

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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Our Lady and St George's Primary School:

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Holy Family Catholic School: 8520 0482/8520 3587

Charity Number: 234092

1st Reading Genesis 3:9-15

Response to the Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Gospel: Mark 3: 20-35

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (09/06/2024)

When the crowd says that his family is summoning him from outside the crowded building, Jesus answers with a shocking statement: 'Who is my mother? Who are my brothers? Look, here (these people seated around me) are my mother and my brothers. Whoever does God's will is my brother, sister and mother.'

It's good news for those inside the house, who seek to identify with Jesus and his message. It's also good news for Mark's earliest readers who found themselves estranged from their biological families (compare Mark 10:28-30). Bad news, however, for his relatives on the outside, and for others with high regard for customary notions of honour and social stability.

Jesus redefines the criteria for who constitutes his true family.

This goes beyond striking back at his mother and brother's opinion about his sanity. More foundationally, Jesus makes a claim about what it might mean to belong to other people. He makes a claim about identity. Families, or 'household,' were the primary social and economic units of first-century society. Jesus speaks to deeply embedded cultural

assumptions when he determines his true family not by blood relations or kinship ties but by doing the will of God.

Jesus' word prompt us to consider the relationship between a family and what it means to know and do God's will. Can only certain kinds of families reflect or promote God's will, as Jesus articulated it in terms of mercy, love, justice, protection, holiness and wellbeing? Can only certain families express the belonging and solidarity that God desires to share with humanity?

Obviously, Christians have not found consensus on these topics, as discussions of sexuality and marriage have polarised many communities. Yet the discussion, impelled by the cultural urgency surrounding the issue, have also brought many in to deeper understandings about what kind of living might be consistent with Jesus' life and message. Jesus did not abolish the idea of family or household. It goes too far to suggest he overthrew his culture's values about family, society and religion- in this passage or any other. But he does consistently unsettle and sometimes redirect those values.

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

Walsingham House Anniversary Mass, 31st August at Walsingham House at Abbotswick

We invite anyone who may have been involved with Walsingham House over the years to celebrate 40 years of volunteer teams with us, beginning with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12pm and followed by celebrations at our beautiful retreat house just outside Brentwood.

The General Election. This week the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have launched a set of informative resources to help us think about our election choices. It covers pro-Life issues as well as the criminal justice system, education, poverty, the environment, refugees and migrants. The Bishops remind us: “We are not merely the passive recipients of politics but active citizens. An election is the best time for us as Christians to speak out, to get involved, and to lead.” The resources include suggested questions for candidates, links if you want to go deeper, and actions we can take to make a difference. You will find everything at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

The St John Bosco Children’s Camp is now open for bookings! Children age 9 – 12 can enjoy an amazing week, packed with fun activities, including many sports, from 27th July – 3rd August. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood and this year there is space for just 100 children – book early! All details are www.boscocamp.co.uk, including booking information and an FAQ section for parents.

Please pray for all are sitting exams at this time- that they may receive the rewards of their labours.

Birthday blessings to Katy Ramsay, Fiona Paulson and all who are celebrating birthday at this time.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00 pm	Margaret Corrigan (Rest in Peace) (Joan Carey)
Sun 9 June	Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Fr. George Towler (Rest in Peace) (PACT)
10:00 am	Robin Cundell and Marie Theresa Green (Family)
12noon	Armie and Rocky -33rd Wedding Anniversary
Mon 10 June	FERIA
09:15 am	Thanksgiving (Sr. Vitalis)
06:00 pm	Thomas Joseph (Rest in Peace) (Tomy)
Tue 11 June	Saint Barnabas
09:15am	Fr. John McCollough (Rest in Peace) (PACT)
06:00 pm	Thanksgiving to St. Barnabas Society (Byron)
Wed 12 June	FERIA
09:15 am	Parishioners
06:00 pm	Olga's Intention (Nestor)
Thu 13 June	Saint Anthony of Padua
09:15 am	Intentions (Brendan and Kevin)
06:00 pm	Thanksgiving (Mathew)
Fri 14 June	FERIA
09:15 am	Special Intention (Nestor)
06:00pm	Intentions of Canon Niall (Nestor)
Sat 15 June	FERIA
10:00 am	Donald Bell (Rest in Peace) (S. Bell)
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)

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, Padraic 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