

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) (26/09/2021)

Prayer for Good Harvest

Dear Parishioners,

Today's Gospel follows directly on last Sunday's. In response to the disciples' self-importance, Jesus, after placing the little child in their midst, explains that real greatness comes from service, from living in solidarity with the lowly one in service. We see that the Apostle John's statement to Jesus seems very much like an attempt to change the subject. John says 'Listen; instead of talking about serving the little people, there's a real problem here that need fixing. Look out! Someone else is out there doing what we do! We tried to stop him but were not successful. Now the ball is your court!' it's easy to imagine Jesus looking at the disciples as if they were total strangers. They hadn't a clue about who he was, what he was all about and how he was living in response to his Father's will. They were caught up in the status game, they had made discipleship an exclusive club in which only the bona fide members had the right to promote the Kingdom of God. As the group tried to guard their privilege they didn't realise that they were actually betraying Jesus and his life's cause. So, to move his disciples beyond the status trap, Jesus returns to the theme of 'littleness'. 'So, you are worried about someone else casting out demons? Ok then, listen to me, anyone who donates a cup of water on behalf of God's kingdom deserves a reward'. Then he goes on to talk about the horror of scandal and declares shockingly to our ears, the self-mutilation is preferable to scandal. Jesus doesn't want to put down his disciples; he merely wants to assure them and us that such a distorted approach to living the Christian life should

not survive. Mark saw the same tendency in his community 40 years after Jesus' death. The temptation to pursue prestige over the message of the Gospel will never leave the Church; the pursuit of medals of honour-toys, and the top place at table is still with us. The fact is that baptism does not drown the ego; it only brings us into the midst of a community that can tame us by calling us to service.

Have a Blessed Week.

Caon Miall

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

Baptism Ceremonies: Second and Third Sunday of each month at 1.15pm. The next Baptism preparation course will be on Monday 27th September 6:30pm in the Church.

This Sunday we welcome Niamh Alexandra Troy into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. Every blessing to the family.

Cafod Family Fast Day is Friday first of October.

On Saturday 16th of October Sister Mary Olivia will make her final Religious Profession. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alan at Brentwood Cathedral .Full details can be found on the church notice board in the porch. Please keep Sr Olivia in your prayers on this important stage of her faith journey.

Fr. John Victor's Message

I miss all our parishioners in St. Georges, Walthamstow. I am so grateful to you and all the parishioners for all that they have done for me. My life in Walthamstow with you has prepared me to become a parish priest. I express my heart-felt gratitude to all our Parishioners for their Prayers, care, affection and also for their generous gifts on my moving. I request you to remember me and the parishioners (St. Stephen's, Manor Park in your prayers). Thank you. Fr. John

THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTIONS are a series of talks for adults who want to grow in understanding and confidence when questioned or speaking about their Catholic Faith. The talks and discussion will take place on Zoom from 4.00 - 5.00 p.m. on a Sunday afternoon. The next talk is on the 26th September and will consider the question: "What is the relationship between faith and reason?" It will be given by Fr Mark Swires, the chaplain at the University of Essex. If you would like to join this discussion please email your name and a contact email address to adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org For more information about *The Thresholds of Hope Questions* go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

The YouTube Bible Timeline Course *Do you feel the Bible is too big and too difficult to understand? Do you get lost with all the characters and stories?* If so, this course aims to help you better understand the riches of the Bible in a simple and straightforward way. The course begins on Wednesday 29 Sept, 2021 at 7pm. *For more information and to register go to www.comeandsee.org*

Fr Martin Boland would also like to draw your attention to another online project developed by Mauro Iannicelli that provides an accessible guide to the Bible for adults. Mauro is a committed Catholic layman in our diocese and has provided input for the Newham Deanery in the past. He is also willing to send to your parish 200+ course invitation A6 flyers, completely free of charge. Just drop him an email request for the flyers at mauro@comeandsee.org, or to ask him any questions about the course. I recommend this initiative to you and if you feel able to do so, to promote his course in your newsletter or elsewhere. Thank you.

Thomas McGoldrick, Rest in Peace We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Thomas McGoldrick, Rest in Peace. The requiem Mass for Thomas's soul will be here in Our Lady and St. George Church on Wednesday 29th September at 1:00pm.

Lorita Juanita Hibbert, Rest in Peace We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Lorita Juanita Hibbert, Rest in Peace. The requiem Mass for Lorita's soul will be here in Our Lady and St. George Church on Friday 15th October at 11:00am.

Congratulation and every Blessing to Chris Paulson and Joshua Das who received Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time on Saturday.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Dan Hantson (Rest in Peace) (Moss)
Sun 26 Sept	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30am	John and Josephine Hayden (Rest in Peace) (Betty)
10:00am	Quintana Cabanu (Rest in Peace) (Lourdes)
12:00noon	Thanksgiving (Suzette)
Mon 27 Sept	Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest
09:15 am	John Thomas (Rest in Peace) (Ursula)
06:00 pm	Virginio Natario (Rest in Peace) (Clara)
Tue 28 Sept	FERIA
09:15am	Patrick Ramsey's Intention (Betty)
06:00pm	Margaret (Thanksgiving) (Clara)
Wed 29 Sept	Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael ,Archangels
09:15am	Tim Campbell (Rest in Peace) (Bruce)
01:00 pm	Requiem Mass- Thomas McGoldrick (Rest in Peace)
06:00 pm	Thanksgiving (Weston)
Thu 30 Sept	Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
09:15am	Belinda DeSouza(Birthday) (DeSouza)
06:00pm	Parishioners
Fri 01 Oct	Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
09:15 am	Special Intentions (Weston)
06:00pm	Thanksgiving (Weston)
Sat 02 Oct	The Holy Guardian Angels
10:00am	Tim Campbell (Rest in Peace) (Bruce)
06:00pm	Deceased members of Kane Family(Maloney Family)
Sun 03 Sept	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Intentions (Weston)
10:00 am	Tessa Judge (Rest in Peace) (Linda Dunne)
12:00noon	Thomas and Rosine Minnah (Rest in Peace) (George)

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, Bridie Curley, Sharon Baker, Bridgit Morris and Mavis Hacker, Asha Paulson

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.