

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 School: 8520 0482/8520 3587

Charity Number: 234092

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (02/10/2022)

Dear Parishioners,

A certain man asked his 14- year- old son to wash his car. It was his first time to ask the son to do this. The man normally got the car washed at the local garage but hadn't the time to go there that day. The son's reaction was to ask the father: 'How much will you give me for doing it?'. The father was very upset and sad. He replied: 'Ever since your birth I took care of you, loved you, fed you, clothed you, sent you to a good school. I never once asked you to pay for this. Loving you as I do how could I have asked you to pay me?'

In the Gospel today Jesus is telling us that we cannot claim anything from God because of any good we do. We can never put God into our debt. We can never make claims on him when we have done our best. Have we not only done our duty? How could we fail to do what God asks of us in response to all God's blessing to us? The whole idea of merit, reward must be abandoned in our approach to God. It is a warning against a book-keeping mentality. As Jesus says in the Gospel: 'So with you when you have done all that you have been told to do, say: we are merely servants. We have done no more than our duty'. However, God would not want us to respond only out of a sense of duty but as an act of love. Perhaps instead of saying 'I have the faith' it is more appropriate to say 'I become a person of faith'. In this sense faith is encounter with Someone we believe loves us and who invites us

into a loving relationship, in order to become a partner of his in his work. It begins at baptism but since faith is life it has to grow toward maturity, to develop. The more I experience God's great love for me, the more I will respond. Jesus was always faithful to the will of his Father which finally led to his death on the cross, the true meaning and outcome of faith-giving oneself totally to the other in a relationship no matter what the cost.

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.

Please note that the **next parish Sacrament of Baptism preparation** course will be on Monday 3rd October (Session 2) at 6:30p.m.

On Sunday next the 9th of October Bishop Alan will visit the parish. During the 12 noon Mass 40 candidates will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. This will mean the church will be full. It is recommended that parishioners who normally attend the 12 noon Sunday Mass are advised to attend an alternate Sunday Mass. Please do pray for all the candidates.

Friday the **7th of October is Cafod Family Fast Day**. Any food you deny yourself on that fast day, please put the money into the envelope attached to the parish newsletter. Next Sunday donate the envelope into the collection basket during Mass. Cafod (The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) help families throughout the world to survive TODAY and have food for all their TOMORROWS.

The Divine Mercy Healing Service has resumed and is celebrated in the weekday chapel on Sundays from 5-6pm. All are welcome.

Please collect **Holy Communion application forms** from the repository. This is the final day and all applications must be returned by next week.

Mass Intentions- Please book 10 to 12 weeks in advance if you wish a particular date and time. The 2023 Mass Intention book has arrived- if you wish to book an anniversary Mass.

Copies of Mission Today are available in the church porch for parishioners who have the Red Boxes supporting the foreign missions.

Sacrament of Confirmation classes every Saturday in the parish hall from 11.30 – 1pm.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will resume on Monday after morning Mass until 5:30pm and Wednesday until 4:00pm. If you are able to commit an hour to spend with Jesus please inform Louella, so a rota can be prepared.

Relics of St Bernadette , OUR LADY OF LOURDES, WANSTEAD

Tuesday 18 October

10 am: Relics of St Bernadette arrive. 11 am - 3 pm: Time reserved for pre-booked school groups. 7.30 pm: Holy Mass, celebrated by Bishop Alan
12 midnight: Church closes.

Wednesday 19 October

6 am: Church opens. 9 am: Relics of St Bernadette depart.

“Celebrate the Season of Creation on Saturday, 1st October 11.00am-12.15pm Walthamstow Wetlands, as the community comes together on pilgrimage around Walthamstow Wetlands. We will have a Wetlands’ guide and there will be pauses to listen, reflect and pray together. 11.00am-12.15pm Walthamstow Wetlands. All welcome. Spaces are limited: please sign up beforehand to save your spot! For sign up and more information please scan the QR code on the poster at the back of the church or call Ann Marie on (0)7975 722712 if you don’t have access to the internet.

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Titus Jonah Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for Titus' soul will be on Thursday 13th of October.

We also pray for the happy Repose of the soul of Jerek Hill Rest in Peace. Our condolences to the family. The funeral arrangements have not been finalised.

Birthday blessings to Fr. Francis Coveney.

Thanks to Greenpeace for donating 800 flower bulbs for church gardens.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Ram Ramsey (Rest in Peace) (Betty)
Sun 02 October	Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Carol Phillips (Rest in Peace) (Margaret)
10:00am	Michael Breslin (Rest in Peace) (De Souza Family)
12noon	Miles Walshe's Intentions (Betty)
Mon 03 October	FERIA
09:15am	Parishioners
06:00 pm	Deceased of the Keane Family (Josephine)
Tue 04 October	Saint Francis of Assisi
09:15am	Deceased of the Keane Family (Maloney)
06:00pm	Thanksgiving (Mathew)
Wed 05 October	FERIA
09:15am	Thanksgiving (Rosie)
06:00 pm	Holy Souls (Tina)
Thu 06 October	FERIA
09:15am	Kristina, Jason and Joseph's Intentions (Betty)
06:00pm	Michael McDonagh (Rest in Peace) (Tina)
Fri 07 October	Our Lady of the Rosary
09:15 am	Thanksgiving to Our Lady (Jane)
06:00pm	Teodora and George Bartolo (Rest in Peace) (Elizabeth)
Sat 08 October	Saint Osyth, Religious
10:00am	John Paul Ramsey (Betty)
06:00pm	Ram Ramsey (Rest in Peace) (Betty)
Sun 09 October	Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Louella and Family (Betty)
10:00am	Jenny Richmond (Rest in Peace) (Elwood)
12noon	Angela and Gianni Tardioli (Rest in Peace) (Family)

Prayer List

Betty Ramsey, Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Hilda Collett (Chris) Brid O Halloran, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Alma Willox, William Wyndham, Liberee, Maria Green, Anne (Christina), Grace, Bridie Curley, Sharon Baker, Bridgit Morris, Mavis Hacker, Marjorie Singh, Pietro and Maria Marrai, Peggy McManus, Rosie Ebreo, Kathleen Lloyd, Johanna Whitley, Linda Campbell, Pauline Brookman, Fr. Francis Coveney, Bridie Cronin, Baby Jimmy, Sierra Smucker-Halls (Carol), Maureen Newland (Carol), Anna (Gawlik), Theresa (Curley), Terry Wheeler, Pdraig Maloney

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.