



PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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SUNDAY 26th June 2022 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Readings: I Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

Scripture lessons: The first reading describes how Elisha committed himself whole-heartedly to answer God's call to be a prophet, in spite of his initial hesitation, when God called him through the prophet Elijah. The Responsorial Psalm, (Psalm 16), offers us the refrain, "You are my inheritance, O Lord." This Psalm has traditionally been used to exemplify commitment to the ordained ministry or to religious profession. But it more accurately reflects the commitment made by all Christians in their Baptism.

The second reading, taken from Paul's letter to the Galatians, reinforces the commitment message of the first reading and the Responsorial Psalm. Paul warns that true freedom is not meant to be a license for self-indulgence, but to be a way to show God, ourselves, and other human beings our commitment to God and to His service.

The first part of today's Gospel records Jesus' teaching on Christian tolerance, given after he had observed an angry response of two of his apostles., James and John, who were angry at the Samaritans who had refused to receive Jesus as a prophet and allow him to travel through their village because Jesus was travelling to Jerusalem. They asked Jesus if he wanted them to bring down fire from Heaven to destroy them!

In the second part of today's Gospel, Luke introduces three potential disciples who offered lame reasons that made Jesus' call to ministry "impossible" for them to accept, after Jesus had told them plainly what the commitment required, and the cost involved. They were found unfit and unprepared to follow Jesus as his disciples. We too, are asked to follow Jesus, totally and immediately, without any reservations, both by giving priority to him and to his cause and by surrendering our lives to God in humble and dedicated service to others.

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

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

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

Renewed papal appeal for Ukraine (Vatican News) Editor's Note: "Let us not forget the suffering of the Ukrainian people in this moment, a people who are suffering," Pope Francis [said](#) on June 19, following his [Angelus address](#).

"I would like you all to keep in mind a question: what am I doing today for the Ukrainian people?" he continued "Do I pray? Am I doing something? Am I trying to understand? What am I doing today for the Ukrainian people? Each one of you, answer in your own heart."

Sat 25 Jun	6:30 PM	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Parishioners
Sun 26 Jun	9:30 AM		Parishioners
	11:00 AM		Tony Jones
Mon 27 Jun	10:00 AM	Monday in the 13 th Week in Ordinary Time	Souls in Purgatory
		Saint Cyril of Alexandria, bishop and doctor of the Church	
Tue 28 Jun	10:00 AM	Saint Irenaeus, bishop and martyr	For the Sick
Wed 29 Jun	Sacristy	Saint Peter and Saint Paul, apostles	Private Intentions
Thu 30 Jun	10:00 AM	Thursday in the 13 th Week in Ordinary Time	Sanctification of Priests
		The First Martyrs of the Church of Rome	
Fri 01 Jul	6:00 PM	Friday in the 13 th Week in Ordinary Time	In honour of the Sacred Heart
		Saint Oliver Plunkett, bishop and martyr	
		First Friday Devotions	
Sat 02 Jul	6:30 PM	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Parishioners
Sun 03 Jul	9:30 AM		Parishioners
	11:00 AM		Chioma Nwachukwu

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

Sunday	19 June	-	£246.86
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.

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.

Whitchurch Foodbank Tesco Collection Each year Tesco offers foodbanks the opportunity to have a 3-day collection at their stores for their local Trussell Trust Foodbank. This year it will take place at the Whitchurch store on Thursday 30th June, Friday 1st July and Saturday 2nd July. We are asking for volunteers who could spare an hour of their time between 9am and 5pm to hand out leaflets and to man a collection point. If you would like to help, please contact the Foodbank at info@whitchurch.foodbank.org.uk or leave a message on 01948 663943. This is a very important opportunity for the Foodbank to maintain its stocks and any help would be greatly appreciated.

Announcement: If you are thinking of going to Fatima for pilgrimage, it is a time to register. Date: 3rd to 10th October 2022. Price: £679. The earlier arrangement for the week extending to 13th of October may not be possible again as a result of higher cost of hotel accommodation/higher demand.

Peter's Pence Collection, 25/26 June. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See.

The Pope, is attentive to the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and of faithful in grave difficulties (the poor, children, the elderly, those marginalized and the victims of war or natural disasters; concrete aid to Bishops or dioceses in need, Catholic education, assistance to refugees and immigrants, etc.). Many thanks for your generosity. https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/secretariat_state/obolo_spietro/documents/actual_en.htm

Carmelite Priory in Oxford. The Friars are looking to increase their ministry to Young Adults to help grow and form the faith of Young Adults. The Friars are currently hosting free online talks on the formation of Young Adults and if this interests you, please see here <https://www.carmelite.uk.net/events/young-adult-formation-for-the-third-millennium/>

Our parish safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke.