

**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**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) – (Peace Day) -17.01.2021**

Dear Parishioners,

Samuel was vowed to God by his mother Hannah, before he was born. Hannah prayed for a child. She was taunted and jeered by Peninnah. She was 'the other woman' of Elkanah and she had ten sons and two daughters. Strangely, the Bible does not name them. But just imagine the depth of Hannah's prayer.

Samuel, the name, literally means '*heard by God.*' It is a pity that verses 20 is not included in today's reading. It tells us the impact of Samuel's life: '*And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel had been established as a prophet of the Lord.*' We can learn from the boy Samuel. He teaches us how to LISTEN to God.

Samuel calls himself '*God's servant, who let no word of his fall to the ground.*' It is not without accident that LISTEN and SILENT share the same letters!! This is our first step in prayer. Samuel was lying waiting in listening mode in the sanctuary beside the ark of God. Third time lucky Samuel got it right and this gives us insight into a God who never gives up – even when we get it wrong.

Let us all resolve to reverence God's Word by listening to it as Samuel teaches us. We can take a leaf from the monastic writers and artists of the ninth century Book of Kells. They showed a unique reverence for God's Word. They had, as today's Psalm tells us '*an open ear for the scroll of the book, and they delighted in God's law in the depths of their hearts.*'

At every Mass we hear the words of John the Baptist from today's Gospel: '*Behold the Lamb of God.*' John like Samuel is pointing us in the direction of the Lord. In today's Gospel we see that Andrew is the one who led Peter his brother to Jesus. Who are the quiet people who have led you in the way of faith, hope and love? Who is the person that

has deeply influenced your life and enabled you to make a difference for good? In every family and parish community there are quiet Andrews who lead us but remain anonymous. Today is the day to thank them for their presence of blessing in your life.

**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.

**Live-Streaming Mass:** Due to the emerging widespread of covid-19, we have sadly and temporarily closed the Church from Thursday, 7th January 2021. It is our hope that we will be able 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://youtu.be/scrTtQqfuf8>

**John Haynes Emmanuel, Rest in Peace:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of John Haynes Emmanuel, Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for John Haynes Emmanuel's soul will be on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 11.30am in Our Lady and St. George Church.

**John Moore, Rest in Peace:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of John Moore, Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for John Moore's soul will be on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 in Our Lady and St. George Church.

**Victoria Wyndham, Rest in Peace:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Victoria Wyndham, Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for Victoria Wyndham's soul will be on Friday 5<sup>h</sup> February 2021 at 10.00am in Our Lady and St. George Church.

**Peter Raffo, Rest in Peace:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Peter Raffo, Rest in Peace. Our condolences to the family. Funeral Arrangements are being finalised.

**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.

**Visiting the Presbytery:** Please come to visit the priests in the presbytery having made a previous appointment.

**Stay at Home. Be Safe.**

**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

<b>Sun 17 Jan</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) – (Peace Day)</b>
<b>10.00 am</b>	Francisca B Avelina (Rest in Peace) (Family)
	Shun-Choi (Rest in Peace) (Ping)
<b>02.30 pm</b>	<b>Syro Malabar Mass (Live-stream)</b>
<b>Mon 18 Jan</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>9.15 am</b>	Barry White (Rest in Peace) (Fletcher)
	Mary Abdulai's Intentions (Family)
<b>Tue 19 Jan</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>9.15 am</b>	Mary and Mark Fletcher (Rest in Peace) (Fletcher)
	Fr. John McCormack (Rest in Peace) (Kathleen)
<b>Wed 20 Jan</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>9.15 am</b>	Special Intentions (Fletcher)
	Matthew's Intention (Kathleen)
<b>Thu 21 Jan</b>	<b>St. Agnes, V, M – Memorial</b>
<b>9.15 am</b>	Sr. M. Finbarr (deSouza)
	Fr. Jinu McCormack (Rest in Peace) (Kathleen)
<b>Fri 22 Jan</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>9.15 am</b>	Diggins Family - Thanksgiving (Kathleen)
	Brijit Varkey (Rest in Peace) (Roy)
<b>Sat 23 Jan</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>10.00 am</b>	Connie and Kate's Intentions (Sr. Peggy)
	Diggins Family - Intentions (Kathleen)
<b>Sun 24 Jan</b>	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) – (Sunday of the Word of God)</b>
<b>10.00 am</b>	Intentions of the Community in Convent in Bodmin (John)
	Nora Dawson (Rest in Peace) (McDermott)
<b>02.30 pm</b>	<b>Syro Malabar Mass (Live-stream)</b>

### Prayer List

Christopher Browne, Rose Dennehy, Carol Hogermeer, Brian Keane, Ignatius Keane, Tony McCarthy, Rose O'Neill, Andrea Roberts, Promise Shinondo, 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, 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, Chantale Wildman, Christopher Almeida, Aileen Mensah, Sr. Helen, Sebastian, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Jennie Richmond, Terry Coe, Brendan Mc Donagh (aged 6), Liberee Uwimana, Violet Alahendran, Bernedette Doherty, Patricia (Bondo), Sadie.