



The Catholic Parishes of
St. George and
Our Lady Queen of Peace

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Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday Cycle C

25th May 2025 – Psalter Week 2

Pope's Prayer Intention for May: For working conditions

Let us pray that, through work, each person may find fulfilment, families may be sustained in dignity, and that society may be humanised.



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JANUARY	CHURCH	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEAST DAYS
SAT 24 th May	St G	11 am	Exposition & Confessions	 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Vigil Mass	St G	12.30 pm	Grace Wallace	
Vigil Mass	OLQP	6 pm	Celia Jones RIP	
SUN 25 th May	ST G	9.45 am	Christopher and Maria Berry (10th Wedding Anniversary)	
	OLQP	10 am	Pro Populo	
	St G	11.30 am	Thomas Devasia and Family	
	OLQP	12.15 pm	Polish Mass	
MON 26 th May	St G	10 am	Fr. Ron Cosslett RIP	Memorial of St Philip Neri, Priest
	St. G	7.15 am	Pat Neary	Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury
		OLQP	9.15 am	
TUES 27 th May	St G	10 am	Meerak	Easter Feria
	OLQP	10 am	Special Intention (B&P)	
	WED 28 th May	St G	11 am	
St G		12 Noon	Dec'd Brothers of the Knights of St Columba	
THU 29 th May	OLQP	9.15 am	Fr Ron Cosslett RIP	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord - Holyday of Obligation
	St G	10 am	Dominic & Hilary	
	St G	12 Noon	Julija Dabulienė RIP (6 weeks memorial)	
	St G	6.30 pm	Michael and Mary Cairns - Diamond Wedding Anniversary	
	OLQP	7.15 pm	Fr Ron Cosslett RIP	
FRI 30 th May	St G	10 am	Annakutty Sebastian RIP - 13th death anniversary (23/05)	Easter Feria
	OLQP	12 Noon	Pat Gormley RIP	
SAT 31 st May	St G	11 am	Exposition & Confessions	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
	St G	12.30 pm	Vigil Mass- Pro Populo	
	OLQP	6 pm	Vigil Mass - Patrick (Pat) Gormley RIP	
SUN 1 st June	ST G	9.45 am	Mr Martin Kaese	
	OLQP	10 am	Joy Joseph RIP	
	St G	11.30 am	Shiny Joseph + Anto & Family	
	OLQP	12.15 pm	Polish Mass	
	St G	5.30 pm	Sung Vespers and Benediction	



PLEASE PRAY FOR: The Sick and Housebound of the two parishes. We include those in hospitals, nursing homes and their own homes. **Our Lady, Health of the sick, Pray for them** †
The Recently Baptised: Esme Jorga Fallon Cleveley. **Welcome to the family of Christ.** †
The Recently Deceased: Fr. Ron Cosslett (Requiem -12noon Thursday 5th June at St. George's), Anne Tilling, Orazio De'Rosa (Requiem - 4th June 12 Noon at St George's), John Mead (Requiem- 19th June 12 noon at St George's) **May they rest in peace** †
Clergy Anniversaries incl: Mgr Wilfrid Doran, Canon John Gunn, Revs Michael McKenna, Patrick Taylor, John Kearns, James Francis Ward, Dermot Corcoran, Joseph Lacy, Cornelius Healy, Dcn William Parker **May they rest in peace** †
Parish Anniversaries incl: John Tideswell, James Duffy, Finbar Ferguson, Francis James Knox, Eileen Muir, Filomena Rosemary Hand **May they rest in peace** †

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First reading 'It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements.' **Acts 15:1-2, 22-29**

In those days: Some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, 'Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.' And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the Apostles and the elders about this question.

Then it seemed good to the Apostles and the elders, with the whole Church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers and sisters, with the following letter: 'The brothers, both the Apostles and the elders, to the brothers and sisters who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.

The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Second reading

'He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.'

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

The angel carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed — on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.'

The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

Alleluia

Gospel

The Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you **John 14:23-29**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

'These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I will come to you." If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

THE ORDER OF MASS

Priest In the name of the Father....
People **Amen**

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**



Penitential Act

People: **I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God**

Gloria

Priest: Glory to God in the highest,
People: **and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

After the first and second readings

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**



The Gospel Acclamation is:
Alleluia

Before the Gospel reading

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with your spirit.**
Priest A reading from the holy Gospel according to.....
People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the Gospel reading

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Profession of Faith

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Everyone: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Bidding Prayers

People: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Regina Caeli

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia;
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia:
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia;
The son you merited to bear, alleluia,
Has risen as he said, alleluia:
Pray to God for us, alleluia.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Priest Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with your spirit.**
Priest: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right and just.**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Everyone: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Memorial Acclamation

Priest: The mystery of faith.
People: ONE OF THESE:
A **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.**
B **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**
C **Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.**

Doxology and Great Amen

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.
People **Amen**
Priest At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say: **Our Father, who art in heaven,....**
Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
People: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

Rite of Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People **And with your spirit.**
Deacon or Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of Peace
To each other: Peace be with you

Breaking of Bread / Lamb of God

People: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (2)**
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him.....
People: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Concluding Rites

Blessing - Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit**
Dismissal - Deacon or Priest: Go forth the Mass is ended
People: **Thanks be to God**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Lectio Divina (Zoom meeting)	Mondays 7.00 to 7.40pm - Meeting ID: 91915833192 - Passcode: 6ukZCd
Knights of St. Columba	8pm in the Parish Hall on 11/06
Parish Family Mass at St George's	Sunday, 8 th June at 9.45am

Father Ron Cosslett RIP

Reception of the body and Mass at 7pm on Wednesday
4th June at Our Lady Queen Peace Church.

