



# PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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## SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025 Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C



*“Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:27)*

These past weeks and indeed continuously, the Lord has been reordering our minds and our thinking from human based, short term and earthly thinking to that of the mind of Christ, looking upon and judging all things from the perspective of the Kingdom of Heaven. Thus showing up the inferiority and foolishness of human wisdom, and the superiority and saving power of Divine Wisdom, as is communicated through the first passage of scripture we will listen to on Sunday *“For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail, for a perishable body weighs down the soul...Who has learned your counsel, unless you have given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high. And thus the paths of those on earth were set right, and people were taught what pleases you and were saved by wisdom.”* (Wisdom 9:14-15, 17-18)

In all the Lord's teachings, as in Sunday's Gospel, He is continuously putting before us the wisdom of the cross, so that our value judgements, our whole outlook in this life, be viewed from this lens.

In the Gospel the Lord puts before us and those who are opened to a change of mind and heart, two parables, which encompass the activity and the end, of every human person. *“For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost...Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war...”* (Lk 14:28,31) As is our shared human experience, we progress through life by striving to attain our goals. As we reach adulthood and independence, we set our goals by what we view as valuable and worthwhile, they become the treasure of our hearts. Now this working towards our goals is akin to building a tower, as in the parable. Each of us are called to examine the tower we have been building and so ask the difficult questions; is it made to satisfy earthly aspirations or to attain heavenly desires, it is made to last?

Regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> parable which qualifies the 1<sup>st</sup>. Our present, earthly life is short, & each of us at death, will inevitably come before the great King. And no matter how much material & people we have gathered around us, it will not be enough to prevail over the King of kings, therefore we seek always terms of peace.

*Willing all the people of the parish and your families, a new mind and a new heart, Fr Humphrey*

<b><u>Readers</u></b>	Sat 6:30	Sun 09:30	Sun 11:00
	Hazel Spencer	Guy Churton	P. Chinagorom

**Confession** is available before each vigil & Sunday Mass, before 6:00pm Mass on Friday & upon request

Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6:30 PM	(M: Sts M,M&A English Martyrs) 6:00PM Rosary	Rep. – the Immaculate Heart
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9:30 AM	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	The sick of the parish
	11:00 AM		Jacob Sarpathil RIP
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10:00 AM	<i>Nativity of the BVM /A 6-7PM</i>	Thanksgiving for the BVM
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10:00 AM	OM: St Peter Claver /A. 6-7pm	Juliet Deegan RIP
Wed 10 Sept	No Mass	OM: St Ambrose Barlow	
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10:00 AM	<i>Ferial</i>	Evangelisation of peoples
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10:00 AM	OM: Most Holy Name of Mary	Renewed love for BVM among Christians & all
		Holy Hour	
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6:30 PM	6:00PM Rosary	The people of the parish
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9:30 AM	<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>	Acceptance of the wisdom of the Cross
	11:00 AM		Resignation to our cross

**Weekly Collection** We wish to thank you all for your ongoing generosity in the upkeep of the parish.  
 Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August - £363.76  
 Weekly Standing Orders - £112.00

The church will be opened/unlocked during daytime hours from 9:00AM to 5:00PM except on Wednesdays and when the priest is not around/local. All are welcome to drop into the church for quiet prayer with the Lord truly present.

**Mon & Tue of this week there will be an additional hour of silent Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.**  
 If there are any people, house bound or otherwise who would like the priest to visit, Fr Humphrey is very happy to call to see them. Please ring the parish phone and leave a message or send him an email.

**Altar server training:** On this Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7:05PM in the church there will be wee training session for those who serve at the altar during holy Mass, can all current servers attend, if possible, & those who wish to become altar servers are welcome to attend.

Please do consider what areas you can be of service to your parish *'ask not what your parish can do for you but what you can do for your parish'*

Note from Fr Humphrey: as you know this is my last Sunday serving the parish of St George, I am aiming to leave Whitchurch on Friday afternoon & return to the parish of Christ The King, Bromborough. I want to thank all the people for your welcome and interaction during my time in Whitchurch and for people's kind and encouraging words as I depart. Please know that I will keep the all the people parish in my prayers.

## QUOTES – CONSIDERING DISCIPLESHIP

*"God did not tell us to follow Him because He needed our help, but because He knew that loving Him would make us whole."* St. Irenaeus of Lyons (202)

*"Nothing unites us so intimately to the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ as does the cross."*  
 St. Catherine of Siena (1380)

*"They who want to win the world for Christ must have the courage to come into conflict with it."*  
 Bl. Titus Brandsma (1931)

*"If we place our hands into the hands of the divine Child, if we say "Yes" to the "Follow me", then we are His, and the way is free for His divine life to flow into us."* St. Edith Stein (1942)

Our parish safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke