

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

1st Reading Ez 17:22-24

Response to the Psalm: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

2nd Reading: 2 Cor 5:6-10

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (16/06/2024)

(Day for Life)

(Double Edition)

Mark's Gospel was written around 70 AD, shortly after the Romans destroyed the Temple in Jerusalem. Those who professed the Christian faith faced destruction and feared their efforts were paltry and futile.

Mark uses Jesus' parable of the growing seed (Mark 4:26-29) to comfort those in charge of guiding his endangered Church. Mark's Gospel was written in a time of high anxiety. Church leaders felt vulnerable and helpless. We can see why seed parables, while present in all three synoptic Gospels, are particularly prominent in Mark.

Seeds are small and vulnerable but can sprout and grow even in tough times. Seeds are good image for a mysterious reality whose growth occurs without our instigation and often without our knowledge.

In the parable of the mustard seed (Mark 4:30-32; Matthew 13:31-32 ; Luke 13:19), the smallness of the mustard seed characterised as the smallest of all seeds- is contrasted with the size of the final tree. A scruffy shrub seems like an odd choice as a metaphor for God's kingdom when one could have chosen a magnificent cedar. The fact is that the mustard

seed doesn't really grow into a tree but a large bush. This extravagant detail is meant to remind us of the kingdom of God. While it has small beginnings, the result are surprising.

The phrase 'the birds of the air rested in its branches (or shade)' connects this parable with several Old Testament passages where trees are used as metaphors for nations

Jesus' parables call his audience to expect the in-breaking of God's reign into our ordinary daily lives. They also call us to remember that the kingdom of God has its own time and rate of growth. They call us, in John Donahue's words, 'to look beyond what we see to what we hope for.' (Donahue, 38)

We 21st century types what our lives to be full of successes and significance. Jesus calls on us to have more patience with and respect for failure, hiddenness, and insignificance. For they can point beyond themselves towards the reality of the kingdom of God already in our midst.

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 at 6:30p.m. on Monday 29th July in the church for Session 1. Session 2 on Monday 5th August.

Our Lady and St George Conference-Walthamstow, SVP Fundraising Cake Sale Saturday 29 June, and Sunday 30 June 2024, We are relying on the continued generosity of parishioners, their families, and friends to donate Cakes, Pastries and Savoury items for the cake sale. If you can donate or offer a couple of hours of your time to help out, please leave your name and contact details on the Signup sheet in the church porch, you will be contacted the week before the cake sale about dropping of your donation, thank you. Also, on the day there will an opportunity to take home a Cake from the Raffle. To find out more contact Joan Nicholson mobile 07436583288. The funds raise will go towards supporting needy families and the elderly in the parish also, community event for parishioners.

BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage, 20th – 27th July 2024

There are a handful of last minute places available if anyone in school year 10+ still wishes to join this pilgrimage with the BCYS. Full details on the pilgrimage and how to apply can be found at

www.bcys.net/events/sl24 or email gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00 pm	Special Intention (Nestor)
Sun 16 June	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Swan Kwok (Rest in Peace) (Aurora)
10:00 am	Special Intentions (Margaret Phillips)
12noon	William Halpenny (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Mon 17 June	FERIA
09:15 am	Fr. John McKeon (Rest in Peace) (Louella)
06:00 pm	Fr. Derek Powney (Rest in Peace) (PACT)
Tue 18 June	FERIA
09:15am	Fr. John McKeon (Rest in Peace) (Stella)
06:00 pm	Special Intentions (Armie and Rocky)
Wed 19 June	FERIA
09:15 am	Intentions of Fr. Michael (Nestor)
06:00 pm	Malar Theresa (Josephine)
Thu 20 June	FERIA
09:15 am	Maria and Jan Salamowicz (Rest in Peace) (Marta)
06:00 pm	Rosamma John (Thanksgiving) (Roy)
Fri 21 June	Saint Aloysius, Gonzaga
09:15 am	Grace Mecaley (Rest in Peace) (Louella)
06:00pm	Thanksgiving (Mathew)
Sat 22 June	Saints John Fisher Bishop and Thomas More
10:00 am	Intentions of Kim Anh (Rocky and Armie)
06:00 pm	John Kuriakose and Sany George (Rest in Peace) (Jose and Jessy)
Sun 23 June	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Peter James O'Rourke (Rest in Peace) (Nigel)
10:00 am	Adele Bruce (Rest in Peace) (De'Souza)
12noon	Derek Shatton (Rest in Peace) (Nicholson)

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

Mon 24 June	Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
09:15 am	Loretto Boyle (Rest in Peace) (Connolly)
06:00 pm	Special Intention (Nigel)
Tue 25 June	FERIA
09:15am	Winifred's Intentions
06:00 pm	Intentions (Nestor)
Wed 26 June	FERIA
09:15 am	Michael Connolly (Rest in Peace)
06:00 pm	Varkey (Rest in Peace) (Roy)
Thu 27 June	FERIA
09:15 am	Holy Souls
06:00 pm	Clergy of the Diocese (Nestor)
Fri 28 June	Saint Irenaeus
09:15 am	Parishioners
06:00pm	Thanksgiving (Margaret Phillips)
Sat 29 June	Saints Peter and Paul. Apostles
10:00 am	Anna (Rest in Peace) (Roy)
06:00 pm	Kristina and Sofia's Intentions (Nestor)
Sun 30 June	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Phil Kelly (Rest in Peace) (Marie Neville)
10:00 am	Kit Molloy (Rest in Peace) (De Souza)
12noon	Tony Jordan (Rest in Peace) (Marie Neville)

Prayer List

Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Hilda Collett (Chris) Brid O Halloran, 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), Maureen Newland (Carol), Anna (Gawlik), Theresa (Curley), Terry Wheeler, Pdraic Maloney, Damon, Bridie Curley, Cyril and Rose Ogidi, Barry and Sheila Mayo, John Joseph (Mary), Ambrose and Felistas and family, Margaret Phillips, Margaret and Norris Levine, Dr. Michael Weston, Chris Cullen, Kim Ahn and family, Bruce Pereira, Nigel Smith, Mary Murphy, Phyllis Beer, Chirs Cullen, Helen Viado (Mary Jane), Joe Elwood