



# PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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## SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

**Gospel**: *John 6:60–69*

“This teaching is difficult. Who can accept it?” It was Jesus' disciples who made this complaint in today's Gospel.

They were offended when Jesus said: “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you”

It was Jesus' dramatic way of saying that we must accept him totally, without any conditions or reservations. His thoughts and attitudes, his values, his life-view must become totally ours. Above all we are to identify with him in the offering of his Flesh and the pouring out of his Blood on the cross, the symbol of God's unutterable love for us.

Without giving any further explanation, Jesus simply challenges them, and us, to open ourselves to the gift of Faith that God is offering us: “No one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father” (v. 65). Jesus tries to help his remaining followers to make a leap of Faith, because it is only with Faith that they will be able to see and grasp the triple mystery which has been revealed to them, namely, (1) the Incarnation (I am the Bread that came down from Heaven, 6:41); (2) the Redemption (the Bread that I give is my Flesh for the life of the world, 6:51); (3) the Ascension and glorification of Jesus (the Son of Man will ascend to where he was before, 6:62).

**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.

### **Announcement**

We thank all our parishioners who have made some donations for the project of carpeting and window frame repairing in the presbytery. We have already done some interior work and solicit for more help from you.

**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.

Sat 21 Aug	06:30 PM	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Stephen, Molly and Pearl white
Sun 22 Aug	09:30 AM		Katie Turner's intentions
	11:00 AM		For Parishioners
Mon 23 Aug	10:00 AM	Monday in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time <a href="#">Saint Rose of Lima, virgin</a>	Fr Francis
Tue 24 Aug	10:00 AM	<a href="#">Saint Bartholomew, apostle</a>	Vocations
Wed 25 Aug	Sacristy	Wednesday in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time <a href="#">Saint Joseph Calasanz, priest</a>	Private Intentions
		<a href="#">Saint Louis</a>	
Thu 26 Aug	10:00 AM	Thursday in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	Sanctification of Priests
Fri 27 Aug	10:00 AM	<a href="#">Saint Monica</a>	For the Sick
	06:00 PM	Holy Hour	
Sat 28 Aug	06:30 PM	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sun 29 Aug	09:30 AM		People of the Parish
	11:00 AM		People of the Parish

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

Sunday	15 August 2021	-	£191.50
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 .

**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.**

Our parish safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke.