

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-FIFTH SUNDAY (A) – 19/20 SEPTEMBER, 2020

1st Sept – 4th October – Season of Creation

Dear Parishioners,

What all the workers in Jesus's story have in common, irrespective of the time of day they were taken on by the landowner, is that they've been hired, they've been given something to do. Before the landowner approached them, they were standing idle; then each and every one of them was given a task. That's where they are all equal; not in the amount of work they've put in, but in the fact that if they hadn't been approached by the landowner, they would all still be idle.

In a way, those who did most benefitted most: they were given a task, a purpose, a sense of worth, earlier in the day. The others were idle, purposeless, for longer. But when pay-time came along, the sense of gratitude for being called to work was outweighed by mathematics.

Jesus' story, of course, is not about mathematics or rates of pay. It's about the fact that God calls us – all of us. It is by God's grace and blessing that we find a sense of purpose and meaning in our lives. It is as disciples of Jesus that we are invited to live through each day, and when the end of the day comes, the right attitude is not: 'Have I been properly compensated for my efforts to live as a Christian this day? No – the right attitude is: 'Thank you, Lord, for having brought me to this day, for bringing me through it, for helping me to do whatever good I've done, for bearing with me in my shortcomings.' That's the end-of-day attitude for disciples.

When a car's wheels are spinning in mud, sand or snow, the best thing to do is increase the load on those wheels. If the load is lightened, the wheels will never find traction. When the landlord went out to hire idle people to work for him, he was given them a burden, a meaningful task. Let us be grateful to God for every good burden, every meaningful task that comes our way.

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.

The Catholic Biblical Association of Great Britain: Fr. Timothy Radcliffe OP., a world-wide preacher and writer gives his service live-streamed on Saturday 24th October 2020, at 11 am to 3 pm from the Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest at Gidea Park. To access go to www.sspilford.org.uk and click on live streamed remote services. For details please see the notice board.

Job Vacancy: St. Joseph's Leyton is looking for a Faith Community administrator for the school term. Closing date for applications 2nd October 2020. For details please see the notice board.

Open Evening: Holy Family school is conducts a *virtual open evening* on Thursday 24th September 2020 at 6 pm. For details please see the notice board.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Sarah Bernedette Larkin, Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass will be on Monday 5th of October in the City of London Cemetery Chapel followed by burial.

First Holy Communion: See Jennifer's Letter to the Parents in our website.

Sacrament of Confirmation – plans are afoot to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for all the candidates in the near future. Please keep up to date on the parish website.

Fraudster Attempts: Several fraudster attempts to steal have taken place in neighbouring parishes. For details look at the notice board.

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	20/09F	27/09E	04/10B	11/10E	18/10B
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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	Evangeline (Rest in Peace) (Cesar & Nelly)
Sun 20 Sep	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – Home Mission Day
10.00 am	Wesley de Souza (Rest in Peace) (Bridget)
12.00 noon	Chos Yee (Rest in Peace) (Ping)
02.30 pm	Syro Malabar Mass
Mon 21 Aug	ST. MATTHEW, Ap, Evangelist – Feast
9.15 am	Ellen Harte (Thanksgiving) (Family)
6.00 pm	Intentions of Claire, David & Finn McGhie
Tue 22 Sep	FERIA
9.15 am	Michael Breslin (Rest in Peace) (de Souza)
6.00p m	Betty Ramsey’s Intentions
Wed 23 Sep	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Pr (Padre Pio) Memorial
9.15 am	Margaret & Edund Riordan (Rest in Peace)
6.00 pm	Jaimon, Mariamma and Family Intention
Thu 24 Sep	Our Lady of Walsingham – National Memorial
9.15 am	Jaimon, Mariamma & Joseph Family
6.00 pm	Fr. Paschal Uche’s Intentions (Gertrude)
Fri 25 Sep	FERIA
9.15 am	Canon Niall’s Intentions (Gertrude)
6.00 pm	Joan Keane’s Intentions (Betty Ramsey)
Sat 26 Sep	FERIA
10.00 am	Paulina Igboanugo (Rest in Peace) (Sr. Scolastica)
6.00 pm	Sebastian’s Intentions (Mathew & Mariamma Thalanany)
Sun 27 Sep	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – The Harvest Festival
10.00 am	Brian Thomas Hames (Rest in Peace) (Allison)
12.00 noon	Rouf Tobin
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, Sebastian, 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, Bernedette Doherty.