

PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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16th Sunday in ordinary time, July 21 2024

The Readings : Jer 23: 1-6, Eph
2:13-18, Mk 6: 30-34

The Lord is My Shepherd



Scripture lessons summarized:

Today's readings explain how God, like a good shepherd, redeems His people and provides for them. The readings also challenge us to use our God-given authority in the family, in the Church, and in society, with fidelity and responsibility. Today, pastoral ministry includes not only the pastoral care given by those named or ordained as "pastors," but the loving service given by all Christians who follow different callings to serve and lead others.

In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah (sixth century B.C.), thunders against Israel's careless leaders - the king, some priests, and some court prophets - because they have shown no concern for the poor. The prophet also foretells the rise of a new, good shepherd in the family-line of David. Then he consoles the Israelites enslaved in Babylon, assuring them that God will lead them back to their original pasture in Israel.

The second reading introduces Jesus as the shepherd of both the Jews and the Gentiles and explains how Jesus, the good shepherd, has reconciled all of us with His Father by offering Himself on the cross.

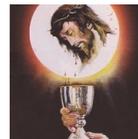
The reading from the Gospel of Mark presents Jesus as the good shepherd fulfilling God's promise given through His prophet Jeremiah in the first reading. Here we see Jesus attending the weary apostles, who have just returned, jubilant, from their first preaching mission, while at the same time expressing concern for the people who, like "sheep without a shepherd," have gathered at their landing place in the wilderness.

LIFE MESSAGE

1) We need God's grace to become good shepherds: The Christian life is a continuous passage from the presence of God to the presence of people and back to God again. Prayer is essentially listening to God and talking to Him. We should allow God the opportunity to speak to us and recharge us with spiritual energy and strength by setting aside enough time for Him to speak to us and for us to speak to Him. He speaks to us powerfully when we spend some time every day reading the Bible devoutly and meditating on the message God gives us in Scripture.

The "Constant" Prayer of St. Catherine of Siena

"Precious Blood, ocean of divine mercy: Flow upon us! Precious Blood, most pure offering: Procure us every grace! Precious Blood, hope and refuge of sinners: Atone for us! Precious Blood, delight of holy souls: Draw us! Amen."



**The Month of July is
Dedicated to the Precious
Blood of Jesus**

**There will be Second Collection/Donation
for the Lectionary this Sunday 21st and
29th of July: Ambo Edition :£695(for the
Church) plus Chapel edition:£395
Total ---£1090**

Anima Christi:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
 Body of Christ, save me.
 Blood of Christ, embolden me.
 Water from the side of Christ, Wash me.
 Passion of Christ, Strengthen me.
 O Good Jesus, hear me.
 Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.
 From the wicked foe, defend me.
 At the hour of my death, call me and bid
 me come to you.
 That with your saints I may praise you
 For ever and ever.
 Amen



Mass Times

Saturday 20 July	6:30pm	Souls in Purgatory
SUNDAY 21 July	9:30am 11:00am	Parishioners Special Intentions
Monday 22 July St. Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Katie Turner
Tuesday 23 July St. Bridget, R	10:00am	Peace in the World
Wednesday 24 July St. Sharbel Makhluf, P	Sacristy	private intentions
Thursday 25 July St. James, Ap	10:00am	Sanctification of Priests
Friday 26 July Ss Joachim & Ann	6:00PM	Mukabe's intentions
Saturday 27 July	6:30PM	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 28 July	9:30am 11:00am	Parishioners

National Eucharistic Congress

A National Eucharistic Congress will be held on Saturday 14th September 2024 at the invitation of the Bishops of England and Wales. The Congress and pilgrimage will take place at Saint Mary's College Oscott in Birmingham, with the purpose of renewing and deepening devotion to the Most Holy Eucharist. The Congress will be on a much smaller scale than the last National Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool. Those who want to attend the event should see the Parish Priest for more information



**Say your daily
rosary for
peace in the
world**

Sat. 6:30PM	Sun. 9:30am	Sun.11:00am
Jo Williams	Richard Shrimplin	Maria Latty

Mass Offering for July 07 ----£460.56

Standing orders-----£118.25

**Confession is Saturdays 5-6pm,
30mins before and after mass and on
request.**

Our Parish Safeguarding representative is
Helen Clarke