

PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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20th Sunday in Ordinary time,

August 18th 2024

The Gospel: John 6: 51-58



In today's Gospel passage, Jesus asserts that eating the Living Bread, himself, allows us to participate in his life and to grow here and now in our eternal life with God. Thus when we share in the Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one Body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body for the life of the world.

Life-giving bread from Heaven: "I, myself, am the living Bread come down from Heaven." "Come down from Heaven" refers to the Incarnation and announces Jesus' Divine origins; without the Son's becoming a human being there would be neither Sacrament nor Salvation. Eating this Bread results in profound oneness with the Divine: the Son-become-man. The reference to the future, "I will give," points to Jesus' sacrificial death and to his "Flesh," which was to be offered on Calvary and shared at every Eucharistic celebration. Jesus reminds his listeners that this was not the first time in the history of salvation that God had provided his people with food. The people knew about the manna experience of the Israelites in the wilderness. They now must realize how that experience differed from Jesus' feeding his followers with the Holy Eucharist.

LIFE MESSAGE

We need to keep the hunger and thirst for God alive in our hearts: Every human being is blessed at creation with an insatiable longing for God. We want God as our Father to hold us gently in His arms, keeping us safe throughout the dangers we face. But often we use substitutes as an escape from that need: fast living, fast-food, fast cars, needless luxuries, unrestricted sexual fulfilment. We demand the right to do whatever we want to do whenever we want. But let us remember the truth that unless we keep the hunger for God strong in our hearts, we will eventually realize the emptiness of our lives without Him.

Prayers to the Immaculate Heart of Mary .

Immaculate Heart of Mary,
full of love for God and mankind,
and of compassion for sinners,
I consecrate myself to you.
I entrust to you the salvation of my soul.
May my heart be ever united with yours,
so that I may hate sin,
love God and my neighbour,
and reach eternal life with those whom I
love.

May I experience the kindness of your motherly heart
and the power of your intercession with Jesus
during my life and at the hour of my death.
Amen.



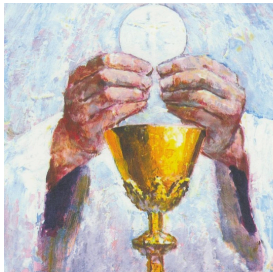
HEART OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

We have been greatly blessed over the years with the visit of the relics of Saint John Mary Vianney and Saint Bernadette of Lourdes. In September we will have the privilege of welcoming to the Diocese the relic of the heart of Blessed Carlo Acutis. The pilgrimage will be based at Saint Anthony's, Wythenshawe from 20th to 23rd September. Further details to follow!

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 17 August	6:30pm	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 18 August	9:30am 11:00am	Parishioners
Monday 19 August St John Eudes , P	10:00am	For Peace in the World
Tuesday 20 August St. Bernard AB,D	10:00am	Oliver Forrester
Wednesday 21 August St. Pius X, Pp	Sacristy	Private Intentions
Thursday 22 August THE Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10:00am	Sanctification of Priests
Friday 23 August St. Rose of Lima V	6:00PM	Francis Xavier Feegrade
Saturday 24 August St. Bartholomew, Ap	6:30PM	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 25 August	9:30am 11:00am	Parishioners

Our Parish Safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL 2024

The annual Youth 2000 Summer Festival will take place from Friday 23rd August to Monday 26th August 2024 in the beautiful surroundings of Ampleforth Abbey, North Yorkshire.
This festival is an opportunity for young people (aged 16-35) from across the UK to grow in their relationship with God, form friendships and be inspired to live out their faith. The programme will include input from speakers, a variety of workshops, and opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration.
Tickets (which include food and accommodation) can be purchased from www.youth2000.org/events

Join the Parish Rosary on Saturdays 6pm. Let us pray for the peace of the world



May we pray for the repose of Jean Grace. The Funeral is on Friday 23rd August at 12.00 noon

Mass Offering for August 04 ----£349.80
Standing orders-----£118.25

Sat. 6:30PM	Sun. 9:30am	Sun.11:00am
Hazel Spencer	Gerard Dolan	Roma Ajit

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