

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 College: 8520 0482/8520 3587

Charity Number: 234092

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY (A) – 18/19 JULY 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Today's readings tell us about a very patient and compassionate God Who is hopeful that the so-called "weeds" among us will be converted. They warn us that we should not be in a hurry to eliminate such elements from the Church or society or the family based on unwarranted and hasty judgment.

The first reading from the Book of Wisdom shows us a merciful and patient God, rather than the disciplining and punishing God presented in the book of Genesis. The second reading from Romans reminds us that the Spirit of God constantly empowers us in our prayers and in our weakness. So, we should be patient with ourselves and with others.

Finally, in the Gospel *parable of the wheat and the weeds*, Jesus presents a wise and patient God who allows the good and the evil to coexist in the world and blesses the evil ones for the little good they may have done, so that they may come to conversion before their time ends. "*Let the wheat and the weeds (darnel) grow together till the harvest time.*" In other words, God awaits repentant sinners, giving them (us) the strength and good will to get reconciled with Him. God calmly recognizes that there is evil in the world, but He sees that evil is no excuse for the good people not to do good with the power of God at their disposal. Through the parable of the wheat and the weeds in today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to be patient with those who fail to meet the high ethical standard expected of a Christian.

Have a Blessed Week

Canon Niall

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

Guidelines on reopening of the Church

- Please follow one way system, social distancing and the guidance by the volunteers.
- If you have an illness/feeling unwell, please remain at home until you are fully recovered.
- Entrance only through the front door and exit only through the farther right side door near the sanctuary.
- You will be signed into Mass – Name and Telephone.
- Use Sanitizers, gloves and face coverings/masks.
- Please observe all the signs of social distancing regarding where to sit/kneel in the church.
- Keep social distancing.
- No Altar-servers, readers and deacon for the liturgy.
- Very brief homily.
- There will be no offertory procession of gifts and collection during Holy Mass; instead you may drop your contribution at the basket kept at the entrance and exit as well.
- There is no exchange of the sign of peace.
- After the prayer "*Behold the Lamb of God . . . Lord I am not worthy,*" when the priest holds up the host and says "*The Body of Christ*" the congregation respond "*Amen*". In the same way, when the priest elevates the chalice and says "*The Blood of Christ*" the congregation respond "*Amen*". The communion will be distributed in silence.
- Communicants may receive Holy Communion, in their hands, palms upwards, one on the top of the other, should be extended as flatly as possible.
- No Extra ordinary Lay ministers of Holy Communion.
- Come to receive Holy Communion only under the guidance of the stewards.
- Come early for weekend Masses - church capacity is only 150.
- It is not a known fact on how many people will attend mass. Consequently one way of managing this is for people to come to the weekday masses in the church.

- Offertory collection and donations to be placed in the baskets as you exit after Holy Mass.
- Priests are told to go directly to the sacristy after mass.
- **Mass times:**
Weekday Mass: 9.15 am and 6.00 pm
Saturday: 10.00 am and 6.00 pm
Sunday: 10.00 am and 12.00 pm
- There will be no hand outs (Mass sheets, News Letters, hymn books etc..) for the masses for the foreseeable future.
- Choir returns in September.
- Families or individuals please sit and kneel at the places assigned.
- Neither holy water nor votive candles are available at present.
- Please refrain from touching statues.
- No access to the toilets, but only in emergency.
- Please leave the church promptly.

Online Mass

We continue Live-streaming Mass at the daily 9.15 am Mass and on Saturdays and Sunday's at 10.00 am Mass via the parish account in youtube. Thank you for your patience and God bless you all. Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/olsge17>

Happy Birthday: All the blessings to Sr. Blessing and Delphane who celebrated their birthdays last week.

A Word of Gratitude: Thanks to all Parishioners who have made donations and gift aided during the lock down.

Sutharshana Ravibaskaran, Rest in Peace: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Sutharshana Ravibaskaran Monday 20th July, requiem Mass at 8.am in Our Lady and St. George Church.

Denise Muyola, Rest in Peace: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Denise Muyola whose requiem Mass is on Friday 31st July at 12.30 pm at Our Lady and St. George Church and burial at 3 pm at Mano park Cemetery.

Wish you all a Happy holiday and be safe

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06.00 pm	Pat Cahill (Rest in Peace) (Walsh)
Sun 19 July	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)
10.00 am	Sebastian's Intentions (Mathew and Mariamma Thalanani)
12.00 noon	John D'Arcy (Rest in Peace) (Family)
02.30 pm	Syro Malabar Mass
Mon 20 July	FERIA
09.15 am	Joel Dias (Rest in Peace) (Family)
06.00 pm	Intentions of the housebound of our parish
Tue 21 July	FERIA
09.15 am	Joel Dias (Rest in Peace) (Family)
06.00 pm	NHS Staff
Wed 22 July	St. Mary Magdalene. Feast
09.15 am	Deseased of Dia's Family (Dias)
06.00 pm	Parishioners
Thu 23 July	St. Bridget of Sweden (European Feast)
09.15 am	Charley Baken Collingwood (Rest in Peace) (Dias)
06.00 pm	John Baptist (Rest in Peace) (Jane)
Fri 24 July	FERIA
09.15 am	Sr. Brendan Platinum Jubilee (70 years) (Sr. Anne Marie)
06.00 pm	Rosa (Rest in Peace) (Roy)
Sat 25 July	St. James. Feast
10.00 am	Birthday Intentions
06.00 pm	Patrick Fletcher (Rest in Peace) (Caroy)
Sun 18 July	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)
10.00 am	Sebastian's Intentions (Mathew and Mariamma Thalanani)
12.00 noon	Shun Choi (Rest in Peace)
02.30 pm	Syro Malabar Mass

Prayer List

Christopher Browne, Rose Dennehy, Carol Hogermeer, Brian Keane, Ignatius Keane, Tony McCarthy, Rose O'Neill, Andrea Roberts, Promise Shinondo, Victoria Wyndham, Christine Conway, Nora Meades, Veronica Nolan, Mr and Mrs Charles, Esperanza Buenaventura, Joyce Ross, Christine Raymond, Jacky Boyrow, Thelma Lewis, Tasmin Sparks, Eileen Karim, Sandra Gibson, Archie Garrod, Martin Keane, Alix Charlery, Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati, Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave., Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Bill Walsh, Bridget Lyons, Kristina Klimasauskaite, Philomena Spranklen, Jeffrey Mitchell, Michelle Boyle, Carla Cornelius, Cecelia Gibbs, Arthur Gibbs, Ural Gibbs, Gilbert Gibbs, Archie, George and Issac, Luis and Lukas, Comfort Kwawu, Judith Hilton, Gloria and Tracy Joseph, Regina Jose, Kojo Gyebi-Ababio, Thampirajah Baskaran, Linda Campbell, Brid O'Halloran, Hazel Belizaire, Tina Henriques, Neill, Alan and Ross Smith, Stefan, Monica Baugh, Eileen O Kane, Grace McCaley, Jadwiga, Matthias Fredberg, Michael White, Fr. Jean Laurent Marie, Roy and Margaret Bandhu, Alma Willox, John Walsh, Chantale Wildman, Christopher Almeida, Aileen Mensah, Sr. Helen, Pat Howland, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Jennie Richmond, Terry Coe, Stephen Donnelly, Daniel Donnelly, Sruthy, Brendan Mc Donagh (aged 5), Liberee Uwimana, Evangeline.

Our parish safe guarding officials are Jenny Richmond and Marina Tuddy.

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