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CHRISTMAS DAY

1st SUNDAY OF CHRISTMASTIDE

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 24 Dec	5.30 pm	St George's	Joseph Whitchurch RIP (2nd anniv.) and Pina and Stephen Tymczuk RIP
	5.30 pm	Holy Spirit	Madge McCartney and the McCartney family
	9.00 pm	St George's	For all our parishioners
Sun 25 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Dec. members of the Fortune Family
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Priest's own intention
			NO EVENING MASS
Mon 26 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Tue 27 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Jessie Sadler RIP
Wed 28 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	James & Mary O'Riordan RIP
Thu 29 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	In thanksgiving, St Anthony
Fri 30 Dec	9.15 am	St George's	Special intention, Treanor
Sat 31 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Sp. Intention, Mary Gladstone
	5.30 pm	St George's	Sp. Intention, Mrs Murphy, in Ireland
Sun 01 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Jack & Josie Murphy and the deceased members of the family
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Madge McCartney for good health
	6.00 pm	Holy Spirit	For all the people of the parish

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

A child is born of us, and a son is given to us.

Psalm 97(98):1-6

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God

Today is a day of praise and adoration Christ is born. Alleluia, Alleluia! God among us, the Word made flesh! 'He was created by a mother whom he created. He was carried by hands that he formed. He cried in the manger in wordless infancy: he the Word without whom all human eloquence is mute' (St Augustine of Hippo). The Psalms as only the Psalms can, express perfectly the joy of Christmas Day: 'Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth: break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord' (Psalm 97(98):4).

The Virgin today brings into the world the Eternal. And the earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible. The angels and shepherds praise him and the magi advance with the star. For you are born for us. Little child, God eternal' (Romanos the Melodist).

From 'Walk with Me'

WORD FOR THE WORLD

Christmas is a feast of lights in the darkness of winter. It is a time for rejoicing in family, love and generosity. Yet just as the darkness surrounds these lights, so too sadness tinges our Christmas joy as we remember those no longer here with us.

The light of Christmas is, of course, the coming of our saviour, brighter than any Christmas illuminations. His light penetrates even the darkness of our sadness, promising that great reunion of all things in heaven. These gifts of God embrace the whole world, including all the created order, for which we must have a care, especially in our careful use of its goods and of the energy we produce from the earth.

'You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it, the river of God is full of water, you provide their grain' (Psalm 65:9).

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

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon 26th Dec: St Stephen, The first martyr
Tues 27th Dec: St John Apostle & Evangelist
Wed 28th Dec: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Thurs 29th Dec: St Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr
Fri 30th Dec: The Holy Family
Sat 31st Dec: St Sylvester I, Pope

A RECENT DEATH:

Please pray for Jessie Sadler of Rosamonds Rise, who has died recently. Jessie was a regular member of St George's parish over many years and reached the grand age of 97 years. Her funeral service will take place at St George's on Friday, 13th January. We extend our sincere sympathies to the family in their sad loss.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

LIVING FAITH: The new edition for January/February/March 2023 is available. I hope you have your copy.

THE CATHOLIC NEWS

The January edition is now available at church. There is a nice message from our Bishop Patrick McKinney for Christmas. Also, lots of interesting articles, eg a 50 year old from Melton Mowbray in a skydive to help fund the building of a parish hall by their church; a message from Pope Francis whose emphasises the gift of self; a report on a fundraising event in Alfreton with Jimmy Cricket; more activity from Good Shepherd, Arnold; Football friendship in Newark raising funds for pancreatic cancer research; anti bullying young ambassador at St Alban's School, Derby and a crossword.

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CHRISTMAS THANKS

As we celebrate the lovely feast of Our Lord's birth among us, we take this opportunity to thank all parishioners for all their help and support during the year 2022. A word of thanks for the decoration of the church by many hands, with Christmas trees, small and large and flowers and lights for the crib and a little colour for the windows.

Thank you for your cards and gifts and Fr. Alan, Fr Jude and Fr Peter again wish you a Happy and Holy Christmas and Many Blessing also for a Happy New Year. May our world find more peace and happiness.