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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 24 Oct	5.30 pm	St George's	Tom O'Reilly RIP
Sun 25 Oct	9.30 am	St George's	Christine Meehan RIP, 2nd Anniv.
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	People of the Parish
	6.00pm	St George's	In thanksgiving to St Joseph
Mon 26 Oct	9.30 am	St George's	Marian Cussen, Sp. Intention
Tue 27 Oct	9.30 am	St George's	Donna Cook RIP (recently dead)
Wed 28 Oct	9.30 am	St George's	Hilary Crosbie for good health
Thu 29 Oct	9.30 am	St George's	Christy Justin, 14 th birthday thanksgiving
Fri 30 Oct	9.30 am	St George's	John Sanders RIP
Sat 31 Oct	9.30 am	St George's	Kathleen & Gregory Thornton RIP
	5.30 pm	St George's	P J Crosbie RIP & Angela Crosbie RIP (birthday memoriam)
Sun 01 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	Max Rafferty RIP
ALL SAINTS DAY	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Alma Mullarkey RIP, 10 th anniv.
	6.00 pm	St George's	Mary O'Riordan RIP

REFLECTION ON THE WORD:

The first reading is taken from the Book of Exodus 22:20-26. These verses cover the Israelites' duties toward strangers (non-Israelites), widows and orphans and the poor in general. They are a practical application of the law of charity in their dealings with their neighbours.

The Second Reading, the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians is the earliest preserved Christian document. We hear of the joyful faith of this small Christian community – a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Their approach to faith is attracting attention, and acts as an inspiration to many.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that it is impossible to separate love of God, of self, and of other people. Jesus's own life is a demonstration of such all-consuming love in practice. He tells us that these three facets of love and of faith cannot be separated; they sum up the entire biblical story.

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE DIED (NOVEMBER DEAD LIST):

November is traditionally associated with prayer for the Holy Souls, particularly members of our families, friends and benefactors. Masses will be offered in November and throughout the year for those whose names are on the Dead List. Please use an envelope for this purpose. Please place a list of the names of your deceased relatives and friends, and all for whom you wish to pray, in the envelope with your offering/donation, writing your own name on the front as indicated and place the envelope in the collection at Mass or post through the Presbytery door.

HELP FOR ST MARY'S SCHOOL AFTER THE FIRE: Plans for rebuilding have already begun and a key part of this will be restocking their library. If you have any suitable books for primary school age that are in excellent condition you can drop them off at church until our storage space is filled. Thank you for helping and keep them in your prayers.

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS: The Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Education Service would welcome applications from practising Catholics willing to serve the diocese as Foundation Directors on one of the boards of our four diocesan Catholic Multi Academy Trusts. A passion for continuing to deliver the Bishop's vision for Catholic education and for making a difference is very important. This volunteer role would provide tremendous opportunities to work with fellow directors in leading a large organisation. For an informal discussion with the Director of Education to find out more about what the role involves, or if you would like an information pack including details of how to apply, please contact Julie Sweeney (PA to the Director of Education) at julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk.

GRAPEVINE: The essential bulletin for missionary disciples. Whilst we can't all meet we are still the Church. Please see more information on the Diocesan website.

Recent Government briefings announce an increase in the spread of the virus we should do all we can to reduce the spread.

**HANDS-FACE-SPACE
NHS - TEST & TRACE**

We follow the government's Test and Trace guidance 'by keeping an accurate temporary record of visitors for 21 days by collecting names and contact details of those who attend. For those who have downloaded the NHS COVID-19 app, the QR code is displayed in the porch. There is no need to complete the form if you are scanning the code. Thank you

LET'S BE PREPARED: We must maintain contact with as many parishioners who do not come to Mass as possible, sending copies of our newsletter by E-mail, What's app and also telephoning older and housebound parishioners. I am relying on you all to do your best on this matter, please let us have their details.

MASS ATTENDANCE: I encourage all parishioners to be courageous to celebrate Mass with us - we fully adhere to all Cov-19 guidelines. Spaces are available at all our Masses and we look forward to seeing you.

CONFESSIONS - SATURDAY ONLY 10:15 - 10:45.

