

# PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent April 06 2025**

**Scripture Readings: Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11**

**Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw stone on her.**



Explaining how a merciful God forgives the sins of His chosen people and leads them back from the Babylonian exile, the first reading reminds us that we too are forgiven, and we are saved from our own sinfulness.

In the second reading, Paul presents himself as a forgiven sinner who has been completely transformed by his Faith in Christ Jesus. His life is an example of the Gospel exhortation, "Sin no more." Paul loves Christ so much he wants to share in His sufferings and even in His death so that he may share Christ's Resurrection.

The sinful woman's story of sin committed and sin forgiven in today's Gospel, shows the inexhaustible mercy and compassion Jesus offers to repentant sinners. In addition, by making sinlessness the condition for throwing the first stone, Jesus forces the accusers to assess their own souls and to leave. Thus, He grants justice to the accusers and mercy to the sinful woman.

In our own lives, we bear witness to the Justice of God by confessing our sinfulness and resolving to avoid sin, and we bear witness to God's Mercy by accepting the forgiveness of our sins and promising to forgive those who have offended us.

## LIFE MESSAGE

We need to become forgiving people, ready for reconciliation: Jesus has shown inexhaustible mercy and compassion to us by dying for our sins. But we are often self-righteous, like the Pharisees, and ready to spread scandal about others with a bit of spicy gossip. We are judgmental about the unmarried mother, the alcoholic, the drug addict, or the shoplifter, ignoring Jesus' command: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Let us learn to acknowledge our sins, ask God's forgiveness every day and extend the same forgiveness to our erring brothers and sisters. We need to learn to hate the sin but love the sinners, showing them Jesus' compassion and working with the Holy Spirit to make our own lives exemplary so that we can lead others to Jesus.

## PRAYER OF Adoration and Reparation

Most Holy Trinity,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
I adore Thee profoundly.  
I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul  
and Divinity of Jesus Christ,  
present in all the tabernacles of the world,  
in reparation for the outrages,  
sacrileges and indifferences whereby He is offended.  
And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred  
Heart  
and the Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners.

## Lenten Lunch Wednesday 9th April

As many parishioners and Foodbank volunteers wish to attend Gerard's funeral this day, the Lenten Lunch has been cancelled as a mark of respect. Thank you for supporting the lunches throughout Lent.

**Mass in Malpas -this Sunday-  
6th April 6pm**

### 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 05 April	Souls in Purgatory	6:30pm
Sunday 06 April	Dennis Lloyd Gerard Dolan	9:30am 11:00pm
Monday 07 April		
St. John Baptiste de la Salle.	J C	10:00am
Tuesday 08 April	Yvonne Stones ----Thanksgiving	10:00am
Wed. 09 April	Gerald Dolan RIP	12 NOON
Thursday 10 April	Sanctification of Priests	10:00am
Friday 11 April St. Stanislaus, B,M	Peace in the world	6:00pm
Saturday 12 April	Souls in Purgatory	6:30pm
Sunday 13 April	Parishioners	9:30am 11am

Mass Offering for 30th March----£305.12

Standing orders-----£112.00

## Say your daily rosary for peace in the world



Our Lady says: I promise my special  
protection and the greatest graces to all  
those who shall recite the Rosary.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

**Penitential Service ---Tuesday - 8th April  
6PM**

**Feast of St. George/Divine Mercy  
Sunday 27th April**

**Holy Communion 22nd Jun.**

**Pilgrimage to Rome 7th to 14th  
September**

**Funeral of Gerald Dolan Wednesday 9th  
April 12 noon**

**Funeral of Dennis Lloyd Tuesday 15th  
April 11am**

Sat 6:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Sun. 11:00am
Hazel Spencer	Roseline Ngenyi	Helena Bellis

**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