



PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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SUNDAY 29th August 2021 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Gospel: *Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23*

The Gospel explains the encounter of Jesus with the Sanhedrin observers and the Pharisees who had found Jesus' teachings an open violation of the Traditions of the elders. They also noticed that Jesus' disciples omitted the required ritual washing before meals.

It was in the fifth century BC that the scribes started adding oral traditions as interpretations and practical applications of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees observed them and insisted that all the Jews should do so. The original noble purpose was to sanctify the daily lives of the people, making them "holy as God is holy" ("You are a priestly kingdom, a holy nation" - Ex 19:6), and different in lifestyle from their pagan neighbours.

Jesus used the occasion to teach, and He pointed out that: Sincerity of heart, internal disposition, purity, and holiness are more important than mere external ritual observances. Secondly the observance of traditions and of washing rituals does not correct the internal motivations and inclinations that really defile people. And finally External piety without internal holiness is hypocrisy.

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 starting Adult Catechism on the 12th of September in preparation for the sacrament of Baptism. This begins 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.

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. 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 28 Aug	06:30 PM	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sun 29 Aug	09:30 AM		Geoffrey Stechman
	11:00 AM		Gordon & Liz Intentions
Mon 30 Aug	10:00 AM	Monday in the 22 nd Week in Ordinary Time	Vocations
Tue 31 Aug	10:00 AM	Tuesday in the 22 nd Week in Ordinary Time	Sanctification of Priests
Wed 01 Sep	Sacristy	Wednesday in the 22 nd Week in Ordinary Time	Private Intentions
Thu 02 Sep	10:00 AM	Thursday in the 22 nd Week in Ordinary Time	Roland Young's Intentions
Fri 03 Sep	06:00 PM	Saint Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the Church	SACRED HEART OF JESUS
		FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION	
Sat 04 Sep	06:30 PM	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sun 05 Sep	09:30 AM		Tony Jones
	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 22 August 2021 - TBC
 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.