



PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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SUNDAY 8th August 2021 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Gospel: JOHN 6:41-51

In today's Gospel Jesus reveals himself as the true "*Bread of Life that came down from Heaven,*" to give life to the world. **May we always recognise "Real Presence" of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.** Based on sound tradition and the centuries-long teaching of the Magisterium, the Roman Catholic Church has consistently held fast to the belief in the Real Presence. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: "The mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the other sacraments as the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all sacraments tend." In this most blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist "the Body and Blood, together with the soul and Divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, *the whole Christ, is truly, really, and substantially contained*" (CCC #1374). The Fathers of the Church explain that, while ordinary food is assimilated into man, the very opposite takes place in Holy Communion. Here man is assimilated into the Bread of Life. Hence, let us learn to receive Jesus, really present in the Eucharist, with due reverence, true repentance, proper preparation, and grateful hearts. Let us remember that Holy Communion

- a) increases our intimate union with Christ.
- b) preserves, increases, and renews the Sanctifying Grace received at Baptism.
- c) strengthens the theological virtue of Charity in us, thus enabling us to be separated from our disordered attachments and to be rooted in Christ; and
- d) unites us more deeply to the mystery of the Church.

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 Beloved Parishioners, I am very grateful to you for joining me in the celebration of my birthday and priestly anniversary. THANK YOU for your generosity and Love. May the good Lord reward you in a hundred-fold. I am also grateful to Cannon Judy and the Parishioners of St. Alkmund for their hospitality and love. All those who attended the ceremony have commended the exemplary Christian unity and love

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 07 Aug	06:30 PM	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Thanksgiving
Sun 08 Aug	09:30 AM		Denis Lloyd
	11:00 AM		For Parishioners
Mon 09 Aug	10:00 AM	Monday in the 19 th Week in Ordinary Time	Anne Veronica O'Neill
		Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin and martyr	
Tue 10 Aug	10:00 AM	Saint Lawrence, deacon and martyr	Peter Anthony O'Neill
Wed 11 Aug	Sacristy	Saint Clare, virgin	Private Intentions
Thu 12 Aug	10:00 AM	Thursday in the 19 th Week in Ordinary Time	Sanctification of Priests
		Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, religious	
Fri 13 Aug	10:00 AM	Friday in the 19 th Week in Ordinary Time	Reparation
		Saint Pontian, pope, and Saint Hippolytus, priest, martyrs	
	06:00 PM	Holy Hour	
Sat 14 Aug	06:30 PM	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Thanksgiving
Sun 15 Aug	09:30 AM		Thanksgiving
	11:00 AM		Thanksgiving

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

Sunday 1 August 2021 - £245.80

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 .

Many thanks to those who have contributed to the work needed in the Presbytery we have made a start on the work, but more is needed.

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.