

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- EIGHTH SUNDAY (A) – 10/11 OCTOBER 2020

Dear Parishioners,

There is a lavish gracious invitation extended to us in today's gospel. The invitation is met with refusals and excuses by the invited guests. *But they were not interested* is how the gospel describes them. Another invitation is extended to people whom the gospel describes as *bad and good alike*. This is a message for us all. God is gracious host who longs for our company at the banquet of his presence. The invitation excludes no-one. It symbolizes the universality of the gospel message that includes all people even in the face of refusal and rejection.

Isaiah uses the image of a *banquet prepared for all people* as an expression of God's inclusive, passionate love for us. God is described as one who will *remove the mourning veil and the shroud enwrapping all nations, who will destroy death forever, who will wipe away the tears from every cheek and take away his people's shame – everywhere on earth*. I heard a story about a man who, as a young boy was left at the back of the class in the 1960s. He had special needs that were unmet and ignored. He was made to feel ashamed and stigmatized. The local parish priest was friendly with the family and in response to a response to the boy's mother, he taught her son to read and write after he left primary school. The boy went on college and university. He went to live the United States, where he founded his own publishing company that employed 4,000 people.

All this began when the young boy's shroud of shame was taken away.

He was no longer in a hellish place of darkness.

He was given a festive wedding garment of recognition and acknowledgement.

Who in your life needs to be shepherded with care and compassion?

Who shepherds you through the valley of darkness to restful waters?

Today's psalm portrays God as a shepherd:

Guiding, leading, reviving, comforting, preparing
and anointing us with goodness and kindness all our days.

'The Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and rejoice that he has saved us.'

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.

Holy Souls envelopes: November is the month of the Holy Souls. We pray for all our deceased family and loved ones. Please pick up the Holy Souls envelope with list attached. Fill out the names of any deceased person and with your donation place it in the envelope and return to the collection basket as you exit the church after any Mass.

Birthday Blessings to Philomena Spranklen who celebrates her 95th birthday this week.

CAFOD envelopes: are available this weekend and the returned CAFOD envelopes can be placed in the basket as you leave after Mass next Sunday.

Gratitude: Thank you to all those who have taken the red boxes. Kindly request you to return those red boxes this week.

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.

Joe Staunton, Rest in Peace: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Joe Staunton (brother of Sr. Ann Marie), Rest in Peace.

11th – 17th October 2020 Prisons week. Let us pray for those living with restricted freedom and heightened fear, suffering anxiety or anger, feeling helplessness and despair.

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages:

Retrouvaille offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. More details at [www. Retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.Retrouvaille.org.uk) or email

retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

Visiting of Priests: In this pandemic, please note you can come to visit the priests in the presbytery having first made an appointment.

Those who hold the following envelope numbers on giftaid please report to either one of the priests. **3015, 3030, 3118, 3221, & 3242.**

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.

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**Our parish safe guarding officials are Jenny Richmond and Marina Tudda.
Samaritans 020 8520 9191.**

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

6.00 pm	Egbal Rauf Tobia
Sun 11 Oct	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
10.00 am	Francis & Ruth Vaz (Rest in Peace) (Carl)
12.00 noon	Mark Eric Leech (Rest in Peace) (Geraldine)
02.30 pm	Syro Malabar Mass
Mon 12 Oct	Ss. Ethelburga, Hildelithe & Cuthberga, Rel – Diocesan Memorial
9.15 am	Mary Behan (Rest in Peace) (Hearte)
6.00 pm	Mark Eric Leech (Rest in Peace) (Geraldine)
Tue 13 Oct	FERIA
9.15 am	Holy Souls (David)
6.00p m	For all the sick (Betty)
Wed 14 Oct	FERIA
9.15 am	Deceased of Mullen family (Anthony)
6.00 pm	All Priests who are ill (Betty)
Thu 15 Oct	St. Teresa of Jesus (Avila) V, Rel, D – Memorial
9.15 am	Mark Eric Leech (Rest in Peace) (Geraldine)
6.00 pm	Biju & Reji (Thanksgiving 25 th Wedding Anniversary) (Family)
Fri 16 Oct	FERIA
9.15 am	Private Intention
6.00 pm	Mark Eric Leech (Rest in Peace) (Geraldine)
Sat 17 Oct	St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bp, M - Memorial
10.00 am	Mark Eric Leech (Rest in Peace) (Geraldine)
6.00 pm	Joe Murnane (Rest in Peace) (family)
Sun 18 Oct	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
10.00 am	Margaet Raffo
12.00 noon	Sylvia Yamson & Family (Intentions) (Sylvia)
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, 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, Sebastian, Pat Howland, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Jennie Richmond, Terry Coe, Stephen Donnelly, Daniel Donnelly, Sruthy, Brendan Mc Donagh (aged 5), Liberee Uwimana, Violet Alahendran, Bernedette Doherty.