

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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY (A) – 22/23 AUGUST 2020

Dear Parishioners,

We might call this Sunday “Power Sunday” because the main theme of all three readings is that God is the Source of all authority. God shares His authority with elected civil rulers to serve the people and with the Pope and the other Church leaders for the material and spiritual welfare of His children.

The first reading, taken from Isaiah, tells us how God hates unfaithful and selfish officials. He removed the proud “master of the royal palace” from his office, taking from Shebna the power and responsibility of which he had proven unworthy, and gave both to the humble and faithful Eliakim. The *robe*, the *sash*, and the *keys* are the insignia of this office. In the second reading, St. Paul praises God for the depth of His wisdom, knowledge, and correct judgments, asserting that He is the Source of all authority on earth and in Heaven.

Today's Gospel passage shows us how Peter confesses Jesus as his *Lord and Savior* and how Jesus, in turn, approves Peter's words and gives him teaching and ruling authority in his Church. Thus, Jesus establishes a “Magisterium” in his Church to serve the spiritual and physical needs of the Church members. By Jesus' statement, “*I will give you the Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven*,” he gives Peter and his successors the power to bind and to loose (make laws; exercise authority) in the Church, and the assurance that their decisions will be ratified in Heaven.

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.

Gratitude:

- 1). A big thanks to the family from Kerala (does not want to reveal the identity) for generously donating six pedestal fans to our Parish.
- 2). Thanks again to the parishioners for their donations and gift aid envelopes. If you have not done so, your new box with your name is in the Church porch.
- 3). A big thanks to many parishioners who remain for cleaning after each Mass to sanitize the church pews in preparation for the next Mass – Thank you for all you do.

Blessings: Blessings to Ronald Augustine and Athira Roy who get betrothed on 24th August 2020 and getting married on 14th September 2020 that God may bless the couples to have a happy married life.

Global Online Prayer: Alan McGuckian, Bishop of Raphoe co-founded the global online prayer phenomenon which is Sacred Space – a website that attracts several million visitors each year. He introduces *The Joy of the Gospels* in five inspirational short videos which you can access at <https://www.newpilgrimpath.ie/>

Elizabeth Libby Holden, Rest in Peace: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Elizabeth Libby Holden, Rest in Peace. May God comfort her grieving family especially her husband John Holden of 70 years of marriage; whose requiem mass at 11 am on Tuesday 25th August. As directed by the bishops 30 members of the immediate family can join in the Mass.

Mass Intention: If you wish to request mass for a specific date – A month's notice is required.

Happy Birthday and Blessings to Maria.

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.

Counting Rota	23/08B	30/08F	06/09E	13/09B	20/09F
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Our parish safe guarding officials are Jenny Richmond and Marina Tuddy.
Samaritans 020 8520 9191.

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

6.00 pm	Deceased of Diggins & McCormack Family (Kathleen)
Sun 23 Aug	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
10.00 am	Rukeuwe Natufes' Intentions (Joy)
12.00 noon	Alice D'Arcy (Rest in Peace) (Family)
02.30 pm	Syro Malabar Mass
Mon 24 Aug	St. Bartholomew, Ap - Feast
9.15 am	Holy Souls (Fletcher)
6.00 pm	Special Intentions (Maria & Marta)
Tue 25 Aug	FERIA
9.15 am	Special Intentions (Fletcher)
6.00p m	Paschal Joseph Hayden (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Wed 26 Aug	FERIA
9.15 am	Michael Breslin (Rest in Peace) De Souza Family)
6.00 pm	Mary Theresa Kelly (Rest in Peace)
Thu 27 Aug	St. Monica, – Memorial
9.15 am	Anne Eberle's Intentions (John & Trish)
6.00 pm	(John & Trish) Intentions (Geary)
Fri 28 Aug	St. Augustine, Bp, D – Memorial
9.15 am	Evangeline (Rest in Peace) (Cliff & Jenny)
6.00 pm	Evangeline (Rest in Peace) (Jane)
Sat 29 Aug	The Passion of St. John the Baptist – Memorial
10.00 am	Sean Yeates (80th Birthday) (Philomena & John)
6.00 pm	Sally, John, Elizabeth, Sherindan-longhrey (Rest in Peace) (Geraldine)
Sun 30 Aug	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
10.00 am	Evangeline (Rest in Peace) (Elizabeth)
12.00 noon	Thanksgiving for Rukeuwe Natufes (Joy (Family)
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 Klimauskaite, 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, Violet Alahendran, Angela & Danny Mc Namara.