

# PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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7th Sunday in ordinary time, 23rd February, 2025

**Gospel: Luke 6: 27-38**

## Love Your Enemies



The readings today are linked together by one main theme: the power of Christian love, when exercised in unconditional forgiveness. The readings also instruct us about our right and wrong choices. The right choices lead us to God, and the wrong ones break our relationship with Him and with one another.

The **first reading** shows us how David made the right choice, respecting God's anointed king by forgiving his offenses, while Saul continued to make the wrong choices, perpetuating his own misery seeking his revenge.

In the **second reading**, St. Paul tells us how the "First Adam" made a wrong choice of disobedience, bringing death into the world, whereas Jesus, the "Second Adam," made the correct choice of fulfilling his Father's saving plan.

Today's Gospel (Luke 6:27-38), gives us Jesus' revolutionary moral teaching about correct choices in our human relationships, placing special emphasis on the Golden Rule, "Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"This Golden Rule, is amplified by a string of particular commands: "Love your enemies...Do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you and pray for those who maltreat you." For Jesus, love is a fundamental attitude that seeks another's good. Jesus orders us to love our enemies and to be merciful as God our Father is merciful.

### LIFE MESSAGE

We need to practice the Golden Rule in its full form: The Golden Rule asks us to do to others what we would like them do to us. If we obey, loving others and expressing that love by loving words and deeds, we will start receiving the same love from others in higher intensity. Further, if we want others to forgive our offenses, our words of criticism, and our thoughtless judgments against them, then we should start forgiving their offenses against us and start appreciating their good qualities while encouraging them and supporting them in their needs.

### The Holy Family Prayer

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

Amen

**Anima Christi:**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
 Body of Christ, save me.  
 Blood of Christ, embolden me.  
 Water from the side of Christ, Wash me.  
 Passion of Christ, Strengthen me.  
 O Good Jesus, hear me.  
 Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.  
 From the wicked foe, defend me.  
 At the hour of my death, call me and bid  
 me come to you.  
 That with your saints I may praise you  
 For ever and ever.  
 Amen



**Mass Times**

Saturday 22 Feb.	Clifford & Kimberly	6:30pm
Sunday 23 Feb.	Thanksgiving Louise Crossley Birch	9:30 a 11:00pm
Monday 24 Feb.	Mildred Miles	10:00am
Tuesday 25 Feb.	Departed Members & in-laws of Banareeol Family	10:00am
<b>Wednesday 26 Feb.</b>	Private intentions	Sacristy
Thursday 27 Feb.	Sanctification of Priests	10:00am
Friday 28 Feb.	<b>J C</b>	6:00pm
Saturday 01 March ST DAVID, PATRON OF WALES	Souls in Purgatory	6:30pm
Sunday 02 March	Parishioners	9:30am 11am

**Say your daily  
rosary for peace  
in the world**



**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Would you like to join me for a short period over the next 5/6 weeks to have a go at making textile crafts? I'd like to show you how to make something for yourself or for gift using beautiful bits of fabric that have accumulated from my design practice. We'll be hand sewing so no machine skills are needed. I hope you join me from the first Saturday in March at 12 noon at the Presbytery. Let's get crafty!"  
 Margaret Appleby

<b>Sat 6:30pm</b>	<b>Sun. 9:30am</b>	<b>Sun. 11:00am</b>
Hazel Spencer	Guy Churton	Maria Latty

Mass Offering for 16th Feb--£292.15

Standing orders-----£118.25

**Confession is before and after mass or at any convenient time you want. Arrange with the Parish Priest**

Our Parish Safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke