



PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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SUNDAY 15th May 2022 5th Sunday of Easter, Year C

GOSPEL John 13:31–33a, 34–35

Today's readings are about renewal and new things: The New Jerusalem, a new Heaven and a new earth, and a new commandment. Today's Gospel passage gives us the secret of Christian renewal as the faithful practice of Jesus' new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 13:35). Jesus has added a new element to the Old Testament command of love by teaching us that the true test of discipleship is to love other people in the same way that he has loved us, with sacrificial, selfless, self-giving, unconditional, agape love. Hence, the renewal of Christian life means a radical change of vision and a reordering of our priorities in life. Such a renewal brings us to embrace new attitudes, new values, and new standards of relating to God, to other people and, indeed, to our whole environment. Life messages:

1. Let us learn to love ourselves so that we may learn to love each other. The old commandment (Lv 19:1-2, 9-18) says: "Love your neighbour as yourself." We cannot learn to cherish others and care for them if we have never learned to do the same for ourselves. We live in a world that denies our basic human worth. How do we reclaim our basic worth? We can become whole and holy only when we learn to love ourselves properly, acknowledging the fact that we are children of God and that the Triune God resides in our souls, making our bodies the "temple of the Holy Spirit."
2. Let us love others in our daily lives: We are asked to love as Jesus loved, in the ordinary course of our lives. We love others by responding to their everyday needs with love and compassion. We love others by comforting and protecting those who have experienced loss. We love others by serving others in every possible way, no matter how small, seeing the face of Jesus in them. We love others by forgiving rather than condemning, by challenging rather than condoning. Finally, we love others by sacrificially sharing our time, talents, and blessings with them.

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

<u>Readers</u>	Sat 6:30	Sun 09:30	Sun 11:00
	Hugh Strickland	Richard Shrimplin	Sylwia Giera

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 or from the Pilgrimage Office, Curial Offices, 2 Park Rd South, Prenton, Wirral, CH43 4 UX.

Sat 14 May	6:30 PM	5th Sunday of Easter	James Pettifor
Sun 15 May	9:30 AM		Parishioners
	11:00 AM		First Holy Communion Children
Mon 16 May	10:00 AM	Monday in the 5 th Week of Easter	Morris Pilkington
Tue 17 May	10:00 AM	Tuesday in the 5 th Week of Easter	Peace in the World.
Wed 18 May	Sacristy	Wednesday in the 5 th Week of Easter	Private Intentions
		Saint John I, pope and martyr	
Thu 19 May	10:00 AM	Thursday in the 5 th Week of Easter	Sanctification of Priests
		Saint Dunstan, bishop	
Fri 20 May	10:00 AM	Friday in the 5 th Week of Easter	Vocations
		Saint Bernadine of Siena, priest	
	6:00 PM	Holy Hour	
Sat 21 May	6:30 PM	6th Sunday of Easter	Parishioners
Sun 22 May	9:30 AM		Parishioners
	11:00 AM		Parishioners

Announcement Please pray for the 4 young people celebrating their first communion at Mass on the 15th of May (11 am Mass). Their names are Jacob Mikita, Mikolaj Gebski, Archie O’Keeffe, and David Michalowicz.

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

Sunday 8 May - tbc
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 As anticipated, the Foodbank has seen an increase in the number of people who are in food poverty. At all times, the Foodbank tries to ensure that its clients receive a parcel that provides a balanced diet. Currently, we are experiencing a shortage of tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding and custard. We are always grateful for the support we receive and any help you can provide.

Christian Aid Week The theme for Christian Aid Week this year is Hope in Times of Crisis, a most appropriate theme for today with Christian Aid working closely with CAFOD to provide aid during the Ukraine crisis. Please give your support! There is -

1. A **Coffee Morning at the Civic Centre on Friday 20th May**
2. **Street Collections on the High Street** from 10am to 2pm on Friday 20th May and Saturday 21st May
3. **Christian Aid week envelopes** are available at the back of church.

Newsletter If you would like to directly receive a copy of the newsletter, please email Gordon at 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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