

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

Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi

1 Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9.

Psalm – The Lord is close to all who call him.

2 Reading: Philippians 1:20-24

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16.:

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Most of us have been shaped and influenced by meritocracy. Merit is at the heart of our fairness standard. We've been told to earn our keep and that the early bird gets the worm. That may be the way we think but it's not how the landowner thinks. He or she knows that the late birds are also hungry and that there are enough worms for every bird. That the late birds get a worm doesn't take away the worm the early birds got. Or as the landowner says, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong.' It's not fair but that's what the kingdom of heaven is like.

What if we began to live like that? In what ways is meritocracy controlling your life, defining your value, and distorting the way you see others?

I've had times in my life when I didn't see others. I profiled them. I looked at their appearance and actions, listened to what they said, and then made conclusions, assigned motives, and attributed qualities. Maybe you've done that too. It's easy to assume we know more than we really do or can. I think we often do that with the workers in today's gospel.

The twelve hour workers are dedicated, hardworking, and responsible. The one-hour workers are late, lazy, and irresponsible. Maybe that's all true. But maybe it's not. We don't know. The story doesn't tell us.

Maybe the twelve-hour workers had donkeys to ride to work. Maybe the nine hours workers walked from another town. Maybe the six hour workers just woke up after a night shift. Maybe the three hour workers were taking care of a sick child or a dying parent. Maybe the one hour workers had just finished another job but still didn't have enough.

We don't know why each worker showed up when he or she did. We only know that they showed up and that was enough for the landowner. It's not fair but that's what the kingdom of heaven is like.

Have a Blessed Week

Canon Miall

MARRIAGES: By appointment. At least six months' notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests.

The **next Parish Baptism Preparation Course** will be on Monday 28th of September at 6:30p.m Session 1. in the church. Please note that Session 2 will be on Monday 5th of October at 6:30p.m.

These support agencies are available..... Samaritans 116123. Refuge 0802000247 Childline 08001111

Holy Family Catholic School & Sixth Form **Open Evening**
Wednesday 30th September 2026, 6pm. Venue 30-34 Shernhall Street, Walthamstow, E17 9RT

The Confirmation programme for 2026 to 2027 will soon commence. More information will follow soon as well as more on the application forms.

On Tuesday 1st of September, we said goodbye to Fr. Shajin as he takes up his new post as priest in Charge of Springfield Parish in Chelmsford. The following day we also said goodbye to Deacon Jonathan as he took up his new pastoral responsibilities at Canning Town. Thank you to them both for their pastoral care in their time here in Our Lady and Saint George.

The **next Mass with the Tamil Community** will be on Sunday 20th of September at 5p.m. in the parish church.

Thank you to all who sent a postcard or e-mail to our MP stating your wish for our MP to vote against the second reading of the Bill for Assisted Dying on 11th September.

Please pray for the catechists and candidates in the RCIA parish programme.

Details for the **course for Holy Communion and Reconciliation** will be available soon.

Please keep Father Andrei Ilies our new priest in your prayers.

Our sincere condolences to Paul Walsh at the death of his mother Josephine Rest in Peace.

Operation Rachael £10k has been raised for Christ the King's bell! Absolutely fantastic! Nicola completed her 26-mile marathon walk on Saturday & was back serving on the altar Sunday morning! Surplus money will be used for yearly maintenance of the bell. Biggest thanks to you if you donated and for having spread the word by advertising the poster.

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, 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, Jack Cummins, Luigi Fantoni

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Trevor Golds (Rest in Peace) (De Souza Family)
Sun 20 Sept	TWENTY- Fifth SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
08:30 am	Ellen Mary Frances (Rest in Peace) (Foundation)
10:00 am	Joseph Nicholas Pillai (Rest in Peace) (Victor)
12noon	Choi Yee Kwan (Ping)
Mon 21 Sept	SAINT MATTHEW
09:15 am	James and Ellie Harte (Rest in Peace) (Kevin and Brendan)
06:00 pm	Michael Daly (Rest in Peace) (Roselene)
Tue 22 Sept	FERIA
09:15am	Nora Griffin (Rest in Peace) (Eileen)
06:00 pm	Peter and Maria Graza Fantoni (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Wed 23 Sept	SAINT PIUS OF PIETREICINA
09:15am	Barbara's Intentions (Yamson)
06:00pm	Intentions (Ermin Bryce)
Thu 24 Sept	OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
09:15am	Wesley De Souza (Rest in Peace) (Family)
06:00pm	Special Intentions (Sharon)
Fri 25 Sept	FERIA
09:15 am	Intentions (Ursula)
06:00pm	Elizabeth Mathew (Rest in Peace) (Tomy)
Sat 26 Sept	FERIA
10:00 am	Ronald and Karen Hacker (Rest in Peace) (Mavis)
06:00pm	James and Ellie Harte (Rest in Peace) (Kevin and Brendan)
Sun 27 Sept	TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
08:30 am	Bernadetta Wilson's Intentions (Louella)
10:00 am	Thanksgiving (Victor)
12noon	Kwaku Kramo (Rest in Peace) (Family)