



PARISH OF ST GEORGE

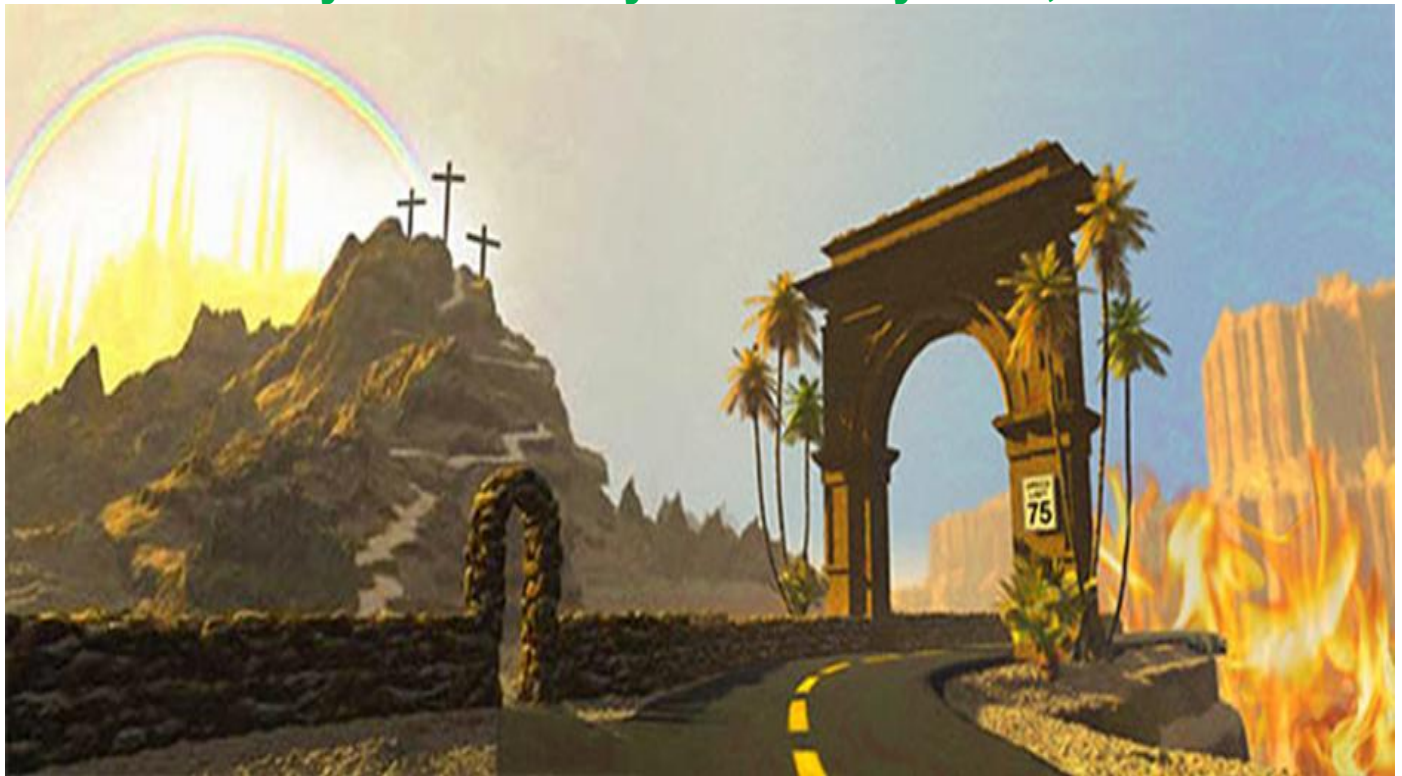
Parish Administrator: Father Humphrey O'Connor

Email: humphrey.3@hotmail.com

Tel: 01948 662935

WWW: <https://saintgeorgeswhitchurch.org.uk>

SUNDAY 24th August 2025 Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C



Reflection on this week's Gospel (Lk 13:22-30) *"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able...And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."*

Strive to enter by the narrow gate. It has been made small so that only the little ones will fit through it; it is narrow because only those without attachments will enter. If it were too easy to go to heaven, the Lord Jesus would not have sacrificed himself as the price for our salvation.

The road of the life of this world is wide, many follow it because it is like a river of desires and pleasures, it drags them into spiritual danger, and it is a definite way to perdition. The road to heaven is narrow and difficult to follow, not everyone can find it easily because it demands following the full Gospel, the whole Christ. It is very easy to stray from it because of the distractions of the world.

The pursuit of the Kingdom of Heaven demands hard work, obedience and perseverance. Many start the walk on the road of salvation, but few stay on it; some think they will be able to come back but the Lord warns us many times in the scriptures & through the Church, **it is not wise to play with the spiritual life.**

The evil one is constantly setting obstacles in the path of holiness to destroy the good work of souls. Beware of the enemy; arm yourself with the weapons of virtue. Pray for your faith, hope and love to be stronger, atone for your sins by practicing charity.

Don't justify yourself, thinking that you are already on the high steps of the spiritual ladder, the higher you are, the harder you will fall. Be humble and admit your weaknesses and limitations. Those who consider themselves to be last may be first because of their humility, but those who justify themselves will be last because of their pride.

The graces of sacrificial love and perseverance to all, Fr Humphrey

<u>Readers</u>	Sat 6:30	Sun 09:30	Sun 11:00
	Jo Williams	Justine Ngulefac	Maria Latty

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

Sat 23 rd Aug	6:30 PM	(OM: St Rose of Lima) 6:00PM Rosary	Families of the parish
Sun 24 th Aug	9:30 AM	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Spirit of resolution in our Christian calling
	11:00 AM		Children brought up without knowledge, love & faith in Jesus
Mon 25 th Aug	10:00 AM	M: St Thomas of Hereford /A 6-7PM	Connaughton family (L&D)
Tue 26 th Aug	10:00 AM	OM: Bl Dominic Barberi /A. 6-7pm	Keating family (L&D)
Wed 27 th Aug	No Mass	M: St Monica	
Thu 28 th Aug	10:00 AM	M: St Augustine of Hippo	Bishop Mark & all bishops
Fri 29 th Aug	6:00 PM	M: Passion of St John the Baptist	Pope Leo & the Papacy
		Holy Hour	
Sat 30 th Aug	6:30 PM	(M: Sts M,M&A English Martyrs) 6:00PM Rosary	Grace of resignation & thanksgiving
Sun 31 st Aug	9:30 AM	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Maurice & Rebecca
	11:00 AM		The grace of humility for all Christians

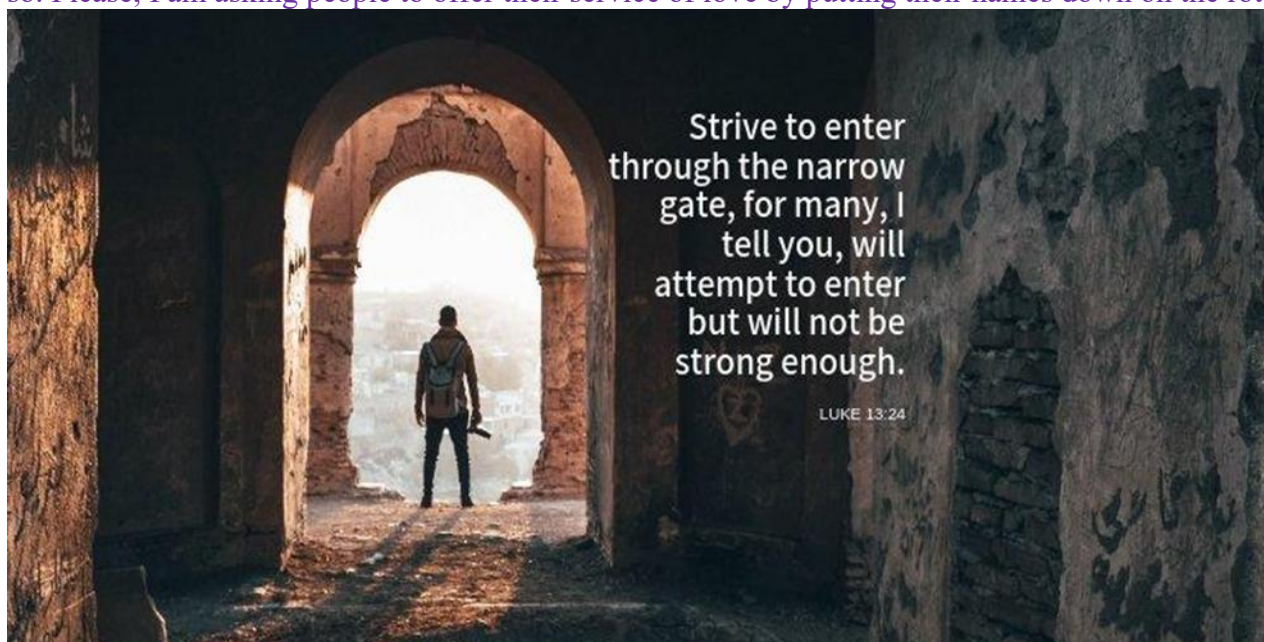
Weekly Collection We wish to thank you all for your ongoing generosity in the upkeep of the parish.
 Sunday 10th August - £297.68
 Weekly Standing Orders - £112.00

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.

Reader training: On this Tuesday 5th September at 7:10PM in the church there will be refresher session for Mass readers, all those on the rota are required to attend, if you are unable to attend, please email Fr Humphrey directly. Those who wish to become readers at Mass are welcome to attend.

3rd Appeal: I am trying to organise weekly rotas for two areas of service that need volunteers, church cleaning and maintenance of flowers. Presently we have one lady only, Anna Maria, who cleans the church building once a week. And likewise, we have one lady only, Ann, who renews the flowers once a week or so. Please, I am asking people to offer their service of love by putting their names down on the rota



Our parish safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke