

**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-THIRD SUNDAY (A) – 05/06 SEPTEMBER, 2020**

Dear Parishioners,

There's lots of talk of commandments, rules and thou-shalt-nots in the readings today. The Gospel we've just heard is more about correcting those who have strayed. Many people imagine that commandments and rules fence us in and tie us down. Have they a point?

Philosophers and theologians have a word for the notion that we can be more free if we're not saddled with rules and fixed points for our behavior: they call that relativism. Relativism, true to its name, says 'It's all relative. What's good and bad depends on our situation. We shouldn't be tied down by fixed notions of right or wrong, moral or immoral; but we should see what feels okay, and what works in a given situation.' Relativism removes handrails and takes down fences. It leaves us free, but we discover, sooner or later, that the freedom it gives is only a freedom to fall and to stray.

We're blessed that our Church keeps teaching the moral truths of our faith, even if it's often misrepresented as banging the same old drums, or 'going on and on' about morality. We would do well, as believers, to be critical of what we hear and read, to use our intelligence to cut through clichés and caricatures, and to know what commandments and morality are actually about. Parents love their toddlers, and sometimes that love their freedom to run out under a car.

Those of us who are older are free to choose – we can choose wisely or foolishly. But let's at least be clear that God's commandments are a charter of freedom; when we reject them, we are heading for captivity.

Finally, we are all sinners; we have all broken commandments. We should never despair, regardless of where our weakness may have led us. We need never despair, because God's mercy is infinitely stronger than the gravity that might pull us into the abyss.

**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.

**Gratitude:**

- 1). Thank you to Tomy - Jasmin family for donating 20 finger towels for the use of liturgy.
- 2). Blessings to all who are celebrating birthdays at this time Maria Bacon, Thomas.
- 3). We pray for staff and pupils of Holy Family and Our Lady and St. George School, as they return to school.
- 4). Congratulations to Roy and Shynamma who celebrated 25<sup>th</sup> years of marriage on Friday last.
- 5). 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.
- 6). 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.

**TV Licenses for Over 75's:** Since August 2020 there is changes to the over-75's TV license. You are entitled to a *free TV license if:* a) You, as the license holder are 75 years or older, and b). You, or your partner living at the same address, receive Pension Credit. For queries Please call: 0300 790 6117.

**Fraudster Attempts:** There are some fraudster attempts to steal have taken place in neighbouring parish. His/her email address is:

[leadpastor0102@gmail.com](mailto:leadpastor0102@gmail.com) Hence, beware of such fraudster attempts.

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

**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	06/09E	13/09B	20/09F	27/09E	04/10B
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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

<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Tony Keane (Rest in Peace) (Family)</b>
<b>Sun 06 Sep</b>	<b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b>
<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Thanksgiving (Maum)</b>
<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>Thanksgiving (Dr. Paul Doherty)</b>
<b>02.30 pm</b>	<b>Syro Malabar Mass</b>
<b>Mon 07 Aug</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>Evangeline (Rest in Peace) (Stella, Gabriel &amp; Family)</b>
<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Intentions (Dr. Paul Doherty)</b>
<b>Tue 08 Sep</b>	<b>The Nativity Of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast</b>
<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>Fr. John &amp; Family - Intentions (Gertrude)</b>
<b>6.00p m</b>	<b>Canon Niall's Intentions (Sr. Ann Marie)</b>
<b>Wed 09 Sep</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>Donor</b>
<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Fr. John's – Intentions (Sr. Ann Marie)</b>
<b>Thu 10 Sep</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>Elizabeth's – Intentions (Sr. Ann Marie)</b>
<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Fr. Tom Jordan (Rest in Peace) (Pact)</b>
<b>Fri 11 Sep</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>Thanksgiving (Coeur de Lion)</b>
<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Varkey Edathikadiyil (Rest in Peace) (Roy)</b>
<b>Sat 12 Sep</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Sebastian's Intentions (Mathew &amp; Mariamma Thalanany)</b>
<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>John &amp; Josie Keane (Rest in Peace) (Family)</b>
<b>Sun 13 Sep</b>	<b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – Education Day</b>
<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Private Intention</b>
<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>Evelyn Piotrowski (Rest in Peace)(Louise)</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, 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.