

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 Num 21:4-9

Response to the Psalm: Never forget the deeds of the Lord.

2nd Reading: Phil 2:6-11

Gospel: John 3:13-17

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (14/09/2025)

The discovery of the relics of the true cross by St. Helena, the mother of Constantine, is dated to 14 September 320. The annual commemoration of that event has been celebrated since, in praise of the redemption won for us by Christ.

No one in the time of Jesus would ever have put together the two words 'triumph' and 'cross'. Far from being a triumph, death by crucifixion was considered to be the most degrading and terrifying form of execution. It was a way for the Roman authorities to show its triumph over all those who dared to threaten Roman order and peace. Yet, as Christians, we have no difficulty in looking upon the Cross of Jesus as a triumph. Rome did not have the last word when it came to Jesus, because God raised Jesus from the dead and he made him the cornerstone of a new community, which went on to include a future Roman Emperor, Constantine. Through the eyes of the resurrection we can see the Cross of Jesus' love over the hateful rejection of his Son. This is how John in his Gospel understood the cross of Jesus. It was the glorious revelation of God's love for the world, in the language of today's Gospel reading. Jesus himself says that a man has no greater

love than to lay down his life for his friends. We venerate the cross because it is a powerful manifestation of a love that is greater than any human love. That is why the earliest Christians tended to depict the crucifix as a glorious Christ with arms outstretched reigning in love from the Cross. This morning we celebrate a triumph in which we all share. We are all embraced by the love of God that shines through Christ crucified. The Cross has become good news for us. Saint Paul in his letter to the Romans expressed that good news very simply and very powerfully, 'God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinner, Christ died for us.

Have a Blessed Week

Canon Miall

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament recommences after the summer break on Monday and Wednesday of each week after the 9:15a.m. Masses until 5p.m. All are welcome.

This weekend at all Masses there will be a **retiring collection** for the Catholic Education Service.

Next weekend we welcome Rose Saunders-Troy into the Community of faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. Blessings to the family.

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Bertie Eddy Mamooya Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for Bertie's soul will be on Wednesday 17th of September in Our Lady and Saint George Church at 12 noon.

The **next parish baptism preparation course:** Session 1 Monday 29th September 6:30 pm in the church and Session 2 will be on Monday 6th October at 6:30pm.

Trinity Catholic High School, Open Evening 7th October 2025 We are delighted to invite all prospective parents and students to join our Year 7 Open

Evening, which will take place on Tuesday 7th October on the Upper Site, Mornington Road, between 5pm and 8pm, with Mr Linnane, Headmaster, talking at 5pm and 6.30pm. There are parking restrictions in the area, so please be aware of this on the evening. Please complete the form on our website to confirm your attendance: <https://forms.office.com/e/EaxkZU2DT0>

The closing date for applications is 31st October 2025. Please note that applicants will need to complete a common application form which will be provided by their own Local Authority on line. For applicants wishing to submit a Certificate of Catholic Practice, this Diocesan document can be obtained through your Parish Priest or on the Diocesan website. You will also need to complete a SIF form, which can be found on the Trinity website, under Admission.

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00 pm	John and Josie Keenan (Rest in Peace) (Keane)
Sun 14 September	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
08:30 am	Vocations to the Priesthood (Christopher)
10:00 am	Teresa Walker (Rest in Peace) (Jim and Family)
12noon	Rene Marin's Intention (Sylvia)
Mon 15 September	Our lady of Sorrows
09:15 am	Connie O'Sullivan's Intentions (Maloney)
06:00 pm	Sujil James (Thanksgiving) (Mathew)
Tue 16 September	Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian
09:15 am	Fahey Family (Rest in Peace) (Eileen Elms)
06:00pm	Amal and Aagin's Intentions (Family) and Mary O'Connor (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Wed 17 September	FERIA
09:15 am	Aida Maria De Souza (Rest in Peace) (Family)
06:00 pm	Alma Willox (Rest in Peace) (Foundation)
Thu 18 September	FERIA
09:15 am	Ron Almeida (Rest in Peace) (Family)
06:00 pm	Sunil James (Thanksgiving) (Mathew)
Fri 19 September	FERIA
09:15 am	Ellen Mary Fraud (Rest in Peace) (Foundation)
06:00 pm	Vocations to the Priesthood (Christopher)
Sat 20 September	Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon. Pr. Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions
10:00 am	Wesley De Souza (Rest in Peace) (Family)
06:00 pm	James and Ellie Harte (Rest in Peace) (Kevin and Brendan)
Sun 21 September	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Vocations to the Priesthood (Christopher)
10:00 am	Janette Duffy (Rest In Peace) (John Rafferty)
12noon	Choi-Yee Kwan (Ping)

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Mon 22 September	FERIA
09:15 am	Nestor Fedorak (Rest in Peace) (Family)
06:00 pm	Jose Tavares' Intention (Christopher)
Tue 23 September	Saint Pius of Pietreicina
09:15 am	Yohann Sanches Intentions (Family)
06:00pm	Monsignor Kerry Bayada (Rest in Peace) (Christopher)
Wed 24 September	Our Lady of Walsingham
09:15 am	Mary O'Connor (Rest in Peace) (Family)
06:00 pm	Maria and Joseph Sanches (Rest in Peace) (Louella)
Thu 25 September	FERIA
09:15 am	Holy Souls
06:00 pm	Mary O'Connor (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Fri 26 September	FERIA
09:15 am	Parishioners
06:00 pm	Mary O'Connor (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sat 27 September	Saint Vincent de Paul
10:00 am	Mary O'Connor (Rest in Peace) (Family)
06:00 pm	Maureen Breslin (Rest in Peace) Carmody)
Sun 28 September	Twenty- Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Thanksgiving (Barbara)
10:00 am	Mrs. Benedict Gibson's Intention (Family)
12noon	Winifred 'Sonia' Louis (Rest in Peace) (Family)

Prayer List

Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Hilda Collett (Chris), 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), 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, Mrs Best, Michael Brown, Albert Callanan, Anne Close, Robinson, Frieda, Fr. Jose, Melissa Isaac and Mum, Moreena Blackwood, Mick Curley (Christina), William Nkyi-Acheampong. Marie Rachelle Bell Bower, Ermin Elizabeth Bryce.

Nicolas from Bethlehem Nativity Group emailed to express his gratitude to parishioners who purchased the olive wood religious items. A total of £4116.25 was raised.