SAINTS THIS WEEK: Mon 26 Oct: SS Chad & Cedd, Bishops.

Wed 28 Oct: SS Simon & Jude, Apostles.

Sat 31 Oct: Saturday Mass of Our Lady

POPE FRANCIS NEW LETTER:

"**Fratelli tutti**" is the title Pope Francis has chosen for his encyclical letter dedicated to "human fraternity" and "social friendship". In English, it can be read as 'Brothers and sisters all'. The first words of the new 'circular letter', or encyclical as we know it, come from St Francis of Assisi, whose name Pope Francis chose when he was elected, and said "Let us all consider the Good Shepherd who, to save His sheep, bore the suffering of the Cross."

You can read the whole letter or a summary here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/the-church/the-pope/pope-francis/fratelli-tutti/encyclical-letter-fratelli-tutti/>

DIRECTION ON HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY VISITS DURING SECOND WAVE

OF COV-19: A number of priests are still trying to maintain an 'on-call' rota for The Derby City Royal and London Road. This is strictly for calls for Anointing of the Sick when someone is nearing the end of their life. The hospital will not call us out for a request for prayers or when someone has already died – these will be dealt with by a member of the chaplaincy team who may or may not be a Catholic minister. Families should not contact a priest directly to visit their loved one in hospital – all requests need to go through the ward and Chaplaincy Department.

Hospital Contact Details:

The Royal Derby Hospital Chaplaincy; (01332) 789500 (internally 89500)

Palliative/Cancer Care Nightingale Macmillan Unit Chaplain

Tel: (01332) 783351 (internally 83351)

London Road Community Hospital Chaplaincy

Tel: (01332) 789500 (internally 89500)

You can contact by email too: chaplaincy@derbyhospitals.nhs.uk

TOGETHER, WE ARE CARITAS: Building social action in the Diocese of Nottingham - Saturday 7 November 2020 by Zoom (with a telephone option). Nottingham Diocese is joining Caritas, the Church's worldwide ministry of charity. Soon our parish will be part of one of the biggest humanitarian organisations on the planet – and you are invited to be part of it. Join Bishop Patrick, Caritas Social Action Network, the Diocesan Justice & Peace Commission and Catholics from all round our diocese. In two 90-minute online sessions at 11.00 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. we'll take practical steps in parishes and chaplaincies across the diocese, to bring the Gospel to life, locally and globally. For details and booking visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/faithintoaction or call 07470 907656.

FR ALAN'S WEEKLY REFLECTION: There is nothing more frustrating, nothing more irritating, than trying to have a conversation with someone who is not really interested in knowing what you think, or in learning from you, but is intent only on trapping you in a contradiction or a misstatement of some kind in order to undermine your position and your credibility. We learn in today's Gospel how Jesus was being undermined and discredited by the Pharisee. The heart of our faith, Jesus insists, is about loving God. We are to love God with all that we are – our heart, our soul, and our mind. There are too many people now, as then, cling to the first commandment and somehow have forgotten the second; they proclaim their love for God appearing very holy and pious, while continuing to treat others around them quite badly. These people have usually fallen out with numerous people during their life time- family, friends work and fellow Church members although they do not recognise themselves as the problem. These are the neighbours we may find it hard to love. And for us as well, if our hearts are not open, if we do not love with all we are and love our neighbours as ourselves, if our minds are closed and we are satisfied that we know all there is to know, we may miss the opportunity when we come face to face with the Christ to know in whose presence we stand, and turn away unaffected and unchanged.

A common saying we use reminds us that we are wrong when we see a less fortunate person and think to ourselves, "There but for the grace of God go I." Instead, we should be thinking, "There by the grace of God goes God." So God grant us the discernment to sense God's presence within ourselves and within our neighbours. Christianity or being Christ-like comes down to how we love God and how everything we do - relationships, work, entertainment, education, displays our love for God. No success, status, or possession will matter at the end of our days. How we loved God and loved others will be our victory. Amen

Oh Lord Jesus! Help me to love those who frustrate me and sin against me! I pray Lord to be a more loving person, not just to those that are easy to love, but to the most difficult. Fill me up to overflowing with Your perfect love for Your people! In Jesus' Mighty Name I pray, Amen.