

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

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Charity Number: 234092

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

The Eucharist, the Mass gathers the faithful; believers. Our different levels of faith and belief bring us to the House of God at least once a week. We gather because of our belief in Jesus and our faith in the Church, despite its weakness. Yet the Gospel today is asking us a very important question: can we call ourselves disciples? This is a question which requires some attention! Why? Because a disciple is a person who is a convinced adherent of a school of thought or of an individual. The key word being convinced. Are we convinced believers? Or, are we still searching for the truth? Our faith journey is best served by continuously searching for the truth.

We could safely say that Christian discipleship began when Jesus handpicked his first followers. We believe he chose twelve men. In Jesus' time twelve had a significant and symbolic relevance in scripture. It was the number associated with perfection and completion. Was this Jesus' way of saying that discipleship is the perfect and complete way for us?

Christian discipleship is more than being a believer or a church goer. To be a true disciple is to be a follower. To be a follower is to walk in Jesus' footsteps; to go his way; to be convinced by the truth of what he says and to live life in a Christ-like fashion. Jesus is 'the way, the truth, and

the life.' To be a follower is to be disciplined in the ways of Jesus. It is an active decision to get to know Jesus better.

This is not going to come cheap. It comes at a cost. Dietrich Bonhoeffer in his book 'The Cost of Discipleship' says that cheap grace is grace without the Cross. Discipleship will make demands. It will demand our time, our possession and our energy. As our Gospel points out today it could make demands on family life, friends, cause us discomfort / pain. While suffering is not the goal of discipleship it may be the price of being a follower and not just believer or a faithful Mass attender. Amen.

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 5th of September (Session One) at 6:30p.m. followed by Session 2 on Monday 12th of September at 6:30p.m.

Bishop Alan will celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** during the 12 noon Mass on Sunday 9th of October.

Cafod Family Fast Day is on Friday 7th of October

Bible/Scripture study "reflecting on following Sunday readings" - In order to continue the legacy Jenny Richmond has left in 'teaching the faith' we will be restarting this group in November just before Advent. Studying and praying on scripture in NOT enough we have to be doing. Refer to Luke 13:22-30 "Enter through the Narrow Door". This is the purpose of the group to look, discern and pray on scripture reading then go out and live it! Getting to Heaven requires effort. Every worthwhile achievement in life is reached by 'a narrow door'. It requires self-discipline and hard work. God cannot hand us His best gifts on a silver platter. We have to work for them. Ask yourself do you want to hear these words from God "I don't know you or where you come from"

OLSG SVP RESUMING ACTIVITIES IN THE WEEKDAY CHAPEL

Conference Meetings - Third Tuesday Monthly from 5 - 6 pm, commencing 20th September 2022. SVP Listening Hub - First Tuesday Monthly from 4 - 6 pm, commencing 4th October 2022. A Drop-in and Listening ear for the community, e.g., friendly chats, collect information about the SVP, opportunities to volunteer time, skills, and expertise.

The Memorial Mass for Judith Hilton will be on Tuesday 6th of September at 12 noon.

Waltham Forest Islamic Association (WFIA) mosque at 439 - 451 Lea Bridge Rd London E10 7EA, are holding an open day on this Sunday 4th September 2022 between 12pm - 5pm.

We are still looking to recruit a someone to look after our kitchen here at **Walsingham House** and would really appreciate if you could share this with your Parishioners and communities or even if you could mention this to any individuals you know personally who may be interested in the role. Details on the parish notice board.

THE PARABLES OF LUKE A Gidea Park Faith Talk on the Parables of Luke will be broadcast by live stream on Wednesday 21st September from 7 pm. Our distinguished speaker is Deacon Sean Loone, well-known in the diocese of Birmingham for his work in education and in evangelisation. Sean will speak about the parables in the Gospel of Luke, which we shall be hearing at Sunday Mass as we continue through Year C of the lectionary. To listen to the presentation live simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org There is no charge and no booking is needed. The recording of the talk will be available on the same website in due course.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a programme for people interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and exploring the possibility of joining the Church. The sessions are also for adults who may have been baptised but never received First Communion or Confirmation and would now wish to do so. The programme will start in the Autumn, date to be confirmed. If you would like more information about the RCIA process, please speak to one of the priests or contact Bernadette Wilson on 07804 611 914. email: bernadette.wilson1@ntlworld.com

Mass Intentions- Please book 10 to 12 weeks in advance if you wish a particular date and time.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Tony Keane (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 04 September	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Thanksgiving (Roy and Shynamma)
10:00am	Jenny Richmond (Rest in Peace) (Hodges)
12noon	Agnes Fadina (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Mon 05 September	FERIA
09:15 am	Aogan Brosnan (Rest in Peace) (Carmody)
06:00 pm	Intentions (Betty)
Tue 06 September	FERIA
09:15am	William Balfe (Rest in Peace)
12:00 noon	Memorial Mass - Judith Hilton (Rest in Peace)
06:00pm	Parishioners
Wed 07 September	FERIA
09:15am	Teodora and George Bartolo (Rest in Peace) (Elizabeth)
06:00 pm	Jenny Richmond (Rest in Peace) (O'Halloran)
Thu 08 September	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
09:15am	Bridie Reilly (Get Well) (Maloney)
06:00pm	Judith Hilton (Rest in Peace) (Kristina)
Fri 09 September	FERIA
09:15 am	Thanksgiving (Fr. Michael) (Jane)
06:00pm	Paddy McDonagh (Rest in Peace) (Anne)
Sat 10 September	FERIA
10:00am	Ronald Charles (Rest in Peace) (Gertrude)
06:00pm	John and Josie Keenan (Rest in Peace) (Keane)
Sun 11 September	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Philip Mitchell (Rest in Peace) (Family)
10:00am	Noel Lambert (Rest in Peace) (Hodges)
12noon	Ronald Charles (Rest in Peace) (Gertrude)

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 and 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. Canon Pat Sammon

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.