

**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

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**Charity Number: 234092**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) – (Sunday of the Word of God)  
Year of St. Joseph**

Dear Parishioners,

The phrase '*at once*' is used twice in the Gospel story to express the rapid response of these four fishermen to their newfound call. Zebedee, the father of James and John, was left high, if not dry, to face the tedium of mending fishing nets on his own. In another story the mother of Zebedee led requests some heavenly favouritism from Jesus.

The phrase '*at once*' invites us to think about how we respond, pray, witness, imitate, serve, listen and follow the Lord. In a letter to a non-believer in 2013, Pope Francis wrote these powerful words: '*for me faith is an encounter with Jesus. It was a personal encounter that touched my heart and gave new direction and meaning in my life. Jesus impacts us, shocks us and renews us.*

I always smile to myself when I hear today's story about Jonah. After all his fearful panic and urgency about how terrible Nineveh is going to be, it is actually child's play! Jonah simply spoke the words he had to speak and the people of Nineveh were converted. There is a surreal and an unreal hint of humour in this account! How would Jonah fare with us with our hard hearts, stubborn wills and our firm grasp on our freedom and individuality?

Abbe Henri Huvelin (1830 – 1910), the great French preacher reminds us that the Lord did not save the world by beautiful discourses, by the Sermon on the Mount. He saved the world by his passion and resurrection. That is why we believe in someone greater than Jonah.

The Gospel has its own stark urgency. *The time has come and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe in the Good News.* James and John, Andrew and Peter recognized the urgency and '*at once*' became witnesses and learning disciples of Jesus. Whatever

bright ideas any of us think we have about God, if they are not anchored deeply in the word made flesh, in the one crucified and risen, we stay tangled in the nets of our shallow superficiality.

## **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's 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 11.30 a. m. 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 Victoria Wyndham's soul will be on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 at 11.45 a. m. 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>th</sup> February 2021 at 10.00 a. m. 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. The Requiem Mass for Peter Raffo's soul will be on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 12.00 a. m. in Our Lady and St. George Church.

**Roy Bandhu, Rest in Peace:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Roy Bandhu, Rest in Peace. Our sincere condolence to the family. The funeral arrangements are being finalized.

**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.

**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 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 the Convent at Bodmin (John)
	Nora Dawson (Rest in Peace) (McDermott)
<b>Mon 25 Jan</b>	<b>The Conversion of St. Paul, Ap – Feast</b>
<b>9.15 am</b>	Thanksgiving (Almeida)
	Philip O’Neill (Rest in Peace) (Bill Long)
<b>Tue 26 Jan</b>	<b>Ss. Timothy and Titus, Bpp</b>
<b>9.15 am</b>	Delmina and Romeo Rodrigues (Rest in Peace) (Louella)
	Joe Staunton (Rest in Peace) (Sr. Peggy)
<b>Wed 27 Jan</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>9.15 am</b>	Joe McGee (Rest in Peace) (Sr. Anne Marie)
	Paddy Curley (Rest in Peace) (Bridie and Christine)
<b>Thu 28 Jan</b>	<b>St. Thomas Aquinas, Pr, D</b>
<b>9.15 am</b>	Maria and Joseph Sanchos (Rest in Peace) (Louella)
	Josephine Cheshire’s Intentions
<b>Fri 29 Jan</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>9.15 am</b>	Brendan Gallagher (Rest in Peace) (Carmody)
	Josephine Cheshire’s Intentions
<b>Sat 30 Jan</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>10.00 am</b>	Family Intentions (Almeida)
	Parishioners
<b>Sun 31 Jan</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) – (Racial Justice Day)</b>
<b>10.00 am</b>	Carole Hodges (Rest in Peace) (Thomas Caluori))
	Ursula Thomas’ Intentions (Family)

### 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, 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.