Requiem Mass at 12 noon on Thursday 5th June
at St George's Catholic Church.

**Eternal rest grant to him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon
him. May he rest in peace**

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Ideally, please arrange a Standing Order and Gift Aid via the office. Alternatively give via the DONA machines in church, the QR code on the front of the Newsletter or the links below:

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Sun 18/5/25	Standing Orders	Loose Collection	2 nd Coll. - Clergy Training	Digital Collection Plate	Total
St. G	£609	£841	£	£141+£161	£1752
OLQP	£137	£357	£	£20+£	£514

**Second collection this Sunday 25/5 for the
Church Renovation Fund (St George's only)**

ELGAR FESTIVAL 2025

**ELGAR'S WIND QUINTETS – 'NOTES FROM THE ORGAN LOFT'
AT ST GEORGE'S CHURCH- TUESDAY 27TH MAY AT 7.00PM**

Performers: ESO Wind Quintet, Hamish Macauley

Tickets: £12.00 (Under 18s free). You can find out more at :

<https://elgarfestival.org/events/elgars-wind-quintets-notes-from-the-organ-loft/>

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF

WALSINGHAM – Saturday 12th July

LAST CHANCE: If anyone still wants to book a place on the coach, please hurry as we have only a few seats left. Thank you to the those who have paid. If you haven't (about half), then do so now please. It's £25 each. Pay at the Parish Office (we can now accept card payments again) or you can pop an envelope in the weekly collection with the cash or a cheque payable to St. George's RC Church and a note to confirm who you are paying for {in addition and separate from your usual weekly offering}.

GROWING IN HOLINESS - VENI, SANCTE SPIRITU

As we look forward to celebrating the feast of Pentecost, we are all invited to grow over the next seven weeks in developing our understanding of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 27th May at 7.30pm

Theme: The Gift of Fortitude

All are welcome.

A JOURNEY IN FAITH GROUP - Parish Centre at 7.00 pm

Talks and discussions on various themes. Will commence on

Thursday 19th June - Everyone is welcome.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL will be holding a grandparents tea party and choir concert on **Wednesday 18th June** in the school hall from **2.30 to 4.30pm**. All grandparents in the parish are invited to come along.

INTERNATIONAL MASS AND SHARED LUNCH – ST GEORGE'S

On **Sunday 15th June**, I would like to invite you to **11.30 am Mass**, which will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch in the Parish Centre. There is a sheet at the back of the church for you to write what you wish to bring to share with other parishioners. It will be good to see parishioners wear their traditional dresses and participate actively in Mass. Information about Mass, singing and other things to follow.

At Our Lady Queen of Peace: On Sunday 29th June. I invite you all for 10 am Mass, followed by Bring and Share Lunch. Please write what you wish to bring to share with parishioners. It's an opportunity to celebrate different cultures and languages within our community. All welcome. More information to follow.

JUBILEE 2025 - PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

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**22nd – 27th November 2025. Please start reserving your place
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Adults and Children over 9 years £850

Children (2 – 9 years) £805

Including Coach transfer from Worcester and return.

**Contact: enquiries@johntours.com (this is an email
address, NOT a website)**

Or call: 07859 824 279

HOUSE BLESSINGS: During Easter Season, the tradition is that our houses are blessed. If you would like your house blessed, please contact the parish office, accordingly clergy will contact you directly to arrange a date and time.



LITTLE SAINTS - OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE RC CHURCH

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church is now holding monthly children's liturgy at Sunday 10am Mass

Dates: 25/5, 29/6, 20/7. 3/8, 31/8

We will invite the children after the opening prayer to come with our leaders and enjoy their own liturgy in the church hall (behind the church). All children are welcome ages 18 months +. We would like parents with children under 5 to attend with the children.

VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: On Sunday 1st June at 5.30 pm here at St George's Church. I would like to invite you all to come and join us in our Vespers and Benediction which is a very precious gift from our Holy Mother Church to each of us.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS - OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE Saturday 7th June during 11 am Mass.

Let us pray for all our young people who are making their First Holy Communion

MARCH FOR LIFE UK- Join March for Life UK on Saturday, 6th September in London. A coach will be leaving St George's Church carpark at 7.30am and will depart London at 5pm. Seats cost £25, payable in advance. We usually have a priest or two with us. To book a seat or for more info contact Isabel: 07773 501721 or email izzyvs@gmail.com