



PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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SUNDAY 26th September 2021 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Gospel: [Mark 9:38–43, 45, 47–48](#) In the Gospel today the first lesson is Warnings against jealousy and intolerance:

The apostles wanted to reserve God's love and healing power to themselves as the "sole owners" and "authorized distributors" We hear John complaining to Jesus that a stranger was driving out demons in Jesus' Name, though he was not of their company. They want Jesus to condemn the man. Jesus, however, reprimands his disciples for their jealousy and suspicion and invites them to broaden their vision and to recognize God's power wherever it is found. He wants the apostles to rejoice in the good that others are doing, for God is the Doer of all good. Jesus enunciates a principle for the apostles: "*Anyone who is not against us is for us.*" God can and does use anyone to do His work. The invitation to proclaim the Good News of salvation, in both word and work, is not restricted to the twelve apostles or seventy disciples but extends to anyone who will hear and respond to it "in Jesus' Name."

Jesus' second warning is against scandal-givers: those who cause the "little ones" to sin. The Greek word for "little ones" is *micron*, meaning the smallest or the least. It can mean children, those who are new to the Faith, or those who are weak in Faith. Jesus is pointing out that the scandalous behaviour of older believers can be an obstacle to those whose Faith is just beginning to develop. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* defines scandal as "an attitude or behaviour which leads another to do evil" (CCC #2284). As Christians, we are called to give good example and not cause scandal.

Readers

Sat 6:30	Sun 09:30	Sun 11:00
Jo Williams	Hazel Spencer	Anne Carr

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.

Announcement We are started Adult Catechism in preparation for the sacrament of Baptism. This runs after 11am Mass on Sundays. As we progress, we may consider alternative times which may suit more people. Catechism for Holy communion and confirmation will begin after arrangements.

Prayer for Climate Action The Whitchurch churches are joining a worldwide prayer chain to pray for climate change on a Monday afternoon prior to the COP 26 conference. The first session focused on how climate change is creating inequality and was very thought provoking. You are welcome to join with others on Zoom from 2.30 until 3pm next Monday. 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 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		Nora & John Ellis
Mon 27 Sep	10:00 AM	Saint Vincent de Paul, priest	For the Sick
Tue 28 Sep	10:00 AM	Tuesday in the 26 th Week in Ordinary Time	Vocations
		Saint Lawrence Ruiz and companions, martyrs	Conversion of Souls
		Saint Wenceslaus, martyr	
Wed 29 Sep	Sacristy	Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and Saint Raphael, archangels	Private Intentions
Thu 30 Sep	10:00 AM	Saint Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church	Reparations
Fri 01 Oct	06:00 PM	Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin and doctor of the Church	SACRED HEART OF JESUS
		FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION	
Sat 02 Oct	06:30 PM	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sun 03 Oct	09:30 AM		People of the Parish
	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.

We encourage more people to attend first Friday devotion. Remember one of the promises of Jesus: I promise you in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who shall receive communion on the First Friday in nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment

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

Sunday	19 September	-	£257.46
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 The Foodbank is looking forward to re-opening to clients in early October when we can resume meeting and greeting those in crisis on a Tuesday and Friday. We currently need small jars of coffee, long-life semi-skimmed milk, sugar, tins of fruit 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.

Covid 19 Test Kits The Local Health Authority has asked us to continue distributing Lateral Flow Covid test kits through our parish community. You can find these at the back of church. Please help yourselves.

Our parish safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke.