



# PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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## SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year C

### **GOSPEL** John 21:1–19

Today's Gospel tells the post-Resurrection story of our merciful Saviour Who goes in search of His band of disappointed and dejected disciples. The incident proves that Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances were not mere hallucinations. In the first part of today's Gospel, the risen Jesus appears to His disciples and gives them a symbol of their mission in a miraculous catch of fish followed by a grilled fish breakfast prepared by Jesus himself. The second part is a dialogue between Jesus and Simon where Simon is asked three times whether he loves Jesus, and he answers that he does, as if in reparation for his triple denial of Jesus. The two metaphors used in the story, namely fishing and shepherding, are the duties of the Church in her missionary work. Peter, as a forgiven sinner, is chosen for the quality of his love to serve as leader in a community of brothers and sisters. As his primary mission, Peter is given the care of the vulnerable lambs and sheep, and he is told that fidelity to this mission will lead him to martyrdom.

Life message: **Let us compensate for our moments of weakness by genuine acts of love, compassion, and service.** Peter was called upon to prove his love: "If you love me, feed my sheep." The same Risen Lord reminds us: "*If you love me, you will keep my commandments*" (Jn 14:15). What do our present actions and activities say about our love for Christ? The Risen Jesus accepts our apology, dismisses the charges against us, exonerates us of guilt, and forgives all our weaknesses. He continues to challenge us to demonstrate our love for him by faithfully, freely, feeding his sheep entrusted to our care.

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

**Announcement** We thank all our parishioners who attended the Divine Mercy and St George Celebrations. It was a success and a time of meeting and getting to know one another.

There will be the first communion Mass on the 15th of May (11 am Mass).

<b><u>Readers</u></b>	Sat 6:30	Sun 09:30	Sun 11:00
	Jo Williams	Eileen Livesey	Anne Carr

If you wish to join the Reader's Rota, please complete the form in the porch.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** *Now that all Covid restrictions have been eased, it is wonderful that once again we can return to Lourdes. Our Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place from 29 July - 4 August by air and 28 July - 5 August overland. Prices start from as little as £440 which includes travel, full board accommodation and full pilgrimage programme.*

Further details and booking forms are available to download from the Pilgrimage Website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) or from the Pilgrimage Office, Curial Offices, 2 Park Rd South, Prenton, Wirral, CH43 4 UX.

Sat 30 Apr	6:30 PM	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	Vocations
Sun 01 May	9:30 AM		Mary Barbara
	11:00 AM		Parishioners
Mon 02 May	10:00 AM	<b>Saint Athanasius, bishop, and doctor of the Church</b>	Peace in the World.
Tue 03 May	10:00 AM	<b>Saint Philip and Saint James, apostles</b>	Anna Forrester
Wed 04 May	Sacristy	<b>The English Martyrs</b>	Private Intentions
Thu 05 May	10:00 AM	Thursday in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter	Sheila
Fri 06 May	6:00 PM	Friday in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter	Reparation & Conversion
		<b>First Friday Devotions</b>	
Sat 07 May	6:30 PM	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	Peace in the World.
Sun 08 May	9:30 AM		For the Sick
	11:00 AM		Tony Jones

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

Sunday	24 April	-	£212.60
Weekly Standing Orders		-	£109.50

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.

If anyone would like to contribute by the weekly envelope, please contact Richard after Church or telephone him on 01948 663600.

**Foodbank** The Foodbank is continuing to help people who are suffering from food poverty and are experiencing crisis in their lives. We are also anticipating having to support people who will experience fuel poverty in the near future. We are grateful for your continued support and any help you can provide.

**Newsletter** If you would like to directly receive a copy of the newsletter, please email Gordon at [gp.greaves@btinternet.com](mailto:gp.greaves@btinternet.com).

**COVID REMINDERS** When in church, it is now voluntary to wear a mask.

Our parish safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke.
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