

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 Wisdom 9:13-18

Response to the Psalm: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10. 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Twenty- third Sunday in Ordinary Time (7/09/2025)

Today's reading from St. Luke is concerned with the high cost of discipleship. He gives us three hard sayings by Jesus. First concerned family ties. Jesus uses the word 'hate' in the saying, which is an obvious exaggeration, but underlines the overriding importance of God's kingdom and following Jesus. Placing God before family would be a difficult choice in any time of world history.

The second asserts that following Jesus will involve suffering. You must be able to pick up your cross or crosses. The cross was an instrument of shame as much as one of physical torment. We are called to imitate Jesus' example of suffering for the sake of God's kingdom. All of us are concerned about what others think of us. How many times have you been tempted to do something questionable because everyone else is? How many times have you teased someone or gossiped about someone just because others are, and you were afraid of challenging their nastiness?

The three tough saying are interrupted by two parables. The point made in the parable of the man building the tower and the king going to battle is that the cost of discipleship is high, and you better consider what kind of commitment it will take to be true disciple of Christ.

The third saying of renouncing material goods places things in their proper place. Many believed that riches were a sign of God's blessing and a person's cleverness and GOODNESS. Remember in Jesus' time there was no welfare state or social security. Again the extreme nature of the challenge highlights the overriding importance of God's kingdom and following Jesus.

With such a high price, what makes discipleship possible, is the grace of God! We are not alone. We can deal with the cost of discipleship, only if we are convinced that God is with us, directing and helping us along the way.

The next time you receive Holy Communion ask yourself, has trying to be faithful to the Gospel ever been costly for you personally? As children of God. How do we consistently give all to God?

Have a Blessed Week

Canon Miall

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

We welcome Fr Shajin who arrived in the parish on Monday evening. Fr. Shinto and Jonathan will very kindly assist his settling in.

Fr Michael wishes to thank everybody for their generosity and kindness for the 4 years he has ministered here. We were truly blessed. Please keep Fr Michael on your prayers as he begins parish life in Chelmsford.

This weekend the Bethlehem Nativity Group will be selling religious goods at all the Masses. These religious items are made of olive wood and the money goes to support Christian families in the Holy Land.

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.

Today Carlo Acutis and Pier Frassati will be canonised in Rome. Thanks be to God.

Next 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 Berty Eddy Mamoooya Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for Berty's soul will be on Wednesday 17th of September in Our Lady and Saint George Church at 12 noon.

Please pray for all pupils and staff at our parish primary school and our deanery school as they begin a new school year.

The parish of St Anne Line, South Woodford (E18 2JR) is hosting a Marian Triduum, Monday 8th-Wednesday 10th September. Each night the service is at 7pm and lasts an hour. The Redemptorist preacher will look at the Marian dogmas through the phrase from the 'Salve Regina': Our Life, Our Sweetness, and Our Hope. Confessions from 6pm. All welcome."

Birthday blessings to Marie Neville.

Happy wedding anniversary to Roy and Shynamma for Thursday last.

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00 pm	Tony Keane (Rest in Peace)
Sun 7 September	Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Intentions of Agnes and Milburn
10:00 am	Children and Teachers in Catholic Schools
12noon	Oscar Baricanosa (Rest in Peace) (Tessie)
Mon 8 September	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
09:15 am	Mary Hanley (Rest in Peace) (Keane)
06:00 pm	Jose Tavares' Intentions (Christopher)
Tue 9 September	FERIA
09:15 am	Ethelvina Rodrigues (Rest in Peace) (Family)
06:00pm	Kristina Kosylo's Intentions (Nestor)
Wed 10 September	FERIA
09:15 am	Parishioners
06:00 pm	Martin Joseph Gallagher (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Thu 11 September	FERIA
09:15 am	Holy Souls
06:00 pm	Varkey Edathikudiyl (Rest in Peace) (Roy Family)
Fri 12 September	FERIA
09:15 am	Maureen Breslin (Rest in Peace) 9keane)
06:00 pm	Thanksgiving (Mc Donagh)
Sat 13 September	Saint John Chrysostom
10:00 am	Canon Niall Intentions (Nestor)
06:00 pm	John and Josie Keenan (Rest in Peace) (Keane)
Sun 14 September	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
08:30 am	Vocation to the Priesthood (Christopher)
10:00 am	Teresa Walker (Rest in Peace) (Jim and Family)
12noon	Rene Marin's Intention (Sylvia)

Prayer List

Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Hilda Collett (Chris), Josephine Walsh (Paul), Liberee, Anne (Christina), Bridie Curley, Sharon Baker, 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, Melissa Isaac and Mum, Moreena Blackwood, Mick Curley (Christina), William Nkyi-Acheampong