

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) (05/09/2021)**

Dear Parishioners,

Why does Jesus take the deaf man off by himself away from the crowd? Jesus wants to be alone with him, away from the noise and activity of the crowd. He wants to be able to communicate with him in silence and solitude. Jesus invites me also to go away from the crowd, away from the activity and noise of life, away from other people and distractions, in order to pray. Jesus invites me to be alone with him so that he can reveal himself to my soul and heal the impediments that keep me from communicating his love and truth to others.

Many times in the Gospel, Jesus works a miracle with a mere word. But sometimes he performs miracles with a physical act, as in this case, when he puts his finger into the man's ear and touches his tongue with spittle. What are we to make of this? What can we learn from it? Many times, our healing requires a human effort. Action must be taken. We are not purely spiritual beings, but body and spirit woven into one. So, our physical side plays a part. We kneel to pray. We go into the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We try to read Scripture. We do all of these things so that our entire being, both body and soul, can be healed of sin and grow closer.

The fruit of this encounter with Christ and of the effort that Christ makes is clarity – plain speech. The fog of imperfection is removed and the deaf-

mute begins to speak with the clarity and forcefulness of truth – so much so that the people are astounded. If I have truly encountered Christ, the fog that veils my mind and muddles my speech will be removed. The double-edged sword of God’s truth will shine through my words and actions so much so that people will be astounded, especially if I make the effort to set aside some time to pray away from the business of the day.

Have a Blessed Week.

*Canon 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 6<sup>th</sup> September 6:30pm in the Church.

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.

This Sunday we welcome Fr Michael Barwick who takes up his appointment as curate in place of Fr John Victor. Please give him a Walthamstow welcome.

**BCYS AUTUMN YOUTH GATHER** – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Walsingham House at Abbotswick The BCYS invite all young people from school year 9 and above to join us at Walsingham House at Abbotswick for a one day event on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, with outdoor activities and inflatables and 2 fantastic speakers - John Pridmore will speak about his conversion from a life of organised crime in the East End of London, to teach us that we are all capable of changing our futures and Leila Bousbaa will inspire and educate us on the Catholic response to climate change. We are asking £20 for the day and you can book online NOW at <https://bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2021/>

**CATECHIST TRAINING AND RESOURCES DAY** – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November, Sacred Heart of Mary School, Upminster. This training and resources day is open to all First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists, as well as those who look after the children's liturgy in the Diocese of Brentwood. It will be an opportunity to hear about fresh resources, as well as receiving input to assist you in your First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes. There will be keynote speakers and updates from the BCYS in the morning, with a variety of inspiring and exciting workshops for you to choose from in the afternoon. We would particularly like to welcome any young catechists or young people in your parish (16+) who may be interested in working as or with catechists, and wish to develop their faith further post-confirmation.

**Seamus Kearns, Rest in Peace.** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Seamus Kearns, Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for Seamus's soul will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 11:45AM in our Lady and Saint George Church.

Parent(s) with a baby in a pram are invited to leave the church after Mass by the entrance door.

Thank you for your co-operation with social distancing, use of hand gel and temperature check and registration.

Blessings to Luca Nunes who will be received into the community of faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.

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

**Birthday Blessing to Jada and Dad and also Camelle**

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

<b>06:00pm</b>	Tony Keane (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Sun 05 Sept</b>	<b>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Agnes and Shania's Intentions
<b>10:00am</b>	Paul Elwood (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Mr. Smith and Maria (Rest in Peace) (Suzette)
<b>Mon 06 Sept</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Ronald Charles (Rest in Peace) (Gertrude)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Sr. Rosario's Intentions ( Sr. Anne Marie)
<b>Tue 07 Sept</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Thanksgiving (B.B. Okeechukwn) (Rosebell)
<b>06:00pm</b>	George and Teodoro Bartolo (Rest in Peace) (Elizabeth)
<b>Wed 08 Sept</b>	<b>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Michael Gaynor (Rest in Peace) (Maura)
<b>11:45am</b>	Requiem Mass- Seamus Kearns (Rest in Peace)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Thu 09 Sept</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Margaret Ward (Rest in Peace) (Carol Halls)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Sr. Anne Marie's Intentions
<b>Fri 10 Sept</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Elizabeth Nash (Rest in Peace) (Murphy)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Aiden and Krystin's Intentions (Angel)
<b>Sat 11 Sept</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	Mr. Varkey (Rest in Peace) (Roy Family)
<b>06:00pm</b>	John and Josie Keenan (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Sun 12 Sept</b>	<b>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Religious Communities in the Parish
<b>10:00 am</b>	Mary Cunningham (Rest in Peace) (De Souza Family)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Thanksgiving (Suzette)

### 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

**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.