



# PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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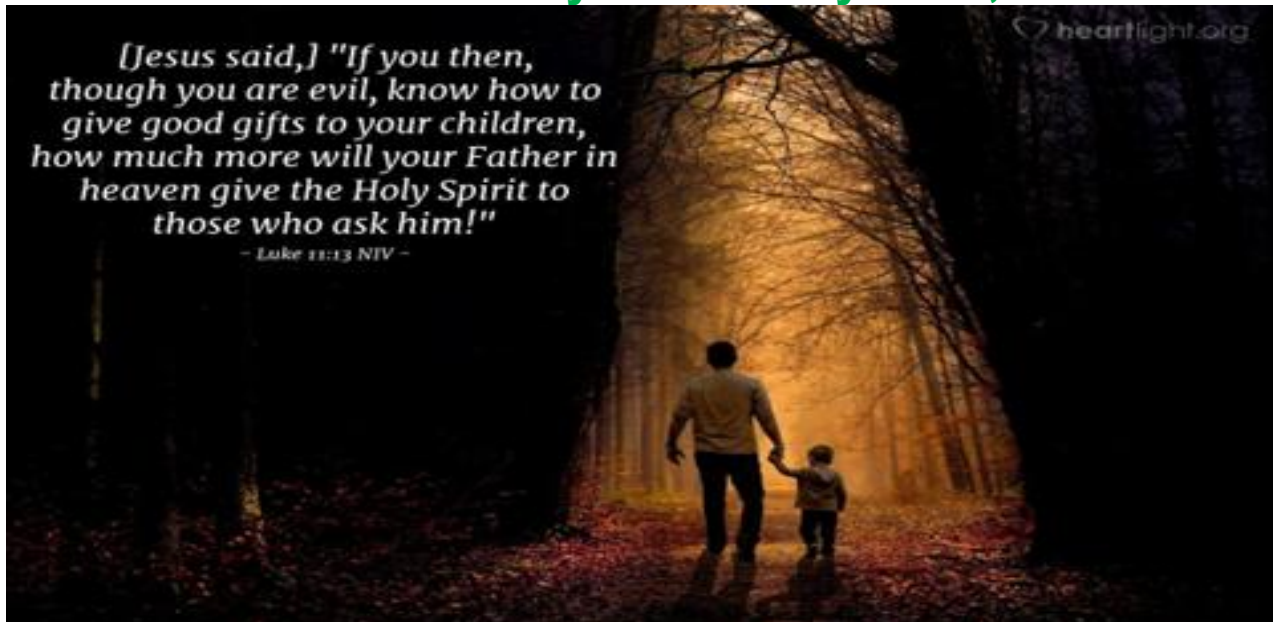
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## SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C



Through the liturgical life of the Church, we as members of that moving body of people (clergy + laity together) repeat and continue in way and route of our biblical forbears and family members. We follow the head of the Church, Jesus who is The Lord, on his way and route to Jerusalem, to accomplish what has to be accomplished. Where he stops, we stop with him, so that we can listen to his teaching and consume that which he wills to gift us.

Two weeks ago, through a chance dialogue with a scholar, the Lord regifted us with the ancient *Shema* prayer, that is His great commandment, "*You shall love the Lord, you God, with all you heart, with all you being, with all you strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.*" Thus, Jesus re-emphasized that we cannot imitate the Good Samaritan unless we love God with everything, first and foremostly.

Last Sunday we were given Abraham, our father in faith, as an example of how we are to respond to the Lord's visitation/revelation – the first part of the great commandment. This wisdom being continued in the Gospel through the example of our sisters Martha and Mary. The response of these two disciples was both good and dutiful, but it was the response of Mary that was primary and truly necessary to keep the *Shema* commandment. And what a disciple gains by keeping to "*the good portion ... shall not be taken away...*"

On this 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday and week of our march to Jerusalem in the way and route of The Lord we are given again the example of Abraham. As previously the Lord formed him to keep, to live, the first part of the great commandment, now he inspires him to keep, to enact the second part – love of neighbour, even in the worst of societal situations, thus we are reminded of the actions of the saints of the new covenant and holy mother Church through the actions of the old. In the Gospel our Teacher sets before us the shorter version of the Lord's prayer. Through the 'asking' of a disciple the Lord teaches all his disciples, throughout time, to call God – Father. Thus, drawing us into his own intimate relationship with His Father. With the Lord's prayer which we recite so often, we see the order of the great commandment. Before presenting our petitions (for ourselves & collectively, these should not be separated) to the Father, His Name/Being must be held holy within us, that we enflesh His sanctity. Question: *how much more* good is the Father than us?

<b><u>Readers</u></b>	Sat 6:30	Sun 09:30	Sun 11:00
	Hazel Spencer	Richard Shrimplin	Roma Ajit

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

**Confession** is available before each vigil & Sunday Mass, before 6:00pm Mass on Friday & upon request

Sat 26 Jul	6:30 PM	(M: Sts Joachim & Ann) <b>6:00PM Rosary</b>	Prue Morrison (illness)
Sun 27 Jul	9:30 AM	<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	For offences against the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Commandment
	11:00 AM		Parish Family
Mon 28 Jul	10:00 AM	<i>Ferial</i>	Thanksgiving
Tue 29 Jul	10:00 AM	M: Sts Mary, Martha & Lazarus /A. <b>novena</b>	Fr Joseph Fawcett Wood
Wed 30 Jul	No Mass	OM: St Peter Chrysologus	
Thu 31 Jul	10:00 AM	M: St Ignatius of Loyola	Con Linehan (illness)
Fri 1 Aug	6:00 PM	M: St Alphonsus Mary Liguori	Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
		<b>Holy Hour</b>	
Sat 2 Aug	6:30 PM	(OM: Sts Eusebius/P Eymard) <b>6:00PM Rosary</b>	Rep – Immaculate Heart
Sun 3 Aug	9:30 AM	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	People of the Parish
	11:00 AM		Fr Thaddeus Opera

**Weekly Collection** We wish to thank you all for your ongoing generosity in the upkeep of the parish.  
 Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July - £465.55  
 Weekly Standing Orders - £112.00

The church will be opened/unlocked during daytime hours from 9:00AM to 5:00PM except on Wednesdays and when the priest is not around/local. All are welcome to drop into the church for quite prayer with the Lord truly present.

If there are any people, house bound or otherwise who would like the priest to visit, Fr Humphrey is very happy to call to see them. Please ring the parish phone and leave a message or send him an email.

Some of those family members who aid us in our asking, seeking & knocking this 17<sup>th</sup> Week of our labour



Our parish safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke