



NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

Hazel (Holly) Grimoldby, Paul Kruss, Matthew Upham, Sylvia Hughes

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Richard Holmes, James Robinson, Clara Polsin, Carole White, John Lloyd, Auberon Waugh, Helen Brachi, Mary McGhee, Joseph Screech, Josie Cook, Doris Pukis, Maria Lucas, Derek Hagger, Fr. John O'Connor, Kathleen Carpenter, Peter Miliffe, Jagonase Andredon, Eileen Lupton, Eileen Littlejohns, Fredericka Mewes, Patrick Coen, William Kerr, Joe Quinn, Herbert Bannister, Michael Brady, Norah Clerk, Vincent Coe, Rosaleen Edemenson, Albert Fitzpatrick, Jean Hartnell, Ellen Harvey, Kathleen Hunt, Christopher Jones, Anne o'Brien,

Marie Scott, John Coonan, Reg Travers, Ann Boyle, Kathleen Bonich, Mark Gallagher, Joan Walker, Francis Brain, Mary Gorton.

AND THOSE WHO ARE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Mary Toomey, Brian Toomey, Elizabeth Smart, Brian Smart, Julia Tucker, Catherine Twomey, Sister Theresa Smythe, Sue Atkins, Madeleine Page, Alma Hamilton, Jill Tansley, Anna Hradil, Penny Watson, Michael O'Connell, Paul Thorpe, Maureen Hughes, Anna Bingham, Mary Hutchings, Margaritha Gibson, Anne King, Graham King, , Mavis Parsons, Marie Mackay, Richard Fairfax, Roger Dore, Florencia Duga, Sandra Jones, Christopher Browne, Eveleen O'Farrell, Jane Tolfree, Carmel Allan, Sean Carroll, Martin Connolly, Joseph Hughes, Imogen Jenkins, Paul Jones, Riza Carol Khan, Esther Page, Lochlan Quinlan, Sr Raymond SSJA, Michael Sigsworth, Vera Terry, Mary Wallace.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat	17 th	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes
Sun	18 th	8:00am	St George	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Richard and Camila Sprague
Sun	18 th	9:15am	St George	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Linda Alice Jones
Sun	18 th	11:00am	St Teresa	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Doris Rosser
Sun	18th	2:00pm	St George	The Sinalog 2026-Santo Nino Mass	
Mon	19 th	9:30am	St George	Memorial of St Wulstan	Deceased Members of the Walker and Baron Families
Tues	20 th	9:30am	St George	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Chantelle and Adrian Hale
Tues	20 th	1:15pm	Musgrove Chapel	Weekday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes
Wed	21 st	9:30am	St George	Memorial of St Agnes	Molly Russell RIP
Wed	21 st	6:00pm	St George	Memorial of St Agnes	People of the Parishes
Thurs	22 nd	9:30am	St John Fisher	Weekday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes
Thurs	22 nd	12:30pm	St George	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Jack and Mollie Sowerby RIP
Fri	23 rd	10:00am	St Teresa	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Celine and Simon Stutt
Sat	24 th	9:30am	St George	Memorial of St Franci	Roderic More O'Ferrall
Sat	24 th	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Memorial of St Anthony, Abbot	People of the Parishes
Sun	25 th	8:00am	St George	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	To honour & for the most Holy Trinity, Mother Mary, St Joseph, all saints, angels, souls in purgatory and sinners everywhere
Sun	25 th	9:15am	St George	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mr John James, Bridie Green and Leo Green RIP
Sun	25 th	11:00am	St Teresa	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Peter McCarthy RIP

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The solemn importance of covenants in the Pentateuch (first five books of the Scriptures) and beyond is also seen in God's swearing sacred oaths in binding himself to his people. And whereas mere humans can and have strayed throughout salvation history, God will not. That is, God ensures that his covenants will be fulfilled, even when his people transgress seriously, such as through idolatry.

In John's prologue, we read that the Word of God's covenantal love, which was addressed to Abraham, Moses, and David, has become flesh in Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus is the covenant in person.

But throughout Israel's history, the covenant between God and humanity is always accompanied by sacrifice. Therefore, when John the Baptist spies (discern or make out, especially by careful observation) Jesus, he turns to two of his disciples and says, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" This is one of the first and most important interpretive keys that John the Evangelist gives us: Jesus is the one who will play the role of the sacrificial lambs offered in the temple. Jesus, the covenant in person, will perforce be a sacrificed victim as well.

Pope Leo the Great, writing in the sixth century, gave expression to a patristic commonplace when he said, "There was no other reason for the Son of God becoming flesh than that he should be fixed to the cross." Jesus came in short to be the suffering servant who would, through a sacrifice, take away the sins of the world.

Do we believe that Jesus has won the victory? Do we believe that we are saved? Do we believe that we are in a covenant of love with the Blessed Trinity? Do we trust in the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit? Today I would like to invite you, to listen anew to the man who believed this, listen to the call of John the Baptist, Behold Jesus, the Lamb of Love, who wants to enter your life, and bring the peace of His victory on the cross. Therefore, as we receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus today and respond with "Amen," let this affirmation reflect a sincere acceptance of his saving love.

BROTHER NOHIL D'SOUZA

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SINALOG 2026: we will be having the traditional annual Santo Nino Mass on Saturday 18th January at 2pm at St George's. All are welcome for this wonderful celebration which includes a Mass, traditional dancing with the image of Santo Nino and a Pot Luck afterwards in the Parish Centre.

ADORATION ST GEORGE: Wednesday 8.30 to 9.30 am
Do you value some peaceful time with Our Lord in front of the Blessed Sacrament on a Wednesday morning before Mass? If you do and are able to cover from 8.30 am until Mass begins then please either contact the Parish office or email clare290@hotmail.co.uk

ADVENT SOUPS: thank you to everyone who supported the Advent soups. The magnificent sum of £258.58 was raised at the three lunches. The money has been donated to St Margaret's Somerset Hospice, ARC, the Taunton homeless charity, and the Shaw Trust, a leading employment charity and not for profit children's home provider.

TAIZE SERVICE: 3.30pm Sunday 8th February, St Georges Church, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. All are welcome. If you would like to play an instrument or sing in the choir there will be a practice in the Church from 2.30pm prior to the service, please can you let the Parish Office know so that we can ensure that we have the appropriate music available for you

CONFESSION TIMES: At St George's: Sat 10am-10:30am;

Thurs 12 noon -12:30pm

At St Teresa's: Fri 9:30am -10am at St John Fisher: Sat 5pm-5:25pm

ADORATION TIMES:

At St George Tues-Sun-6:30am-7:30am;

Wed 6:30am-8:30am; Tue-Fri 5-6pm; Thurs 12 -12:25pm; Fri 5:00am – 9:00pm

Saturdays 10am-11am (Children's Holy hour); St Teresa: Mon 10am;

St John Fisher: Wed 5pm-6pm; Thurs 10-12pm

BENEDICTION: 7pm Fridays at St George's Catholic Church

PARISH COMMUNITIES & FELLOWSHIPS:

LEGION OF MARY: meet Thursday 6:30-pm in the Catholic Centre. All welcome

AFRICAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP: meet the first Sunday of every month from 10:30am in the Parish Centre.

PINOY CLUB: meet the third Sunday of every month from 10:30am in the Parish Centre.

NOTICES

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Francis of Assisi, Nailsea; St Joseph, Portishead.

Standing Orders: 11/01/2026

St George: £2153.42 St Teresa: £369.92

St John Fisher: £176.08

Offertory Collection: 11/01/2026

St George: £1113.15 St Teresa: £305.30

St John Fisher: £196.70

HAZEL (HOLLY) GRIMOLDBY RIP: Funeral Mass will be held at St George on January 28th at 12 noon.

BOOK GROUP: will next meet on Wednesday 4th February at 2.00 pm at St George's Presbytery. We are reading "Searching for Normal" by Sami Timimi. New members are very welcome to join our stimulating group. More details from The Parish Administrator.

TEA & COFFEE AT ST GEORGE: Due to a shortage of volunteers we will be unable to provide Coffee after the 08:00 mass on Sunday 18/01/26. We will aim to provide a limited service after the 9:15 mass. Your understanding is much appreciated.

PRAYER GROUPS:

Charismatic Prayer Group: every Wednesday 10am-11.30am St. George's Centre

Led Holy Hour: St George's on the last Wednesday of the month 7:30-8:30pm

Mother's Prayer: Every other Thurs 8-10pm Parish Centre.

Prepare for Sunday praying the Mass readings together: 22/1, 5/2 1pm in the Parish Centre.

Pray the Rosary: Tues 6:15pm St George's Church; 1st Tuesday of the month at 10:30am St John Fisher Church.

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRIES:

1st weekend each month after all Masses except 8am & after Mass on 3rd Sat at St. George.

Appointments are available by mail:

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