

PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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The Gospel: Mark 10: 2-16

Therefore what God has
joined together, let no one
separate."

Mark 10:9 NIV

Today's Gospel gives Christ's explicit teaching on marriage and divorce, the Divine origin of marriage, the sacredness of family life, and the indissolubility of marriage. These are difficult messages to preach in a society that embraces co-habitation and ignores both the escalating divorce statistics and the dangerous consequences of divorce. The Gospel teaches that family life is sacred, that husband and wife are partners with equal rights, and that the destruction of the family by divorce is producing the destruction of society.

Life messages:

1) Both spouses need to work hard to create a good marriage: Marriage demands that they should become the right persons for each other as God's gifts. Marriage is a union based on committed sharing, and agape love. It requires many mutual adjustments; much mutual generosity, and great good will, to forgive and ask for forgiveness; sincere cooperation in training children and raising them as practising Catholic Christians; and daily strength from God obtained through personal and family prayers and at least weekly, participation in the parish liturgy.

2) We need to reach out with Christian sympathy to the divorced and to troubled families. The parish community needs to accept these brothers and sisters with respect, compassion, sensitivity, love, and support, sharing the depth of their pain from a failed, or failing, marriage.

The Church cannot sanction a second marriage for either spouse unless the previous marriage has been declared annulled by the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal. In the meantime, "...they should be encouraged to listen to the Word of God, to attend the Sacrifice of the Mass, to persevere in prayer, to bring up their children in the Christian Faith" (CCC #1651).

Prayer to Our Lady of The Holy Rosary

O Venerable Queen of Victories, O Sovereign of Heaven and Earth, in whose name the heavens rejoice and the abysses tremble, O glorious Queen of the Rosary, we your devout children, gathered in this Church and pour out the affections of our hearts and with the confidence of children we express to you our miseries. From the Throne of clemency, turn, O Mary, your pitiful gaze upon us, upon our families, upon Europe, and upon the world. May you take pity on the anxieties and travails that embitter our lives? See, O Mother, how many dangers in soul and body, how many calamities and afflictions compel us. O Mother, implore mercy for us from Your divine Son and win the hearts of sinners with clemency. Amen



**There will be Mass in Malpas
this Sunday**

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 05 October	6:30pm	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 06 October	9:30am 11:00am	Private Int. Veronica Conway Francis RIP
Monday 07 October Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Maria Silvey RIP
Tuesday 08 October		No Mass
Wednesday 09 October St. John Henry Newman		
Thursday 10 October		No Mass
Friday 11 October		No Mass
Saturday 12 October	6:30PM	Mary Pettifor
Sunday 13 October	9:30am 11:00am	Parishioners

From Bishop Mark---Call for Prayers

On Sunday, Pope Francis will go to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major to pray the Rosary for peace at this troubled moment for humanity. The following day, Monday 7thOctober, the Holy Father has invited those taking part in the Synod of Bishops to join him in a day of prayer and fasting, invoking the intercession of Our Lady for the gift of peace in the world. Let us be united with the Holy Father in this offering of prayer and penance for peace, especially on Sunday and on Monday.

Churches Together' Coffee Morning - Friday 11thOctober

We are joining with other churches to hold a Coffee Morning at the Sports Hall in Whitchurch on the 11th 9.30 until 12pm. Any donations of biscuits, cakes or raffle prizes would be welcomed.

Please support our efforts to work together as Christians the town.

Mass Offering -29thSept. -£386.85

Standing orders-----£118.25

2nd Collection---£94.35

Sat. 6:30PM	Sun. 9:30am	Sun.11:00am
Roland Young	Guy Churton	Tim O'Keeffe

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

Our Parish Safeguarding representative is
Helen Clarke