

**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**

**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (30/10/2022)**

Dear Parishioners,

In the Gospel today no one expected a senior tax collector, a very wealthy and prominent man in Jericho to try to hide up a Sycamore tree. But he was very small in stature and therefore felt he had no opportunity because of the crowds to see Jesus who was to pass that way. Certainly no one would have wanted to help him by making way for him. His fellow Jews would have hated him as he worked for the Roman army of occupation. Besides tax collectors were a corrupt group, well known for exploiting their own people and becoming rich as a result. We are told that he just wanted to see Jesus, to catch a glimpse of him from a distance. In order not to be seen he hides in the Sycamore tree. He was determined to see Jesus. We can imagine how amazed he was when Jesus looks up, calls him by name and invites himself to stay at Zaccheus' house.

What of us? How determined are we to see Jesus, to come close to him? Zaccheus had to overcome the obstacles of his small size. What are the obstacle in our lives that might prevent Jesus coming close to us? Are we too busy to give him time in our lives? Do we spend enough time in prayer? Do we hear Jesus knocking on the door of our hearts asking us to invite him more and more into our lives? Or are our hearts too taken up with many concerns that do not lead to true peace and happiness? In what way may we be hiding from Jesus? This Sunday

Jesus seeks us out too in the Eucharist? Where are we in need? Will we hear his call? How will we respond?

*'Lord Jesus, help me, like Zaccheus, to hear your invitation to invite you more and more into my life. Help me to understand even more clearly that you alone can fulfil the deeper need of my heart. 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.

The **next parish Baptism preparation programme** will be on Monday October 31st at 6:30p.m. Session One. Session 2 will be on Monday 7th November.

The **parish Holy Communion preparation programme** begins on Saturday 12th of November 11:30 to 12 .30. Please be punctual.

Session one of the Holy Communion Preparation course will be Saturday 12th of November 11:30 a.m to 12: 30....please be punctual.

**Feast of All Saints.** Mass times : Vigil Mass Monday 730p.m. Tuesday 9:15a.m. and 7:30p.m.

We welcome Zyon Collins into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday

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

A **big thank you** to The Bethel Prayer Group who last Saturday fasted from 8a.m. to 5p.m. in prayer for the parish. They donated £95 to the parish funds.

At the end of November I shall go on pilgrimage to Assisi in thanksgiving for my recovery from Covid, in thanksgiving to God for the NHS and Fr. John Victor and for all who prayed for me. Canon Niall.

**RCIA** - Every Tuesday 7.00pm in the weekday chapel is a programme for people contemplating joining the Church or for those adults who may have been baptised but never received First Communion or Confirmation and would now wish to do so. For more information about the RCIA process please speak to one of the priests or contact Bernadette Wilson on 07804 611 914.

**HCPT** - Bingo night HCPT group 161 are returning to Lourdes next Easter 2023. After 3 missed years due to COVID we starting up again, offering Children who have additional needs a life changing Pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes. So, if you fancy a FUN family night out supporting a very worthy charity why not join us for BINGO! So we can fundraise for the Pilgrimage. Friday 11th November At Our Lady and St George Primary school (on Shernhall Street) Starting at 7.30pm Bring your own drinks and nibbles. More details to follow.

**Holy Soul envelopes** and lists are available in the church porch. Masses will be celebrated for your Holy Souls throughout the month of November. Simply fill in the names of your deceased family and friends and place your donation and list in the envelope provided. Return the envelope in the collection basket on Sunday.

Please pray for the children and their families as they begin their preparation programme for Holy Communion.

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Doreen Matilda Joseph, Rest in Peace. Funeral service 10:30a.m Wednesday 9th of November.

Pray also for the happy repose of the soul of Patricia Lillian Robinson, Rest in Peace. Funeral service at the City of London on Friday 11th November at the City of London at 12 noon.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of William Wyndham, Rest in Peace. The requiem Mass for William's soul will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 11 am in Our Lady and Saint George.

The Requiem Mass for Anna Harvey will be in Our Lady and Saint George on Monday 7th of November at 10;30a.m. May she Rest in Peace.

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

<b>06:00pm</b>	Bethel Prayer Group (Johnson)
<b>Sun 30 October</b>	<b>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Deceased of the Turvey Family (Paciencia)
<b>10:00am</b>	Fr. Anthony Couchman (Rest in Peace) (Finney)
<b>12noon</b>	Margaret Hicks (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Mon 31 October</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Romeo De Souza (Norah)
<b>07:30 pm**</b>	Martin Cassidy (Rest in Peace) (Keane)
<b>Tue 1 November</b>	<b>All SAINTS</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Thanksgiving (Jane)
<b>7:30pm**</b>	Holy Souls Lists
<b>Wed 2 November</b>	<b>Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed (ALL SOULS)</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Holy Souls (Jane)
<b>11am</b>	Requiem Mass - William Wyndham (Rest in Peace)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	November Dead List
<b>Thu 3 November</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	November Dead List
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<b>Fri 4 November</b>	<b>Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Vera Godinho (Rest in Peace) (Norah)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Thanksgiving (Athullya)
<b>Sat 5 November</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	November Dead List
<b>06:00pm</b>	Becky Leaper's Intentions (Jerry)
<b>Sun 6 November</b>	<b>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	November Dead List
<b>10:00am</b>	Sr. Finbar (Rest in Peace) (De' Souza)
<b>12noon</b>	Gene Horgan (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, 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, Pauline Brookman, Georgina

**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.