



PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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SUNDAY 22nd May 2022 6th Sunday of Easter, Year C

GOSPEL John 14:23–29

The Gospel passage reminds us that the Holy Spirit, abiding within us, is our Teacher, our Advocate, and the Source of our peace and joy. The passage offers a vision of hope as well. Jesus promises his followers that the Holy Spirit will come and instruct them in everything they need to know.

Life messages: We need to be open to the Holy Spirit, our Paraclete.

1. The purpose of the indwelling Holy Spirit is to help us grow towards maturity and wholeness. We all have faults that prevent our growth: blocks of sin and imperfection, blocks due to childhood conflicts, blocks due to deeply ingrained personality traits and habits, blocks caused by addictions, and blocks resulting from bad choices we have made. We all have these blocks within us, and they keep us from becoming what God wants us to be. They prevent us from growing into maturity and wholeness. God, the Holy Spirit, helps us to see the truth about ourselves, to discern the blocks that inhibit our growth and to allow Him to transform us.
2. Like the Good counsellor He is, the Spirit enables us to become stronger. The Holy Spirit comes to our aid and gives us the strength to make difficult and painful decisions.
3. The Holy Spirit actually lives in us, and we hear the voice of the Spirit, counselling and guiding us in the way of truth. Let us open our minds and hearts to hear Him and to obey His promptings.

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
	Jo Williams	Hazel Spencer	Liz Greaves

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

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.

Sat 21 May	6:30 PM	6th Sunday of Easter	Matthew Hickson
Sun 22 May	9:30 AM		Parishioners
	11:00 AM		Parishioners
Mon 23 May	10:00 AM	Monday in the 6 th Week of Easter	Ian Hanneman
Tue 24 May	10:00 AM	Tuesday in the 6 th Week of Easter	Ian Hanneman
Wed 25 May	Sacristy	Saint Bede the Venerable, priest and doctor of the Church	Private Intentions
Thu 26 May	10:00 AM	Ascension of the Lord	Sanctification of Priests
	6:30 PM		Parishioners
Fri 27 May	10:00 AM	Saint Augustine of Canterbury, bishop	Vocations
	6:00 PM	Holy Hour	
Sat 28 May	6:30 PM	7th Sunday of Easter	Fr Thaddeus - Birthday
Sun 29 May	9:30 AM		Tom Miles (Birthday Rem)
	11:00 AM		Tony Jones

Thursday is Ascension Day, A Holy Day of Obligations. We have a second Mass in the evening at 6:30PM. The Novena for the Holy Spirit begins Friday after Ascension Thursday.

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the Spirit on Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord with the sign of Your true disciples, and animate me in all things with Your Spirit.
Amen

Say 1: Our Father... Say 1: Hail Mary... Say 1: Glory Be...

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

Sunday	8 May	-	£276.32
	15 May	-	£349.16
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.

Our parish safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke.
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