

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**

## **Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) (22/08/2021)**

Dear Parishioners,

Yemen is a country in chaos. It is facing famine. The ongoing conflict is complex. It is a country of 30 million people. It is an intolerable situation in the world of excess food supplies. Covid, conflict and cholera are additional painful realities for Yemen's people. 100,000 people have been killed. The line from today's Psalm reverberates in many different ways: 'The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed, he will save.' The phrase from the Collect today, 'amid the uncertainties of this world' must resonate in an acute way with the people of Yemen and in other places in the world where conflict and famine seem to be the norm.

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to table fellowship. This means being with Jesus. It is to accept the invitation that Jesus offers. In the gospel we read that 'many of the disciples left him (Jesus) and stopped going with him' because they could not accept that through him God welcomed them. 'What about you, will you also go away?' is a lingering question in today's Gospel that only each one of us can answer personally.

We are invited as guests to the table of the Word and the table of Communion. We come as guests and are called to become hosts! Think about it, the Lord desires, yearns, longs for our company. We respond to an invitation and we have the freedom then to give other people an invitation. Who do we invite? Who do we exclude? The Gospel is really a call to us to 'go and invite'. This is what living the Eucharist means.

Let us journey on our earthly pilgrimage, believing that we are fed by that immeasurable generosity of God, that extravagance of God, 'poured out' in the selfless life of Jesus. Poured out in Yemen and all the other places that hunger and thirst for healing and hope on our fractured world. *'You, Lord have the message of eternal life' (John 6:69).*

Have a Blessed Week.

*Canon Niall*

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**MARRIAGES:** By appointment. At least six months' notice is required. Please speak to the priests for more information.

**Baptism Courses:** The next Baptism preparation course will be on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of August at 6:30pm in the church.

**Baptism Ceremonies:** Second and Third Sunday of each month at 1.15pm.

This Sunday we welcome Tala-Rose Reade Serra into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. It continues a prayerful sequence....I officiated at her great grandfather's funeral, her grandparent's marriage, her mother's Baptism. Reconciliation and Holy Communion and Confirmation and Marriage and now to the fourth generation .....Deo Gratias. Canon Niall

Parish Holy Communion programme for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. As you recall no preparation was possible this year, consequently a lot of applications are expected for the coming year but priority will be given to families who attend Mass every Sunday, this also applies for candidates for Sacrament of Confirmation

Fr. Michael Barwick will be visiting the parish on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August to accompany Fr. John Victor to visit Whipps Cross Hospital. He will formally arrive in the parish in the first week of September.

## Envelopes with No Donor Details

The following are the envelopes that have no gift aid declaration forms. We cannot enter these donations as we need their details in order to create their account in the Giftwise database.

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If you have any of these numbers please speak to one of the priests after Mass. and complete a Gift Aid declaration with your telephone and e/mail address.

Parishioners are invited to place a gift of money inside an envelope marked 'Fr. John Victor' in thanksgiving for Fr. John Victor's time in our parish. Please return in the coming Sundays to the collection basket. Canon Niall.

Next weekend will be Fr. John Victor's final week in this parish. May God guide and bless him in his new parish.

Parishioners have been enquiring about Fr John Victor's new parish address.....Rev John Victor Drabeesan, 146 Little Ilford Lane, Manor Park, London E12 5PJ

If you wish to join the Prayer Circle please email the parish office email. Details of the email address can be found on the page 1 of the newsletter.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of August is a bank holiday. Mass times 10:00am and 06:00pm.

### Prayer List

Jenny Richmond, Betty Ramsey, Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Lucia Zeppetelli (Mario) , Hilda Collett (Chris) Brid O Halloran, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Alma Willox, William Wyndham, Liberee, Maria Green, Anne (Christina), Agnes Fadina, Grace

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions:** Every Saturday after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 11:15 am.

**Repository Opening Times:** Sundays: 9.15 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. to 12.15 a.m. Nelly and Rosie look after the Repository.

## Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

<b>06:00pm</b>	Alice D'Arcy (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Sun 22 Aug</b>	<b>Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Vanessa and Angela's Intentions (Ghanaian Community)
<b>10:00am</b>	Sebastiano Miguel (Rest in Peace) (Perkins)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Alice D'Arcy (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Mon 23 Aug</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>9:15am</b>	Aguido Lazaras (Rest in Peace) (Irma)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Alma Willox's Intentions (Family)
<b>Tue 24 Aug</b>	<b>Saint Bartholomew, Apostle</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Thanksgiving to Parishioners (Ron and Mary Almeida)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Jane's Intentions (Betty)
<b>Wed 25 Aug</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Mila Encannacion (Rest in Peace) (Vhee)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Special Intentions (Ogidi)
<b>Thu 26 Aug</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Intentions of the Almeida Family(Ron and Mary)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Fri 27 Aug</b>	<b>Saint Monica</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Onie Natividad (Rest in Peace) (Vhee)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Ogidi Family Intentions (Cyril and Rose)
<b>Sat 28 Aug</b>	<b>Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	Cecilia Santiago (Rest in Peace) (Vhee)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Brian Kearney (Rest in Peace) (Harte)
<b>Sun 29 Aug</b>	<b>Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	George and Cynthia Davis (Rest in Peace) (Ghanaian Community)
<b>10:00 am</b>	Patricia and Dennis (Patrick)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Joan Elizabeth Benoit (Suzette)

## Birthday Blessings to Lenise Clothier and Alma Willox

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