

**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**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 45 : 1. 4-6

**Response to the Psalm: Give the Lord glory and power**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** St Paul to the Thessalonians 1: 1-5

**Gospel:** Mathew 22: 15-21

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (22/10/2023)**

(World Mission Sunday)

It's almost a hundred years since Pope Pius XI set aside this day, called Mission Sunday so that every diocese, parish, religious community, association and ecclesial movement throughout the world would pray for and support missionaries and Christian communities in need. There have been tens of thousands of missionaries who have given their lives happily in the service of missions; they have brought education, health care and the fight for social justice to almost every country we can think of. Some of them have been killed or lost their health and all of them have left the known and familiar to bring the story of God's mercy, the good news that is the Gospel to some of the poorest people on earth. As Pope Francis has said, *As they travel through the streets of the world, the disciples of Jesus need to have a love without limits, the same measure of love that our Lord has for all people.* And God is always lending us a hand.

During the COVID pandemic there was a short video which went 'viral' that showed a young man entering a supermarket and going to the hand sanitizer at the entrance. He then blessed himself with it and went off to

do his shopping! The video has been viewed by many thousands of people and although it was probably watched as a bit of fun it also brought a message reminding people that God's protection was just as necessary as hand sanitizer as people continued through an anxious and testing time. God works in many ways – even modern technology -to remind us each day of his care for us even through the hands of those who don't necessarily believe in him or his message. In the first reading today the prophet Isaiah describes the pagan king Cyrus as God's anointed. But Cyrus didn't worship God and certainly didn't credit God for his success or prosperity and yet Isaiah says that God used the king to free his people and the restore the holy city of Jerusalem. So, God uses many strategies and sometime unlikely people such as Cyrus – or me or you to accomplish his mission.

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.

**Session 1 of the parish Baptism preparation programme** will be on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of October at 6:30p.m. Session 2 will be on the following Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

**World Youth Sunday** This year, on the weekend of the 25th and 26th November, we (along with the rest of the world) will celebrate "**World Youth Sunday**", a chance to celebrate the role and significance of young people within the church.

Please note that all Mass intentions are booked until early January 2024.

Envelopes and Holy Souls list are available in the church porch. Please fill in your list and place it in the Holy souls' envelopes with your donation and return in the offertory bag or put through the presbytery post box.

41 Masses for the Holy Souls will be celebrated throughout the month of November.

**Can You Help:** We are helping a young Syrian Christian refugee from Aleppo in Syria who has been granted leave to remain in this country. Unfortunately he has had his phone stolen and needs to keep in touch with family as parents are not well. Do you have a smartphone with 6GB-8GB RAM and memory of 128GB or 256GB. that you no longer need? Please speak to Cliff D'souza after Sunday masses.

### **Children's first Holy Communion preparation programme**

Application forms have been available for the last 8 weeks and after the 12noon Mass this weekend, no more applications will be accepted.

### **St Vincent OLSG de Paul (SVP) Annual Appeal Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 November 2023 after the Weekend Masses**

We are appealing to Parishioners, their families, and friends to support the conference to re-establish the SVP Annual Christmas Lunch for Senior Citizens in the parish after the pandemic. Enabling our lonely and socially isolated seniors to come together to share and enjoy the important celebration of the Christmas Season. Donations given will also go to Needy Families in the parish who continue to be affected by the cost-of-living crisis and other factors in their everyday lives.

### **Business English Study Classes in Walthamstow Central every Monday**

FREE English class with Business English Study

Course: English Language Study - focus on Job Applications

Level: Elementary, Date: Monday 7pm-8pm, Age: Adults - all welcome

Location: Walthamstow Trades Hall (upstairs room) 61-63 Tower Hamlets Rd, London E17 4RQ, Cost: Free-Enrolment: Come to the class- Organizer: Paul Fletcher, [www.BusinessEnglishStudy.com](http://www.BusinessEnglishStudy.com) +44 (0)7986 802 645

Alma Willox, Rest in Peace We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Alma Willox, Rest in Peace.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Ellen Harte, Rest in Peace. Our condolences to the family. The Requiem Mass for Ellen's soul will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Maria Hishon, Rest in Peace. Requiem Mass 12noon Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October in Our Lady and St George.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Anthony Parker, Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for Anthony Soul will be on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October at 11am. Our condolence to the family.

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

<b>06:00 pm</b>	Lynn Steven's Intentions (Len ad Babs)
<b>Sun 22 Oct</b>	<b>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Sara Maria Augustine's Intentions (Roy)
<b>10:00 am</b>	Thanksgiving to God for Ambrose (Regina)
<b>12noon</b>	Thanksgiving to God for Ambrose (Regina)
<b>Mon 23 Oct</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Thanksgiving (Nelly and Cesar)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Joan Chase-Currier (Rest in peace) (Christopher)
<b>Tue 24 Oct</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	John E.V. (Rest in Peace) (Roy)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Joan Chase-Currier (Rest in peace) (Christopher)
<b>Wed 25 Oct</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Special Intentions (Gowri)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Joan Chase-Currier (Rest in peace) (Christopher)
<b>Thu 26 Oct</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Thanksgiving (Gowri)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Chacko Alackal (Rest in Peace) (Mathew)
<b>Fri 27 Oct</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Margaret Levine's Intentions (Cesar and Nelly)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Joan Chase-Currier (Rest in peace) (Christopher)
<b>Sat 28 Oct</b>	<b>Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	Thanksgiving (Gowri)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Joan Chase-Currier (Rest in peace) (Christopher)
<b>Sun 29 Oct</b>	<b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Margaret Hicks (Rest in Peace) (Debbie)
<b>10:00 am</b>	Georgina Koduah (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>12noon</b>	Edward Molesworth (Rest in Peace) (Halpenny)

### Prayer List

Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Hilda Collett (Chris) Brid O Halloran, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Liberee, 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, Bridie Cronin, Baby Jimmy, Sierra Smucker-Halls (Carol), Maureen Newland (Carol), Anna (Gawlik), Theresa (Curley), Terry Wheeler, Padraic Maloney, Damon, Bridie Curley, Jason Leonard Hamilton Barber (Tracy), Cyril and Rose Ogidi, Barry and Sheila Mayo, John Joseph (Mary), Ambrose and Felistas and family, Chris Newman, Margaret Phillips, Margaret and Norris Levine, Dr. Michael Weston, Chris Cullen