



# PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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## SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

**Gospel:** [Mark 10:35-45](#)

The Gospel reading for today is another classic text on the question of ambition. For the third time, (Mark 8:31, 9:31, 10:32), Jesus predicts his own death. In spite of Jesus' two previous predictions, James and John are still thinking of Jesus as a revolutionary freedom-fighter. They share their contemporaries' Jewish belief that the Messiah will be a political king, sitting on David's throne and ruling over a re-united Israel. They are sure that the purpose of Jesus' final trip to Jerusalem is to overthrow the Roman rulers. Hence, they want an assurance from Jesus that he will make them his first- and second-in-command in his messianic kingdom.

Jesus tells his disciples plainly what his mission is, how he is going to accomplish it and what should be the criteria of greatness among his disciples. He summarizes his mission in one sentence: "The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." It is in service and humility, Jesus says, that one will find true greatness in the eyes of God. The CEO in Jesus' kingdom is the one who serves the needs of all the others.

**Life messages:** We are challenged to give our lives in loving service to others. To become an authentic disciple of Jesus means to put ourselves in the humble service of others. The best place to begin the process of "self-giving" service is in our own homes and in the workplace. This is possible whether we are in military service, social service, law, medical service, government, or business. We get chances to serve others every day- nurses serve their patients, teachers their students, parents serve the needs of their children, and spouses serve each another.

### **Readers**

Sat 6:30	Sun 09:30	Sun 11:00
Roland Young	Dennis Lloyd	Liz Greaves

If you wish to join the Reader's Rota, please complete the form in the porch.

**Confessions** on request either in the Church or the presbytery at any time you prefer.

**Mass Intentions** If you would like to have a Mass said for any intention whatsoever then please do pass them into the sacristy through the collection plate or post them into the presbytery.

**Announcements** We are started Adult Catechism in preparation for the sacrament of Baptism. This runs after 11am Mass on Sundays. As we progress, we may consider alternative times which may suit more people.

Sat 16 Oct	06:30 PM	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sandra Gallier
Sun 17 Oct	09:30 AM		Parishioners
	11:00 AM		Parishioners
Mon 18 Oct	10:00 AM	<a href="#">Saint Luke, evangelist</a>	Vocations
Tue 19 Oct	10:00 AM	Tuesday in the 29 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	For the Sick
		Saint John de Brébeuf, Saint Isaac Jogues, priests, and companions, martyrs	
		<a href="#">Saint Paul of the Cross, priest</a>	
Wed 20 Oct	Sacristy	Wednesday in the 29 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	Private Intentions
Thu 21 Oct	10:00 AM	Thursday in the 29 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	Sanctification of Priests
Fri 22 Oct	10:00 AM	Friday in the 29 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	Conversion of Souls
		<a href="#">Saint John Paul II, pope</a>	
	06:00 PM	Holy Hour	
Sat 23 Oct	06:30 PM	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Parishioners
Sun 24 Oct	09:30 AM		Parishioners
	11:00 AM		Parishioners

**First Holy communion** preparation starts on the last Saturday of this Month (30<sup>th</sup> of October) by 11am. The venue is in the Church. We are lucky to have a capable teacher who will assist in the preparation. We therefore ask the parents to bring their children who have reached the age of receiving the Holy communion to join in the preparation.

We encourage more people to attend first Friday devotion. Remember one of the promises of Jesus: I promise you in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who shall receive communion on the First Friday in nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment

**The Prisoners Week Prayer** Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support your loved prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day. Amen

**Prayer for Climate Action** If you would like to take part next Monday afternoon you can obtain the Zoom link by e-mailing [1108steward4@gmail.com](mailto:1108steward4@gmail.com). There are two more sessions before the start of COP26.

**Fairtrade Coffee Morning** The local churches' Fairtrade group are hosting a coffee morning at Bargates Hall on Saturday 30th October from 10 until 12pm. Christmas cards and gifts will be on sale as well as Traidcraft products. Come and join us for coffee and cakes!

**Foodbank** The Foodbank has now re-opened to clients with appropriate Covid restrictions in place. Thank you for your continuing donations. Items we are short of are listed on the Foodbank website [www.whitchurch.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.whitchurch.foodbank.org.uk). We are always short of shopping bags. Please leave any you can spare in the church porch.

**Weekly Collection** We wish to thank you all for your ongoing generosity in the upkeep of the parish.

Sunday	10 October	-	£388.06
Weekly Standing Orders		-	£103.50

It would help greatly with paying in and processing at the bank if any cheques to the church are made payable to: "**St George Whitchurch**" which is the correct name for the parish account .

**Covid 19 Test Kits** the Local Health Authority has asked us to continue distributing Lateral Flow Covid test kits through our parish community. You can find these at the back of church. Please help yourselves.

Our parish safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke.