becomes a 'nobody', the servant of all, the person at the bottom of the human pyramid. The poor widow, who would have been

despised as such, is in fact the model for a disciple. What the widow gave might seem insignificant to many from the viewpoint of quantity. She is praised for her total generosity in giving all she had, not just what was over and above. Nobody would even know that the widow put anything into the collection box. The coins were small and would make no noise- the large sums were well heard! Jesus recognised her offering, gift and sacrifice. He pointed this out, maybe to her embarrassment.

Our work for the Lord may be simple and unknown to all but a very few. It is know to God and in God's sight, this is enough reward.

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.**

The **next parish Baptism preparation programme** will be at 6:30pm in the church. Session 1: Monday 25th November. Session 2 Monday December 2nd .

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

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.

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.

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.

PROCLAIM THE WORD: A SERIES OF TALKS FOR READERS/LECTORS

Fr Adrian Graffy, Scripture scholar and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, will be giving the first talk in a series planned for readers/lectors. This first talk, entitled 'He stood up to read (Lk 4:16), will survey how the ministry of reader has developed from the New Testament to the institution of readers at Vatican II. The talk will take place on Wednesday 27th November at 7 pm (refreshments from 6.30) at the hall of the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, 410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Entrance is free, and the talk will also be available on-line at www.whatgoodnews.org

November Month Holy Souls you have the opportunity of doing something special Haven House Children's Hospice giving an opportunity with their Lights of Love event to remember those who are no longer with us to honour their memory by dedicating a light in their name, symbolising the love and light they brought into our lives and allows you to honour their memory creating a lasting tribute to share with others. By dedicating a light, you not only pay tribute to your loved one but also support the hospice with a donation. There will be a Lights of Love Service on Sunday, 24 November at 16:00. The event will feature readings, music, the opportunity to see your loved ones dedication in their physical memory book and a moment of reflection as they light up the night sky and your loved one's light will shine brightly in their beautiful woodland. You will need to register your attendance. Full details available at the repository.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Eileen Hardie Rest in Peace. Eileen is the sister of Linda Campbell Eileen died in Berwick.

Application forms for the Sixth Form at Holy Family 2025 are now open. Please go to www.holyfamily.walthamsch.uk <<http://www.holyfamily.walthamsch.uk>> for the link to our online application. Deadline for these applications is 31st January 2025. For more information or a chance to visit the Sixth Form please email Mrs Wilbraham at hfsix@holyfamilycatholicschool.co.uk <<mailto:hfsix@holyfamilycatholicschool.co.uk>>

The next enquiries evening for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 12th of November at Brentwood cathedral. The speaker will be Mgr. Gordon Read.

All Mass Intentions are fully booked until 1st January 2025.

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00 pm	Ellen Fletcher (Rest in Peace) (Joan)
Sun 10 November	Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Holy Souls
10:00 am	Martin Gallagher (Rest in Peace) (Family)
12noon	Peggy Halpenny (Rest in Peace) (Maureen Halpenny)
Mon 11 November	Saint Martin of Tours
09:15 am	Holy Souls
06:00 pm	Francesco Porco Aloe (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Tue 12 November	Saint Josphat
09:15am	Holy Souls
06:00 pm	Deceased of the Bond Family
Wed 13 November	FERIA
09:15 am	Holy Souls
6:00:00	Thanksgiving (John and Teresa)
Thu 14 November	FERIA
09:15 am	Deceased Parishioners
06:00 pm	Holy Souls
Fri 15 November	FERIA
09:15 am	Felicio D'Souza (Norah)
06:00pm	Holy Souls
Sat 16 November	Saint Edmund of Abindgon
10:00 am	Holy Souls
06:00 pm	Holy Souls
Sun 17 November	Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Holy Souls
10:00 am	Emile Turay (Rest in Peace) (Family)
12noon	Shirley and Patrick (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, 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, Albert Callanan