



# PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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## SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020 Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

### Father Owen writes...

This weekend we get another glimpse of what human thinking about God can lead us into. Will we ever learn that God cannot and will not be boxed in by our finite thinking and understanding? Peter, after giving us the great profession of faith last week, is now this week being rebuked by Jesus because of something he has said in response to Jesus. God is being revealed to us in the words of Christ, but Peter has no understanding of what is being said. So, what does Peter do? Well, like a good human – he jumps to conclusions and speaks before he understands. How many times have we found ourselves in that position? Let us grow in understanding by listening to God and not so-called human wisdom. Let us not be afraid to admit when we do not understand God. You never know, we might even find ourselves in good company when we do.

**#RiddleMeThis #Love #Dignity #MakeRoom #CounterCultural**

God Bless you all! Be assured of my continued prayers for you!

<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup></b> <b>The Passion of Saint John the Baptist</b>	<b>12pm-1:30pm</b>  <b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>  <b>Tim and Rosie Strickland on their wedding anniversary</b>
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020</b> <b>Twenty second Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)</b>	<b>9:30am</b>  <b>11am</b>	<b>Father Thaddeus Opara</b>  <b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10am</b>	No Mass
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020</b>	<b>10am</b>	No Mass
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>		No Mass
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>Saint Gregory the Great</b>	<b>11am</b>	Requiem – David Lucas. Private attendance only please
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am</b> <b>6pm</b>	For Vocations <b>Holy Hour</b>
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup></b> <b>The Passion of Saint John the Baptist</b>	<b>12pm-1:30pm</b>  <b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>  <b>Thanksgiving for NHS staff</b>
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020</b> <b>Twenty third Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)</b>	<b>9:30am</b>  <b>11am</b>	<b>People of the parish</b>  <b>All our young ones going back to school</b>

**Father Thaddeus:** Father Thaddeus arrives in our parish on Thursday from his last appointment in Wythenshawe. He is thoroughly looking forward to joining the parish here and to meeting all our parishioners in due course and socially distant of course. His first Mass will be on Friday morning. The calendar of Masses that were begun under Father Owen will continue as will Adoration and Confessions. Please do come and show your support of Father Thaddeus as he settles in.

**Mass Attendance:** Thank you to all those who have now signed up to the new system. If everyone who has signed up attends, we will be operating at 58% of our precovid numbers. This is fantastic and truly uplifting to see. There is still some room at all of the Masses so if you haven't signed up yet please consider doing so. If you just turn up there is no guarantee that a place will be available.

**Missio:** Please note that the Missio booklets are at the back of church for red box holders or anyone else to take until the stock has gone.

**Christian Aid:** The Whitchurch Christian Aid group has signed up to pray weekly for climate justice. The day and time is every Monday between 3pm – 4pm. We are asked to pray at some time during that hour each week. Alongside our friends at CAFOD and Tearfund, as well as people all over the world we will pray for a world where everyone can flourish, and creation can breathe easy again.

**Mass rota this week:** As you will see from the calendar above there are no Masses scheduled for this week coming except a requiem on Thursday and then back to normal. This is to allow for us all to catch a breath and for Father Owen and Father Thaddeus to logistically move their belongings into their new parishes. The requiem will be taken by Father Owen as Father Lucas will still be in the process of moving down that day.

**All Saints draw: Is Back!!!!** Congratulations to our two winners. First prize goes to Saint John (John Thompson) and the second prize goes to Saint James the Greater (James Saddler). The draw was done by the two youngest members of our congregation last week – Leon and Maks. Thank you, lads. Prizes can be collected from Father Owen this weekend.

**Mass Intentions:** We have now gone through our 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.

**Farewell:** The day has come for me to leave you all, even though I will be celebrating a requiem here on Thursday. I cannot put into words the love that I have for you all. You have been a true source of grace for me this past year to a point that you will never know, and I pitifully try to use words to thank you for that. I hope and pray that I have been as good a priest as I could have been for you all and if there were any times when I have not been then I duly ask for your forgiveness and the forgiveness of God for those times. I know that you are getting a fantastic priest in my place and that has made this all the easier in one sense. You will always be in my prayers and my thoughts. You will always hold an incredibly special place in my heart. I will finish with the sentiment and prayer which is known as an Irish Blessing: **May God now and always Bless you all and keep you. May the road rise to meet you and may the wind be ever at your back.**

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

16<sup>th</sup> August £323.20  
Last week £154.42.  
Standing orders £338 per month

**Parish Finances:** We wish to thank you all for your ongoing generosity in the upkeep of the parish. We would like to inform you of a matter which has arisen, and we are working on at the moment. We would ask you to refrain from writing any cheques to the parish please. There is an issue with the bank that they are not recognising the name that is written on the cheque. With this in mind, we are asking you to wait if you are writing cheques please until we can get this sorted out. We will let you know when it is sorted and how you should address the cheques in future as soon as the bank gets back to us. We would like to thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Our parish safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke.