

PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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Second Sunday in Ordinary time

January 14th 2024

GOSPEL : John 1: 35-42



Today's theme is Divine vocation. Everyone is called by God to do some thing for others with his life and with his unique gifts. Hence, today's readings remind us of our personal and corporate call to become witnesses for the Lamb of God and to lead lives of holiness and purity. We are told that each of us, as a Christian, is personally called to discipleship which demands an ongoing response of commitment.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist says to Andrew and John, two of his disciples, "Behold, the Lamb of God" as Jesus walks past them. The two at once followed Jesus to His residence by accepting his invitation, "come and see," and they stayed with Him for the rest of that day. Then Andrew brings his brother Simon, back, to present him to Jesus, the Messiah. Thus, today's Gospel describes the call of the first apostles.

LIFE MESSAGE

1) Our Christian vocation is to live and die like the Lamb of God. We live like the Lamb of God: a) by leading pure, innocent, humble, selfless lives, obeying Christ's commandment of love; b) by appreciating the loving providence and protecting care of the Good Shepherd for his Church; c) by receiving the Holy Eucharist regularly with reverence and deriving spiritual strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the Sacraments.

2) We are called to die like the Lamb of God: a) by sharing sacrificially our blessings of health, wealth, and talents with others in the family, parish, and community. b) by offering our sufferings for God's glory, as penance for our sins, and for the conversion of sinners.

3) Our call is to bear witness to the Lamb of God. Doing this requires a personal experience of Jesus as our Lord and Savior. a) We get this personal experience of Jesus in our daily lives through the meditative reading and study of the Bible, through personal and family prayers, and through our active participation in the Eucharistic celebration. b) When we experienced the presence of Jesus in our daily lives, we will start sharing with others the Good News of love, peace, justice, tolerance, mercy, and forgiveness preached and lived by Jesus.

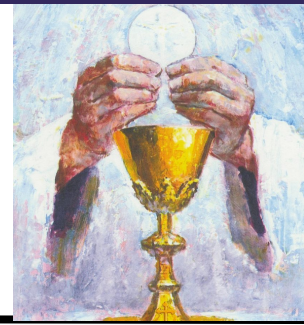
Prayer to the Holy Name of Jesus

O my Jesus, you are the Saviour who has given your blood and your life for me, I pray Thee to write your adorable name on my poor heart; so that having it always imprinted in my heart by love, I may also have it ever on my lips, by invoking it in all my necessities. Amen

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

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| Saturday 13 January | 6:30pm | For the departed Priests |
| Sunday 14 January | 9:30 am 11:00pm | Pat Cummins John & Maria Latty- |
| Monday 15 January | 10:00am | Mary John |
| Tuesday 16 January | 10:00am | Tony Jones |
| Wednesday 17 January St Anthony. AB | Sacristy | Private |
| Thursday 18 January | 10:00am | Sanctification of Priests |
| Friday 19 January | 6:00pm | No Mass |
| Saturday 20 January | 6:30pm | Ancari Family |
| Sunday 21 January | 9:30am 11am | Mary Joseph Parishioners |

Say your daily rosary for peace in the world



Whitchurch Foodbank

The managers and trustees would like to thank all those who made contributions at Christmas. Thanks to your generosity the Foodbank was able to provide all its clients with a bag of Christmas items in December and 71 local families received special food parcels to support them in providing Christmas dinner. Many people also continue to provide support financially and the kindness shown by you towards those in crisis is really appreciated.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

As part of this special week of prayer, Whitchurch Churches Together are holding a short service at St George's on Tuesday 23rd January at 7pm. Everyone is most welcome to join worshippers from all our churches that evening. Anyone who would be willing to take a small part by reading during the service should contact Eileen Livesey or Helen Clarke.

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| Sat 6:30pm | Sun. 9:30am | Sun. 11:00am |
| Jo Williams | Eileen Livesey | Maria Latty |

Mass Offering for 24th of December—£442.85

Standing orders—£118.25

Confession is before and after mass at any convenient time you want. Arrange with the Parish Priest

Our Parish Safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke