

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 Amos 6: 1,4-7

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

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6: 11-16

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (28/09/2025)

This Sunday's Gospel helps us understand what it means to love, and more than anything how to avoid certain risks. In the parable there is a rich man who does not notice Lazarus, a poor man who was 'at his gate' (LK 16:20). This rich man, in fact, does not do evil towards anyone, nothing says that he is a bad man. But he has a sickness much greater than Lazarus' who was 'full of sores'. This rich man suffers from terrible blindness, because his is not able to look beyond his world, made of banquets and fine clothing. He cannot see beyond the door of his house to where Lazarus lies, because what is happening outside does not interest him. He does not see with his eyes, because he cannot feel with his heart. For into it a worldliness has entered which anaesthetises the soul. This worldliness is like a 'black hole' that swallows up what is good, which extinguishes love because it consumes everything in its very self. And so here a person sees only outward appearances, no longer noticing others because one has become indifferent to everyone. The one who suffers from grave blindness often takes on 'squinting' behaviour. He looks with adulation at famous people, of high rank, admired by the world, yet turns his gaze away from many Lazaruses of today, from the poor, from the suffering who are the Lord's beloved.

But the Lord looks at those who are neglected and discarded by the world. Lazarus is the only one named in all of Jesus' parables. His name means 'God helps'. God does not forget him; he will welcome him to the banquet in his kingdom, together with Abram, in communion with all who suffer. The rich man in the parable, on the other hand, does not even have a name; his life passes by forgotten, because whoever lives for himself does not write history. And a Christian must write history! He or she must go out from themselves, to write history! But whoever lives for themselves cannot write history.

Have a Blessed Week

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

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.

Holy Family Catholic School and Sixth Form warmly invites families to our Open Evening on Tuesday, 30th September, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Come and see our thriving school community in action, where students flourish academically and personally. We are proud that our GCSE results are consistently above the national average, reflecting our commitment to excellence rooted in Catholic values. Our highly successful Sixth Form sends more and more students each year to top universities in the UK and abroad, including Oxbridge and Ivy League. Explore our classrooms, meet our staff, and discover why Holy Family is a place where every child is supported to be the best version of themselves. We look forward to welcoming you!

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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day is Friday 3rd October. Please return CAFOD envelope at any of the weekend Masses.

ARCHBISHOP SAINT ÓSCAR ROMERO: Archbishop John Wilson (Archbishop of Southwark), will be giving a Talk and power-point Presentation on Saint Óscar Romero, in the Cathedral Parish Hall on Wednesday 8th October at 7.30pm. Archbishop John has made a special study of St Oscar Romero, and it is a great honour and privilege to invite him to our Cathedral Parish and Diocese for this talk.

SVP Listening Hub - Next meeting Tuesday 7th October 2025, from 1pm – 3.30pm. Coffee, Chat and Information all welcome. Please also note future dates first Tuesday of the month for 2025 and 2026 up to March 2026.

Silent Weekend Retreat "Be Holy, for I am holy" at Sion Catholic Community, Brentwood. Dates: Friday 10th - Sunday 12th October 2025.

Our theme focuses on the universal call to holiness. We are ALL called to be saints whatever rank or status. We may assume that this is a vocation reserved to the chosen few without understanding that each and every one of us is called to be holy and live a life of holiness. But what does living a life of holiness mean? How can we embrace this call and learn to live it as a reality? Our guest speaker for the weekend is Fr Emmanuel Mansford, CFR (Franciscan Friars of the Renewal). This silent weekend retreat offers us the opportunity to spend time with the Lord in quiet prayer and reflection. 40-HOURS of CONTINUOUS Adoration, guidance & ministry included. For more information or to book, visit <https://sioncommunity.org.uk/adults/#SilentRetreat> or email admin@sioncommunity.org.uk

Season of Creation Starting each year on 1 September and finishing on the Feast of St Francis, 4 October, the Season of Creation is a celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. To mark both the Season of Creation and the Year of Jubilee, Holy Family School is establishing an allotment on the Wiseman site. Once it is established, we are hoping to be able to use the produce in school and any excess for the local community. We are looking for volunteers to give one or two hours on a Wednesday afternoon from 3pm to help students clear the plot before winter. Please contact our school Chaplain <mailto:mrs.grierson@holyfamilycatholicschool.co.uk> if you can help.

Marriage support - Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Next programme starts 17th October.
[www.retrouaille.org.uk](<https://www.retrouaille.org.uk>) Tel: [+44 7887 296 983](tel:07887296983 "Retrouaille | A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages, Retrouaille | A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages")

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Eileen Philomena Bollard. Eileen's Requiem Mass will be on 6th October at 10:30am.

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

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)
Mon 29 September	Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
09:15 am	Natalie Rosario (Rest in Peace) (Louella)
06:00 pm	Mary O'Connor (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Tue 30 September	Saint Jerome
09:15 am	Christopher Almeida (Rest in Peace) (Louella)
06:00pm	Mary O'Connor (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Wed 1 October	Saint Therese of the Child Jesus
09:15 am	Ron Almeida (Rest in Peace) (Louella)
06:00 pm	Holy Souls (Christopher)
Thu 2 October	The Holy Guardian Angels
09:15 am	Carol Phillips (Rest in Peace) (Margaret)
06:00 pm	John and Jenny (Family) (Golden Anniversary)
Fri 3 October	FERIA
09:15 am	James and Ellie Harte (Rest in Peace) (Kevin and Brendan)
06:00 pm	Holy Souls (Christopher)
Sat 4 October	Saint Francis of Assisi
10:00 am	Holy Souls (Christopher)
06:00 pm	Maureen Breslin (Rest in Peace) (Maloney)
Sun 5 October	Twenty- Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Thanksgiving (Barbara)
10:00 am	Intentions of the Gibson Family (Benedicta)
12noon	Vanessa Wills Intentions (Sylvia)

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, Doreen Palmer