



# PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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## SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

**Gospel**: After feasting the crowd in the fields, Jesus withdrew into the hills to frustrate the plan of the people who wanted to make him a king. He is, indeed, a king, but his type of kingship is different from what the crowd wanted - a king who would liberate them from the powers of imperial Rome.

Finding Jesus in Capernaum, they engaged him in a lengthy dialogue. First, Jesus discerned their motives and told them that they were looking for him because he fed them and satisfied their hunger for food.

Second, Jesus challenged them to work for food that endures, that is, to believe in Him— the bread of life from heaven. Third, they were to learn that He the bread from heaven is different from the manna that Moses gave their ancestors in the desert.

Jesus, therefore, distinguishes between food that gives temporal satisfaction and food that gives lasting nourishment: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

**Confessions** on request either in the Church or the presbytery at any time you prefer.

**Mass Intentions** If you would like to have a Mass said for any intention whatsoever then please do pass them into the sacristy through the collection plate or post them into the presbytery.

**Presbytery Announcement**. Thank you to all who have supported the 2 priorities we have at the moment which need funding i.e.

1. **Window frames** need to be repaired or replaced, and made weatherproof, in line with Council Planning Permission.
2. **Flooring** throughout the building needs to be reviewed and in places replaced or repaired.

**COVID Guidance** see web site for the latest guidance from the Bishops of England and Wales

**Lateral Flow Testing Kits** Everyone in England is now being encouraged to take two rapid coronavirus tests a week under the government's testing programme. Regular testing for people without symptoms is an important tool, alongside 'hands, face, space, vaccinations and fresh air', in allowing us to move safely forward as we ease out of lockdown. We now have a supply of lateral flow kits for parishioners which can provide results in around 30 minutes. Please help yourself to a pack which contains 7 test kits, at the back of church. **People with Covid symptoms should NOT take a rapid test. Instead, please stay at home and book a PCR test [online](#) or by calling 119.**

Sat 31 Jul	06:30 PM	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Deacon David Irwin
Sun 01 Aug	09:30 AM		Fr Paddy McMahon
	11:30 AM		Fr Michael Harrison
Mon 02 Aug	10:00 AM	Monday in the 18 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	Stephen Larkin
		<a href="#">Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop</a>	
		<a href="#">Saint Peter Julian Eymard, priest</a>	
Tue 03 Aug	03:00 PM	Tuesday in the 18 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time In St. Alkmund Church	Fr Thaddeus-priestly Anniversary
Wed 04 Aug	Sacristy	<a href="#">Saint John Vianney, priest</a>	Carol Coffey's birthday
Thu 05 Aug	10:00 AM	Thursday in the 18 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	Tony Jones
		<a href="#">The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome</a>	
Fri 06 Aug	06:00 PM	The Transfiguration of the Lord	SACRED HEART OF JESUS
		FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION	
Sat 07 Aug	06:30 PM	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Thanksgiving
Sun 08 Aug	09:30 AM		Thanksgiving
	11:00 AM		Thanksgiving

**Announcement** Beloved Parishioners, could you please join me in a thanksgiving mass on the 3rd of August as I celebrate my 50 years birthday (Half a century), and my 19 years priestly anniversary. Time of the mass will be 3pm at St. Alkmund Church. Refreshment (food and drink) follows immediately after the mass at St. Alkmund Church Hall.

**Foodbank** Currently, the Foodbank is short of some items of food which is part of a standard delivery to clients. We still urgently need breakfast cereals, small jars of coffee, long-life semi-skimmed milk, sugar, and biscuits. Other items of food that are needed can be found on the Foodbank website [www.whitchurch.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.whitchurch.foodbank.org.uk). We are also very short of plastic shopping bags. If you have any to spare, please leave them in the basket in the church porch. Any help you can give is always gratefully appreciated.

**Weekly Collection** We wish to thank you all for your ongoing generosity in the upkeep of the parish.

Sunday 25 July 2021 - £199.50

The weekly contribution from monthly direct debits was £78.

It would help greatly with paying in and processing at the bank if any cheques to the church are made payable to: "St George Whitchurch" which is the correct name for the parish account .

Our parish safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke.