

PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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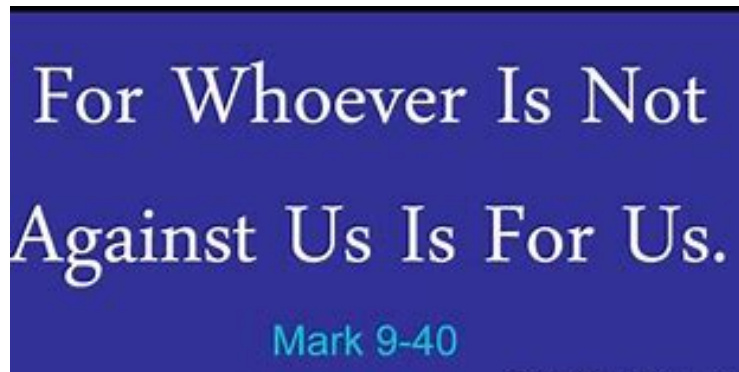
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26th Sunday in Ordinary time,

September 29 2024

The Gospel: Mark 9: 38-43, 47-48



Gospel exegesis: Today's Gospel gives us lessons in Christian tolerance and exemplary Christian living.

1) Warnings against jealousy and intolerance: The apostles wanted to reserve God's love and healing power to themselves as the "sole owners" and "authorized distributors"! We hear John complaining to Jesus that a stranger was driving out demons in Jesus' Name, though he was not of their company. They want Jesus to condemn the man. As occasionally unsuccessful exorcists, they may have been jealous of this stranger. Jesus, however, reprimands his disciples for their jealousy and suspicion and invites them to broaden their vision and to recognize God's power wherever it is found. Like Moses in the first reading, Jesus challenges a rigid understanding of ministerial legitimacy. He wants the apostles to rejoice in the good that others are doing, for God is the Doer of all good. Jesus enunciates a principle for the apostles: "Anyone who is not against us is for us." God can and does use anyone He chooses to do His work. The invitation to proclaim the Good News of salvation, in both word and work, is not restricted to the twelve apostles or seventy disciples but extends to anyone who will hear and respond to it "in Jesus' Name."

**Second Collection for Mission
Evangelium Gaudium Sunday**

2) Tolerance in practicing ecumenism: The ecumenical movement aims at uniting all Christian denominations as a sign of Christian tolerance taught by Jesus, that is, as brotherly love. "The desire to recover the unity of all Christians is a gift of Christ and a call of the Holy Spirit" (CCC #820). That is why Jesus prayed: "that they may all be one. As You, Father, are in Me and I am in You, may they also be one in Us, . . . so that the world may know that You have sent Me" (CCC #820)

All the same on September 5, 2000, the Vatican released a theological document called, *Dominus Iesus*. Its purpose was to correct Church theologians who were distorting the true meaning of the spirit of ecumenism. In this document, the Catholic Church rejected pluralism that implies that all religions are equal. To teach that one religion is as good as another one endangers the Church's missionary message that the fullness of salvation can only be found in the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

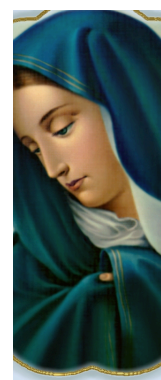
Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows

Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and weeping.

We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

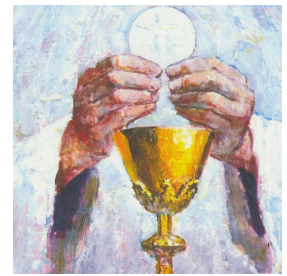
Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen



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 28 September	6:30pm	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 29 September	9:30am 11:00am	Private Int. Raymond & Marie Family
Monday 30 September St. Jerome	10:00am	Chris Gibb
Tuesday 01 October St. Theresa of the Child Jesus	10:00am	J C
Wednesday 02 October Guardian Angels	Sacristy	Private Intentions
Thursday 03 October	10:00am	Sanctification of Priests
Friday 04 October St. Francis	6:00PM	Mildred Miles BD ANV
Saturday 05 October St. Maria Faustina	6:30PM	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 06 October	9:30am 11:00am	Parishioners

Life Message

Let us learn the Christian virtue of tolerance: Christian tolerance asks that we bear with the weaknesses of others (without condoning the evil they do), by: a) remaining true to our conscience and beliefs; b) respecting the differences we encounter; c) working together on projects of common interest; d) affirming what is good in the other person's position, even when we disagree on certain things.

Blackberry Fair in Whitchurch - Our theme of 'Joy'

On Saturday 5th October St George's will be joining with the other churches in Whitchurch to open our doors to visitors. We will be celebrating what brings us JOY in our lives with a multimedia exhibition! You are invited to contribute anything that brings you joy - artifacts, pictures, photos, poetry, music etc. Please contact us to let us know what you can contribute - helen.m.clarke@btinternet.com or eileenflivesey@gmail.com or leave it at church with Father.

We are also looking for a few volunteers to look after the church during that day if you can spare an hour.

ALSO! Please visit our Fairtrade stall which will be open in the Watergate Centre selling goods and offering free tasting.

Mass Offering -15TH Sept. -£253.34
22nd Sept £335.63

Standing orders-----£118.25

Sat. 6:30PM	Sun. 9:30am	Sun.11:00am
Hazel Spencer	Richard Shrimplin	Alicia Prunier

**Confession is Saturdays 5-6pm,
30mins before and after mass and on
request.**

Our Parish Safeguarding representative is
Helen Clarke