

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 School: 8520 0482/8520 3587

Charity Number: 234092

Thirty-Third Sunday (A) (World Day of the Poor)

Dear Parishioners,

The gospel story challenges us to think about what it is the master is giving the servants. The talents are a symbol of the gift of the relationship that God gives away freely. We are given the gift of creation. What do we do with it? We are given the gift of one another to live with as '*people of light*' to use the words of St. Paul to us today.

We have been given the gift of God's love to create a relationship with God. This love changes us into people of service, faith, courage and trust. God's love dissolves the fear and anxiety that entrap and lock us away from one another.

The talent, the money, the gift by the master in the gospel story is a relationship with God who transfigures all human life. The three different people in the story represent aspects of us all – especially the third servant, who knows the value of the talent and decides that the best possible thing is to do nothing. Tell nobody, show nobody and bury it. Keep God's gift under lock and key. Sadly too many of us have done this with the gift of God's love.

God gives us the greatest gift imaginable that is poured out for many in the person of Jesus. He wants us to trade His gift of life and love in which we can trust freely because of the love He shows us. The gospel story has a paradox in it. Jesus is fond of paradoxes! We are asked to love, to risk and lose our life – only to find it anew by – being '*faithful in small things.*'

Faithful is a significant word that Jesus uses. He uses it about the first two servants: '*you have been faithful in small things.*' Why faithful? It is because God keeps his promises and seals them for us in a covenant of love. The entire story of the Bible is a story of God's reckless giving and risky generosity of loving 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.

Live-Streaming Mass: Following government instructions and our Bishops' guidance, we have sadly and temporarily closed the Church from Thursday, 5th November 2020 and the Church will be open for private/individual prayers. It's our hope that we will be permitted to offer public mass in the near future. Hence we revive live-streaming mass every morning via the parish account in YouTube. Thank you for your patience and God bless you all. Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTi5MWZzTWsJzZ-RLVbbdnQ>

Time Schedule

Days	Live-stream Mass	Private Prayer
Week days (Monday to Friday)	9.15 am	9.45 am - 10.30 am
Weekends (Sunday & Saturday)	10.00 am	10.45 am - 11.30 am

Prayers and Blessings: On Tuesday 1st December Brendan (Aged 6 years) will have a bone marrow transplant. God bless the family, medical staff and bone marrow donor and of course Brendan.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2021 is planned for Sunday 25 – Friday 30 July. However, because of Covid-19 it is not possible to know yet whether a pilgrimage will be practical or in what form. Therefore, any decisions and announcements regarding the Diocesan Pilgrimage will be made in January.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week: “Why do we spend our lives striving to be something that we would never want to be, if only we knew what we wanted? Why do we waste our time doing things which, if we only stopped to think about them, are just the opposite of what we were made for?” This question, posed by the great Trappist mystic, Thomas Merton, set James Martin – editor of America magazine - on the path to priesthood. He talks about finding God in all things in a sparking interview with Krista Tippett of the award-winning Television programme, “On Being”. Listen to it at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

St. John Henry Newman and the First Vatican Council: 2020 marks 150 years since the First Vatican Council and the solemn definition of papal primacy and infallibility. In this live streamed event Professor John Morrill, emeritus professor of history at the University of Cambridge, will explore the reaction to the Council in the writings of Newman and set it in today's context on Saturday 21st November from 11 am. To access go to www.ssppilford.org.uk and click on live stream remote services.

Sacrament of Confirmation - Two Masses have been arranged for the Sacrament of Confirmation for all the candidates on Friday 4th December 7 pm and Sunday 6th December at 2.30 pm. Please keep up to date on the parish website.

Christine Cullen, Rest in Peace: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Christine Cullen, Rest in Peace. Our condolence to her husband and the family. The Requiem Mass for Christine will be at Our Lady and St. George Church on Monday 16th of November at 11 AM.

Visiting the Priests: In this lockdown - 2, please come to visit the priests in the presbytery having made an appointment only.

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

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

Sun 15 Nov	Thirty-Third Sunday (A) (World Day of the Poor)
10.00 am	Joseph Nolan (Rest in Peace) (Claire & Veronica)
	Joe Larkin (Rest in Peace) (Moss)
Mon 16 Nov	St. Edmund of Abingdon (Rich), Bp Diocesan Memorial
9.15 am	Boyce Chantasingsh (Rest in Peace)
	Rose Keenan (Rest in Peace) (Moss)
Tue 17 Nov	FERIA
9.15 am	Emilie M Turay (Rest in Peace) (Stella)
	Mgr. Zachary D'Souza (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Wed 18 Nov	FERIA
9.15 am	Theodora D'Souza (Rest in Peace) (Family)
	Joe Larkin (Rest in Peace) (Keane)
Thu 19 Nov	FERIA
9.15 am	Joe Mc Gee (Rest in Peace) (Keane)
	Holy Souls
Fri 20 Nov	FERIA
9.15 am	Holy Souls
	Holy Souls
Sat 21 Nov	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Memorial
10.00 am	Holy Souls
	Rose Keenan (Rest in Peace) (Keane)
Sun 22 Nov	Our Lord Jesus Christ The King (A) Solemnity (Youth Day)
10.00 am	Ted (Rest in Peace) (Chris & Jeanette)
	Pat & Josie Maloney (Rest in Peace) (Family)

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

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. Brendan Mc Donagh (aged 6), Liberee Uwimana, Violet Alahendran, Bernedette Doherty.