

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 Reading Malachi 3:19-20

Psalm 26 – The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

2 Reading II Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel Luke 21: 5-19

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
(World day of the Poor)

Today's reading, as we mark the beginning of the Week of Witness dedicated to praying for Christians persecuted for their faith, speak of trials and endurance. As we reflect on the reading, we focus on Christians persecuted for their faith, trusting in God's promise of ultimate victory.

Malachi prophesies a day when the proud are burned like stubble, but the righteous shine under the 'sun of justice'. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus foretells the temple's destruction and warns of persecutions, urging disciples to preserve: 'By your perseverance, you will secure your lives' (LK21:19). Paul, in

II Thessalonians, encourages steadfastness in work and faith, avoiding idleness. These readings remind us that persecution tests faith, yet God's justice prevails. For Christians facing hostility today-in place like the Middle East or Africa-Jesus' words offer hope: God is with them, giving strength to endure.

Persecution is not a distant reality; millions of Christians today face violence, discrimination, or imprisonment for their faith. Jesus' warning in the Gospel about betrayal and hatred resonates in regions where believers risk their lives to worship. Yet, He promises wisdom to speak truth under trial. The martyrs

and persecuted Christians embody Malachi's 'sun of Justice,' shining as witnesses to Christ's love. Their courage challenges us to examine our own faith. Do we stand firm in smaller trials- ridicule, cultural pressures, or moral compromises?

Supporting our persecuted brothers and sisters through prayer, advocacy, and charity strengthens the Body of Christ. One way to do this is by supporting the work of papal charity Aid to the Church in Need.

Paul's call to work diligently reminds us to live our faith actively, even in adversity. As we face an uncertain world, let's trust God's promise, drawing strength from the Eucharist to persevere, knowing that our endurance leads to eternal life.

As we honour persecuted Christians, let's pray for their strength and witness. May we, too, persevere in faith, trusting in God's justice. Through this Mass, may Christ fortify us to live boldly for him, united with all who suffer for his name.

Have a Blessed Week

Canon Miall

MARRIAGES: By appointment. At least six months' notice is required. Please speak to the priests for more information.

The **next parish baptism preparation course** will be on Monday 24th of November at 6:30p.m. for Session One. Session 2 will be on Monday 1st of December

We say goodbye to Fr Shinto as he moves to Cambridge for a new appointment. Thank you, Fr Shinto, for all the good work you have done with the Syro-Malabar Community and for ministering in Whipps Cross Hospital each Monday. Every Blessings to you. There will be an update on Fr Shinto's replacement very soon.

This weekend there is a retiring collection after all Masses for the parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society. The appeal is for much needed funds to pay for the senior parishioners' Christmas party. The society also needs your financial support to help the needy families of the parish. Thank you for your support.

Wednesday 19th of November is the annual Red Wednesday commemoration. We are asked to pray for the persecuted Church throughout the world. Please come to Mass on that day and wear an item of Red clothing.

The annual Mass for deceased members of the Knight of Saint Columba will be celebrated on Saturday 29th of November at 10a.m. here in our church.

The new credit card/debit card machines are now installed in the church. One machine is near the candle stands and the other is near the repository in the church porch. It is simple to use.....just follow the instructions.

Please pray for all the candidates on the RCIA parish programme.

Application forms for First Holy Communions are now closed. Do pray for the candidates and their families.

Our **parish Carol Service** will be on Sunday 21st of December at 5p.m. in the church.

Masses for Christmas Eve will be at 6p.m. for the family Mass and 8p.m. for the other Mass.

Please note that there will be no midnight Mass.

Masses for Christmas Day will be 8:30a.m., 10a.m. and 12 noon.

A big thank you to Brian who is sanding and waxing the church pews.

This year we, again, have been donated hundreds of bulbs to plant in the church grounds.

Learn To Pray Course Online Would you like some tips to help your prayer life each day? The Diocesan Service Team are offering an online course running from Friday 14th November for six weeks until Friday 19th December from 7.30 to 9.00 pm. If you are interested in signing up for this course please follow this link: <https://wkf.ms/3VcDEgl?text0=> Please note that it is I not capital i

Choir Rehearsals The proposed dates for choir rehearsals between now and Christmas are available -28th November, 12th December, 19th December.

We pray for the happy repose of the souls of Immaculata Picone and Violet Anderson long time parishioners at this church. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Matthew who has died in India. He is a cousin of Siby.

All Mass intentions are now booked until January 2026.

Birthday Blessings to Matilda, Raul and Theresa.

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00 pm	Pat and Josie Maloney (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 16 November	Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Vilma Pahinag (Rest in Peace) (Helen and Mary Jane)
10:00 am	Emile Turray (Rest in Peace) (Family)
12noon	November Dead List
Mon 17 November	FERIA
09:15 am	November Dead List
06:00 pm	November Dead List
Tue 18 November	FERIA
09:15am	Martin Gallagher (Rest in Peace) (Josie)
06:00 pm	November Dead List
Wed 19 November	FERIA
09:15 am	Johnny Kerrigan (Rest in Peace) (Josie)
06:00pm	November Dead List
Thu 20 November	FERIA
09:15am	Alice Kearns (Rest in Peace) (Kevin and Brendan)
06:00 pm	November Dead List
Fri 21 November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
09:15 am	Yohann Sances (Rest in Peace) (Louella)
06:30pm	Alice Kearns (Rest in Peace) (Kevin and Brendan)
Sat 22 November	Saint Cecilia
10:00 am	Ted Sands (Rest in Peace) (Chris and Jeanette)
06:00 pm	Anne Harte (Joan)
Sun 23 November	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
08:30 am	Brian Eamonn McDonagh (Rest in Peace) (Family)
10:00 am	Andria Lortywsy (Rest in Peace) (Nestor)
12noon	Akrymanto (Sylvin Yamson)

Prayer List

Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Hilda Collett (Chris), Josephine Walsh (Paul), Liberee, Anne (Christina), Bridie Curley, Sharon Baker, Bridgit Morris, Mavis Hacker, Marjorie Singh, Pietro and Maria Marrai, Rosie Ebreo, Kathleen Lloyd, Linda Campbell, Bridie Cronin, Baby Jimmy, Sierra Smucker-Halls (Carol), Anna (Gawlik), Theresa (Curley), Terry Wheeler, Padraic Maloney, Damon, Bridie Curley, Cyril and Rose Ogidi, Barry and Sheila Mayo, John Joseph (Mary), Margaret Phillips, Margaret and Norris Levine, Dr. Michael Weston, Bruce Pereira, Nigel Smith, Mary Murphy, Phyllis Beer, Chirs Cullen, Mrs Best, Michael Brown, Albert Callanan, Anne Close, Robinson, Frieda, Fr. Jose, Melissa Isaac and Mum, Moreena Blackwood, Mick Curley (Christina), William Nkyi-Acheampong. Marie Rachelle Bell Bower, Ermin Elizabeth Bryce, Doreen Palmer