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3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 10 Dec	5.30 pm	St George's	Chris Lynch RIP (16 th anniversary)
Sun 11 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Priest's own intention
	6.00 pm	St George's	Holy Souls, especially the deceased members of the parish
Mon 12 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Tue 13 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Sp. Intention for Maura and Trevor Litchfield
Wed 14 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Donor's intention in thanksgiving to St Anthony
Thu 15 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Nica John Pushkarich RIP
Fri 16 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Sp. Intention, Mrs Cronin
Sat 17 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Sp. Intention for Mrs Nelson
	5.30 pm	St George's	Hilary Crosbie for good health
Sun 18 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Thomas Callaghan RIP (Anniv)
	6.00 pm	St George's	Sp. Intention for Jean and Malcolm Brocklehurst

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 11:2-11

The Four Evangelists were authentic eyewitnesses and reported real, historical events involving real people with real issues and real flaws. Take John the Baptist, for example. Jesus said that he was the greatest man ever born of a woman but that even the least in the kingdom is still greater than he (v.11). Yet in today's Gospel we see John basically doubting who Jesus is. He wasn't sure and wanted to be convinced. Some suggest that his incarceration was taking its toll. Lack of light, lack of sleep and lack of food and water soon break even the strongest people.

Furthermore, Jesus was confounding the News' expectations of the Messiah. For most Jews, and to an extent even John the Baptist, his Coming was very much connected with political and economic upheaval and victory of the Jewish people over their brutal Roman oppressors. Jesus was indeed 'the one who was to come' (cf. Ps.118:26; Mal. 3:1). He was, however, a different kind of Messiah from the one they were expecting. He was ushering in a different kind of kingdom – not a political or economic kingdom but a spiritual one with values different from the world and its existing kingdom. The signs of the kingdom were that the blind received sight, the deaf could hear, the dead were raised, and the Gospel of life was preached and proclaimed.

Today people still ask whether he was truly the Messiah. Were the miracles real or did the disciples simply make them up? Did the resurrection actually happen? Blessed are those who remain faithful to the teaching of Christ. Blessed are those who believe although they do not see. Blessed are those who believe that Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ, the Lord's anointed, the promised Messiah.

Lord Jesus, you are the blessed hope of the Church. We pray for your return as the King of Glory, when every knee will bow in heaven and on earth.

THE WEBSITE IS CURRENTLY BEING UPDATED: Please go to www.stgeorges-holyspiritderby.org.uk to see the latest updates to the website. The website is now updated weekly with the latest newsletter and latest news and information from the diocese.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (Eucharistic Ministers)

Can all Eucharistic Ministers of St George's and Holy Spirit please contact Ian Uppington on 07739458977 or email stgeorges.holyspiritderby@gmail.com. We need to update the church records. Thank you.

ST GEORGE'S SOCIAL CENTRE: Priests and parishioners are very grateful to Barbara for all the time and effort that she puts in to keep our parish centre looking so well. Parishioners and others who use it are very pleased with it, especially after its decoration and fitting with the new brighter lights. Thank you Barbara, also, for looking after the bookings for the centre so well.

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY ONLY: 10:15 – 10:45

SECOND COLLECTION at this weekend Masses for the poor and needy parishes fund.

SAINTS THIS WEEK: *Tues 13 Dec:* St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
Wed 14 Dec: St John of the Cross, priest and doctor of the church.

A SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION with opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) at St George's on Tuesday, 20th December, at 7 pm. Fr Alan, Fr Jude and Fr Peter will be available for Confessions for as long as needed.

Also, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturday, 17th December, after morning Mass for as long as needed and also on Saturday, 24th December, again after the morning Mass.

TO ALL OUR CHURCH CLEANERS OF ST GEORGE'S AND HOLY SPIRIT CHURCHES:

Your priests and people would like to express their sincere thanks to all our volunteer cleaners in keeping our churches so clean and tidy. There are large areas to hoover and mop and polish and this calls for several hours of time and effort each week. May the Lord bless you for your care and effort in the house of God.

CHRISTMAS MASSES AT ST GEORGE'S AND HOLY SPIRIT

Christmas Eve, Saturday, 24th December 2022

Family Mass at St George's, especially for the children at 5.30 pm
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Family Mass at Holy Spirit, especially for the children at 5.30 pm
Mass at St George's with a Midnight Mass liturgy, 9 pm

Christmas Day, Sunday 25th December 2022

Mass at St George's at 9.30 am
Mass at Holy Spirit at 11.15 am

ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AS CHRISTMAS COMES NEAR

Wednesday, 14th December:

6 pm School Carol Service in St George's Church.

All are welcome to hear our children sing a selection of carols together with bible readings and prayers.

Thursday, 15th December;

2.15 pm, Children's Nativity

Friday, 16th December;

2.15 pm Another Children's Nativity

Thursday, 22nd December:

A Christmas school Mass at 9 am.

Parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Thursday 22nd December;

at 12 pm Christmas Lunch

Thursday, 22nd December

at 2 pm Carols around the tree.

We thank God for our wonderful St George's School with its dedicated and hardworking teaching staff and its lovely pupils. Please keep them all in your prayers as another term and another year come to a close.