

# PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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**May 12th 2024- SEVENTH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER**

GOSPEL : John 17: 11-19



**In today's Gospel passage**, taken from Jesus' high-priestly prayer, Jesus prays in particular, for those disciples who are sharing the meal with him. The core of Jesus' message is love, a love that is to be manifested not only in nice-sounding words but, more convincingly, in the genuine acts of love that will bind his disciples together into one community. The world cannot be evangelized by competing Churches, and that is why Jesus prayed that his disciples might be as fully one as he and the Father are one.

**The content of the prayer:** The New Interpreter's Bible distinguishes three parts in Jesus' prayer. 1) Jesus Prays for His Glorification (17:1-8). 2) Jesus Prays for the Faith Community (17:9-23). 3) Jesus Prays for the Eschatological Union of Father, Son, and Believers (17:24-26). The main elements of the prayer are a) the founding of the community (17:6-8), b) the petition for the preservation and sanctification of the community (17:9-19), c) the petition for the oneness of the community (17:20-23), and d) the petition for the perfecting of the believers (17:24-26).

**Emergency appeal for Sudanese in wood  
crises/famine--next Sunday**

## LIFE MESSAGE

1: We need to understand, appreciate, cooperate and pray:

The denominations are a reality. There is no need in our blaming each other for the historical events which caused these divisions in Christ's Body. What we can do is to learn sympathetically about the doctrinal similarities and differences to our own beliefs among Christian believers, to shed prejudices and suspicion about each other, and to learn to love each person we encounter.

2: We need to pray fervently in our own denominations and in interdenominational prayer gatherings that God may show us the right way to proceed in achieving true and lasting Christian unity without sacrificing the basic Christian principles and teachings. We should offer also our personal prayers that the unity for which Our Lord prayed may be brought nearer.

## Prayer for the Fire of the Spirit

Lord of Power, just as the outpouring of Your Holy Spirit on Pentecost so drastically changed the lives of the disciples, may the burning fire of Your Holy Spirit refine and renew us, so that we will never be the same. May we move in the power of the Spirit, and may our lives and ministries be infused with Your divine, supernatural touch and authority. May the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation cause us to grow in our knowledge of You. Amen.



**During this week leading to Pentecost let us pray for the children in our parish preparing for confirmation, for a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church and on all of us that we may respond to God better. We pray that our celebration of Pentecost will lead to the Church being strengthened by God's Spirit.**

### 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 11 May	6:30pm	Souls in Purgatory
SUNDAY 12 May	9:30am 11:00am	Parishioners
Monday 13 May Our Lady of Fatima	10:00am	J.C. Opara
Tuesday 14 May ST MATTHIAS		NO MASS
<b>Wednesday 15 May</b>	Sacristy	Private
Thursday 16 May	10:00am	Sanctification of Priests May O'Farrell
Friday 17 May	6:00PM	<b>For the Sick</b>
Saturday 18 May	6:30PM	Souls Purgatory in
Sunday 19 May	9:30am 11:00am	Parishioners

**There will be confessions for those preparing for first Holy communion and Confirmation. Parents are encouraged to join them and give good example. Time 6pm, Wednesday, 15/5/24**



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

### Our Lady promised:

1. Those who faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armour against hell. It will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. The recitation of the Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish. It will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God. It will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.

Sat.6:30pm	Sun.9:30am	Sun.11:00am
Roland Young	Gerard Dolan	Liz Greaves

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

Mass Offering for May 5th—£335.89

Standing orders—£118.25

Our Parish Safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke