

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

Year of Saint Francis of Assisi

1 Reading Isaiah 58:7-10

Psalm – The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

2 Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel Matthew 5: 13-16

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking and those who work to combat it)

The Christian's goal in culture should be that though they may not believe as we do, they may say of us: 'Those Christians are the ones who run in when everyone else is running out. Those Christians are the ones who didn't give up on the crumbling inner cities. Those Christians are the ones who brought peace to [wartorn nations]. Those Christians are the ones who put an end to human trafficking. Those Christians are the ones who helped win the war on AIDS around the world... Those Christians are the ones who [ministered to families dealing with alzheimers, mental disabilities and illnesses...] Those Christians are kind and make me want to believe in God.

Salt of the earth. Salt has an immediate influence; just a little is noticeable. St Paul wrote. 'Your speech should always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer each person.' (Col. 4:6)

Salt functions as a healing agent however it stings before it heals. Christians are called to be salt not sugar or sweetness. Salt makes people thirsty and Christians make others thirsty for God through their faith. Salt must be used to be effective.

Light of the World. Light is an immediate illumination; just a little is noticeable. A light illuminates. Think of entire phrases, a light bulb moment. It just dawned on me, she's the light of my life, your smile lights up a room.

When used, salt has an immediate influence and light an immediate illumination upon their environment. However, there are moments that these can go unused or perhaps lose their impact. If salt loses its taste, loses identity then it is useless. In the same way Jesus said people do not light a lamp and put it under a basket – that would extinguish the light.

The internal reality for salt and light is to have impact. A Christian's impact as salt and light is often found through living out the Beatitudes. It doesn't take much salt or light to have an impact. A small group of people – or even one person can have significant influence.

Have a Blessed Week

Canon Miall

MARRIAGES: By appointment. At least six months' notice is required.

Next Baptism Preparation Course will be on Monday 23rd of February 2026 at 6:30p.m. for Session One. Session 2 will be the following Monday 2nd March at 6:30p.m. in the church.

Friends of the Holy Land. On Saturday 28th February /Sunday 1st March, Edmund Adamus of Friends of the Holy Land, will visit our parish and speak about the work of the charity and the difference it makes to the small Christian population in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza (Palestine) and Jordan. There will be a retiring collection and he will bring some leaflets/newsletters about the work of FHL. There will also be an opportunity to make a donation by card for your convenience. For more information visit <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/>

LOURDES WITH OUR DIOCESE: Join Bishop Alan and pilgrims from across our diocese in Lourdes this summer: Friday 17th - Friday 24th July 2026. Bookings will open shortly at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood>

Parishioners are invited to return the blessed palms so as to have ash for Ash Wednesday.

Walk with Me booklets for Lent are available in the Repository priced £2
 Also Walk with Me booklets for Easter are also available priced £2. Buy both for £3

Date for your diary: Wednesday 18th of February is Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent.

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00 pm	Moss and Nagle Family (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 8 February	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Intentions (Christopher)
10:00 am	Anton Joseph (Rest in Peace) (Victor)
12noon	Joe and Annie Murtagh (Rest in Peace) (Anne O'Donovan)
Mon 9 February	FERIA
09:15 am	Michael Blessington (Rest in Peace) (Maura)
06:00 pm	Kirby Family Intentions (Jim Walker)
Tue 10 February	Saint Scholastica
09:15am	James and Ellen Harte (Rest in Peace) (Brendan and Kevin)
06:00 pm	Thanksgiving (Weston)
Wed 11 February	Our Lady of Lourdes
09:15pm	Intentions (Weston)
06:00pm	Thanksgiving (Mathew)
Thu 12 February	FERIA
09:15am	David Milne (Rest in Peace) (Milne)
06:00pm	Jimmy and Ann McDonagh (Rest in Peace) (Micheal and Bridgit)
Fri 13 February	FERIA
09:15 am	Thanksgiving (Maura)
06:00pm	Thanksgiving (Catherine) (Mathew)
Sat 14 February	Saint Cyril, M and Saint Methodius
10:00 am	Jana's Intentions (David)
06:00 pm	Thanksgiving (Kevin and Brendan)
Sun 15 February	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Thanksgiving (Christopher)
10:00 am	Joseph Nicholas Pillai (Rest in Peace) (Victor)
12noon	Jacqueline Keavey (Rest in Peace) (Catherine and Family)

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

Mon 16 February	FERIA
09:15 am	David's Intention (Jana)
06:00 pm	Rose Morley (Rest in Peace) (Anne O'Donovan)
Tue 17 February	FERIA
09:15am	Thanksgiving (Jana and David)
06:00 pm	Thanksgiving (Mathew)
Wed 18 February	ASH WEDNESDAY
09:15pm	Thanksgiving (Jana and David)
06:00pm	Intentions (Christopher)
Thu 19 February	Thursday after Ash Wednesday
09:15am	Ryan McLoughlin (Rest in Peace) (Mary Arthur)
06:00pm	Intentions (Michael and Bridgit)
Fri 20 February	Friday after Ash Wednesday
09:15 am	Anna Fedorak (Rest in Peace) (Olga)
06:00pm	Intentions (Anthony)
Sat 21 February	Saturday after Ash Wednesday
10:00 am	Bernard Carey (Rest in Peace) (Joan)
06:00 pm	Tim Keenan (Rest in Peace) (Keane)
Sun 22 February	First Sunday of Lent
08:30 am	Maureen and Richard Newland (Rest in Peace) (Carol)
10:00 am	Phillip Passey (Rest in Peace) (Halls Family)
12noon	Alice Isaac (Rest in Peace) (Roy Family)

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, Pdraic Maloney, Damon, Bridie Curley, Rose Ogidi, Sheila Mayo, John Joseph (Mary), Margaret Phillips, Margaret and Norris Levine, Dr. Michael Weston, Bruce Pereira, Nigel Smith, Mary Murphy, Phyllis Beer, Chris Cullen, Mrs Best, Michael Brown, Albert Callanan, Anne Close, Robinson, Frieda, Melissa Isaac and Mum, Moreena Blackwood, Mick Curley (Christina), William Nkyi-Acheampong. Marie Rachelle Bell Bower, Ermin Elizabeth Bryce, Doreen Palmer, Peter Wiltshire, Vittorio Pollame.