

**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**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY (A) – 25/26 JULY 2020**

Dear Parishioners,

Today's readings teach us that Faith in Jesus as our God and Savior and sacrificing everything in life to do the will of God are equivalent to discovering and possessing the most valuable treasure or the pearl of great price. In other words, keeping a personal relationship with Christ and sharing his view of life are the most beautiful, the most precious things in the world.

King Solomon in the first reading opted for the great treasure of accepting God to rule his life by doing God's will. That is why he requested of God for the gift of prudence, and Yahweh was pleased with his request and granted him *a wise and discerning heart* which enabled him to surpass everyone in wisdom. In **the second reading**, Paul teaches that wisdom to perceive God's grace and use it, is essential for those who want to follow Him and to do His will, thus remaining in His Kingdom.

Among the three mini parables in the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that God's Kingdom is something of extraordinary value, like a hidden treasure or a costly pearl, and that possessing it calls for a total commitment to preserve it. The Kingdom of God is God's reign in our hearts, in our lives, in our homes, in our society, and in our world. Only those who develop a searching mind and a heart willing to give up everything for the great treasure of God's Kingdom will be rewarded. Through the first two parables of the treasure and pearl, Jesus teaches us that identifying God's will and living according to the Gospel are the most precious and worthwhile things in life.

**Have a Blessed Week**

**Canon Niall**

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**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>

**Birthday Wishes: Clem**

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

**Mary Williams, Rest in Peace:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mary Williams who was a long time parishioner who died last week. The family has requested that the funeral service for family only due to Covid 19.

**Gratitude:** Thanks for your donations during the lock down. When you attend Mass, please be sure to collect your boxed gift aid envelops in the church porch.

Some parishioners remain after mass to sanitise the pews – Thank you for all you do.

**A Day of reflection:** A Day to reflect and introduce the Vocation of the Oblates of the Assumption, Missionary Sisters on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at the Community, 20Higham Station Ave, Chingford, E4 9AZ at 10.00 am (finishing with Sunday Vigil Mass at 4.00 pm). Contact: 02085310466. Email: [mnicannaid@yahoo.ie](mailto:mnicannaid@yahoo.ie)

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**Wish you all a Happy holiday and be safe**

## Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

<b>06.00 pm</b>	<b>Patrick Fletcher (Rest in Peace) (Carey)</b>
<b>Sun 26 July</b>	<b>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)</b>
<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Bridie Cullen (RIP) (Chris)</b>
<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>Shun Choi (Rest in Peace)</b>
<b>02.30 pm</b>	<b>Syro Malabar Mass</b>
<b>Mon 27 July</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09.15 am</b>	<b>Sr. Philippa (RIP) (Sr. Anne Marie)</b>
<b>06.00 pm</b>	<b>Sebastian's Intentions (Mathew and Mariamma Thalanani)</b>
<b>Tue 28 July</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09.15 am</b>	<b>Spence Family Intentions (Spence)</b>
<b>06.00 pm</b>	<b>Fr. John Victor's Intentions (Jane)</b>
<b>Wed 29 July</b>	<b>St. Martha – Memorial</b>
<b>09.15 am</b>	<b>Jenny Richmond's Intentions</b>
<b>06.00 pm</b>	<b>Canon Niall's Intentions (Ramsey)</b>
<b>Thu 30 July</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09.15 am</b>	<b>Speedy recovery of Evangeline (Betty)</b>
<b>06.00 pm</b>	<b>Mary Theresa Redman (Thanksgiving) (Ramsey)</b>
<b>Fri 31 July</b>	<b>St. Ignatius of Loyola. Pr – Memorial</b>
<b>09.15 am</b>	<b>End Thomas (RIP) (Getrude)</b>
<b>06.00 pm</b>	<b>Romeo Rodrigues (RIP) (Family)</b>
<b>Sat 01 Aug</b>	<b>St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bp, D – Memorial</b>
<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Delmira Rodrigues (RIP) (Family)</b>
<b>06.00 pm</b>	<b>Sr. Isabelle (RIP) (Family)</b>
<b>Sun 02 Aug</b>	<b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)</b>
<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Sebastian's Intentions (Mathew and Mariamma Thalanani)</b>
<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>Mary Yensu (Intentions) (Sylvia Yamson)</b>
<b>02.30 pm</b>	<b>Syro Malabar Mass</b>

### 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.

**Samaritans 020 8520 9191.**