



PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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SUNDAY 19th September 2021 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Gospel: Mk 9:30-37

“Be the living expression of God's kindness through humble service; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile and kindness in your warm greeting.” St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

The Gospel of Mark presents Jesus as giving three predictions about his suffering and death in chapters, 8, 9 and 10. The response by Jesus' disciples is disappointing because they were dreaming of a political messiah who would usher in an earthly kingdom. In chapter 8, Peter rebukes Jesus for his words. In chapter 9, (the first part of today's text), an argument arises among the disciples as to who among them is the greatest. In the third passage (chapter 10), James and John selfishly ask Jesus to give them seats on his right and left, when he comes to power. And grumbling of the other ten disciples at the request of James and John surely implies that they have shared the same hopes of authority and privilege like the sons of Zebedee.

In the second part of today's Gospel Jesus explains to his apostles that true greatness consists in serving one's fellow men and is never self-centred. It lies in the ability to see and respond to the needs of others. Thus, it presupposes compassion and sympathy. In other words, the Christian vocation is an apostolate of bearing witness to Christ through loving, humble service. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, gives us this motto on service: “Do all the good you can; By all the means you can; In all the ways you can; In all the places you can; At all the times you can; To all the people you can; As long as ever you can.”

Readers

Sat 6:30	Sun 09:30	Sun 11:00
Jo Williams	Gerard Dolan	Katie Turner

The new rota has now been published and a copy attached to the notice board in the porch. If you wish to join the list, please complete the form in the porch.

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.

Prayer for Climate Action You may remember that the Whitchurch churches are joining a worldwide prayer chain to pray for climate change on a Monday afternoon prior to the COP 26 conference. For the next six Mondays you are invited to join with others on Zoom from 2.30 until 3pm. You can obtain the link by contacting this e-mail address 1108steward4@gmail.com Make a cup of tea for yourself and join us!

Sat 18 Sep	06:30 PM	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Parishioners
Sun 19 Sep	09:30 AM		Parishioners
	11:00 AM		Parishioners
Mon 20 Sep	10:00 AM	Saint Andrew Kim Taegön, priest, Saint Paul Chŏng Hasang and companions, martyrs	Vocations
Tue 21 Sep	10:00 AM	Saint Matthew, apostle and evangelist	Peace in the world
Wed 22 Sep	Sacristy	Wednesday in the 25 th Week in Ordinary Time	Private Intentions
Thu 23 Sep	10:00 AM	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, priest	Patricia Reynolds
Fri 24 Sep	10:00 AM	Friday in the 25 th Week in Ordinary Time	Joseph Reynolds RIP
	06:00 PM	Holy Hour	
Sat 25 Sep	06:30 PM	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Souls in Purgatory
Sun 26 Sep	09:30 AM		Sanctification of Priests
	11:00 AM		People of the Parish

Announcement We say the Rosary before the evening Mass on Saturdays. Please Join us in this lovely devotion to our beloved Mother Mary.

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

Sunday 12 September - £241.50

Weekly Standing Orders - £103.50

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 .

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. 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.

Our parish safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke.