



PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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SUNDAY 9th August 2020 Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

Father Owen writes...

This weekend we are brought into the story of the walking on water. A story which, like every other, has a lot of depth to it. It is a story about faith and about our focus in life. We are the disciples in the boat who are frightened and weary. We are in the middle of a storm and do not know where to turn. We then muster the courage to ask the Lord to bid us come to Him, which He happily does. Then all is good – until we get distracted. What distracts us in our lives today? What is the present storm that you are enveloped by in this life at this moment? Will you have the courage to refocus on what is important rather than that which is not?

#DoNotBeAfraid #TakeCourage #Focus

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

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| Saturday 8th Saint Dominic | 12pm-1:30pm | Confessions |
| | 6:30pm | Father Robert Dykes |
| Sunday 9th August 2020 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary time A | 9:30am | Father Greg |
| | 11am | Paddy Courtney |
| Monday 10th Saint Lawrence | 10am | No Mass |
| Tuesday 11th Saint Clare of Assisi | 10am | Tom Rymer |
| Wednesday 12th | | No Mass |
| Thursday 13th | 10am | Wedding anniversary for Dot Jones and her husband Tony RIP |
| Friday 14th Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe | 10am 6pm | For Vocations Holy Hour |
| Saturday 15th Saint Dominic | 12pm-1:30pm | Confessions |
| | 6:30pm | For those in Lebanon disaster |
| Sunday 16th August 2020 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 9:30am | For all those who have died in our parish |
| | 11am | For all our young people |

Mass Attendance: After a few weeks now of the return to public Mass we would like to thank all the stewards and those of you who have ventured back. As you will know we brought in two extra Masses at the weekend so as to try and have as many people attend as possible. The numbers have been fantastic! So much so that each Mass is now at capacity. We would like to remind you of a few points of information.

1. Remember that at the weekend Masses it is a register system that we have adopted and so there are now no seats left.
2. If you have registered already then there is no need to register again. (unless you change Mass times).
3. We would ask you please not just to turn up at a Mass as a refusal can often offend.
4. Remember that if you are one family or of one household, then please sit together and so we then know how many people we have and whether there is any space.
5. If the Masses at the weekend are full (which they are) remember there is always the opportunity of one of the weekday Masses.

Help Wanted: We would like to start up a group/ rota of people who can work together to help continue the already great work going on in the parish. If you have just an hour a week where you can help your parish then please contact Father Owen directly. We are looking for people to help with flowers, cleaning, welcomers. Let us ask not what our parish can do for us, but rather what we can do for our parish to help her survive and grow.

Welcome: We would like to welcome our new Parish Priest, Father Thaddeus Opara who will join us the first weekend of September. We look forward to having him with us and to meeting him then.

Readers: Father Owen is looking at the possibility of bringing the readers back to Mass over the weekend Masses. It is hoped that this will happen from next weekend but there will of course have to be some extra precautions taken to ensure safety of everyone concerned. The readers will be able to remove their masks when reading only during the Mass. Readers will also be required to wear plastic gloves when at the Ambo fulfilling their ministry. Please let Father Owen or Tim O'Keefe know if you would like to carry out this ministry again and a rota can be put together. If any one new would like to take up this ministry, then please contact one of the two names mentioned above.

All Saints draw: Is Back!!!! With an August draw where the first prize will be £50, and the second prize will be £30. The sheets will be at the back of the church and the draw will be made on the 23rd of August after the 11am Mass. Remember each saint is worth £3 and as the saying goes – 'If you're not in, you can't win'.

Mass Intentions: Remember that if you would like a Mass to be celebrated for any intention at all, all you have to do is either email Father Owen or pick up an intention envelope at the back of church.

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

Last week £279.20.

Standing orders £343 per month



Our parish safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke.