



# PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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## SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

**Gospel**: For the next five weeks the gospel readings will be from John. And all the readings will be taken from the sixth chapter which focuses on Jesus the Bread of life. The passage before us today is the story of the multiplication of loaves (6:1-15).

It was the crowd described as sheep without a shepherd. Moved with compassion, Jesus asked: "Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?" Attempting an answer, Philip understood the query only in monetary terms. A more observant Andrew spotted a small boy with five barley loaves and two fish but expressed the inadequacy of this provision for as many as five thousand men. Willingly, the boy gave what he had. Although this story is recorded by all four gospels, only John tells us they were 'barley' loaves – for the poor.

In 1982, Pope (Saint) John Paul II, preached on this gospel passage at a Mass for young people in Scotland. He told them: "You feel conscious of your inadequacy... But what I say to you is this: place your lives in the hands of Jesus. He will accept you and bless you beyond your greatest expectations". When placed in the hands of Jesus, our little effort can make a big difference. We can excel with the various gifts and talents God has given us. For Jesus the good Shepherd is compassion and Love; nothing is impossible with Him.

**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.

**Presbytery Announcement** last week's announcement may have lacked detail and a sense of scale. To clarify we have 2 priorities at the moment which need funding.

1. **Window frames** need to be repaired or replaced, and made weatherproof, in line with Council Planning Permission.
2. **Flooring** throughout the building needs to be reviewed and in places replaced or repaired.

So, if you can help in any way, I would be most grateful. Many thanks to those who have already helped

**COVID Guidance** see web site for the latest guidance from the Bishops of England and Wales

**Announcement** Beloved Parishioners, could you please join me in a thanksgiving mass on the 3rd of August as I celebrate my 50 years birthday (Half a century), and my 19 years priestly anniversary. Time of the mass will be 3pm. Refreshment follows immediately after the mass at St. Alkmund Church Hall.

Sat 24 Jul	06:30 PM	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Joseph Reynolds RIP
Sun 25 Jul	09:30 AM		Fr Hugh Curristan RIP
	11:00 AM		Dotty Jones--New Home
Mon 26 Jul	10:00 AM	Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Thanksgiving to God
Tue 27 Jul	10:00 AM	Tuesday in the 17 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	Rose Rich
Wed 28 Jul	No Mass	Wednesday in the 17 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	Barry Murphy
Thu 29 Jul	10:00 AM	<a href="#">Saint Martha</a>	Tony Jones
Fri 30 Jul	10:00 AM	Friday in the 17 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time <a href="#">Saint Peter Chrysologus, bishop and doctor of the Church</a>	Sister Sheila RIP
	06:00 PM	Holy Hour	
Sat 31 Jul	06:30 PM	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Deacon David Irwin
Sun 01 Aug	09:30 AM		Fr Paddy McMahon
	03:00 PM		Fr Michael Harrison

**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.**

**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.

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

Sunday            18 July 2021    -        £3,245.00

The weekly contribution from monthly direct debits was £78.

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.