

PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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GOSPEL : MATTHEW 23: 1-12

The Greatest Among You Will Be Your Servant.

Matthew 23-11

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In today's Gospel, Jesus offers a word of judgment against contemporary religious leaders who are more concerned about self-promotion than service to others. Christ-like leadership calls for integrity and honesty from all those in authority, whether priests, parents, teachers or politicians. There should be in leaders no double standards. Rather, there should grow a deep sense of equality with, and mutual respect between, leaders and those they rule. Each should seek to serve the other. Service, not status, is the mark of this new community, and true humility is the only position its members should seek.

LIFE MESSAGE

1) We need to become servant leaders in a serving community: The Church is a servant community in which the hungry are to be filled; the ignorant are to be taught; the homeless to receive shelter; the sick to be cared for; the distressed, consoled; and the oppressed, set free so that they may more fully realize their human potential and more readily enjoy life with God. Hence, the leaders should have a spirit of humble service in thought, word and deed. "The measure of a true Christian is not how many servants he has, but how many people he serves."

2) We need to live the Faith we profess. Religious people are all too often like the Pharisees and scribes, laying heavy loads on other people's shoulders without lifting a finger to help them. Instead of judging the poor, we should be serving them through our efforts for economic justice. Instead of criticizing those of other races, we should be serving them through our efforts for racial justice. Instead of ignoring the homeless, we should be serving them through efforts to supply them with adequate housing. We need to live the Faith we profess. Our Faith tells us that we are all brothers and sisters, children of the same Heavenly Father. The only way for us to practice our Faith is to build a human community of love and justice.

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ALL SAINTS AND A SPECIAL MONTH TO PRAY FOR OUR DEPARTED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS, WRITE THEIR NAMES FOR PRAYERS AND MASSES

Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory

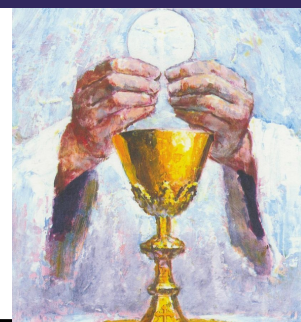
Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen

**There will be Mass in Malpas
this Sunday ---6pm**

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 04 November	6:30pm	Patrick Mcginley
Sunday 05 November	9:30am	T. T. Chacko
	11:00am	Zoe Feery
Monday 06 November	10:00am	Departed Priests
Tuesday 07 November St. Willibrord	10:00am	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday 08 November	Sacristy	Private
Thursday 09 November Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	10:00am	Sanctification of Priests
Friday 10 November St. Leo The Great Pp, D	6:00pm	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 11 November St Martin of Tours, B	6:30pm	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 12 November	9:30am 11:00am	Departed Priests Parishioners



Say your daily rosary for peace in the world

Announcement

First Holy Communion

Those who want to receive Holy Communion next year should join the children bible sharing after 11am Mass-----Sundays

Christmas get together

Our Parish Christmas get together comes on the 15th of December 6pm. Venue: Etzio (Italian restaurant) . Join us and register with Tim O'Keeffe

Celebration of Life

Pease join us in a celebration of the life of Zoë Feery at midday on Friday, 10 November at St George's Church. The funeral will be followed by a service at the Pentrebychan Crematorium in Wrexham at 2pm. After this, her son Steve and daughter Paula invite family and friends to refreshments at Agden, just outside Whitchurch, for details contact paulafeery@outlook.com by 8 November if you would like to join us - all welcome. Please wear what you like and rather than flowers, donations to Macmillan would be preferred. ----Paula(for the family)

Mass Offering for 22nd October---£335.93

Standing orders-----£118.25

Readers

Saturday 6:30pm	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 11:00am
Hazel Spencer	Guy Churton	Liz Greaves

Confession is before and after mass at any convenient time you want. Arrange with the Parish Priest
Our Parish Safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke