

St. George's & Holy Spirit RC Parish, Newsletter- Sunday 15th November 2020.

Psalm 128 "May the Lord , Bless us all the Days of our Lives"

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Year of the Word " Sunday Readings Reflection The **First Reading** from Proverbs, The verses chosen for today are taken from the last half of the last chapter of the book and are a hymn in praise of the ideal wife. The author saw to it that the part that a wise, prudent and industrious wife plays in a man's life, and hence in the life of the nation, deserved to be stressed and admired. The **second reading** is from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians In this reading St. Paul continues his discussion of the parousia. He tells his Thessalonians converts that they know as much as he does about the time of that second coming. He had already told them in his

preaching that our Lord had said that it would be unexpected. However, this need not frighten them, they would be prepared because they were living their Christian faith every day. The **Gospel reading** , this parable teaches that, while each person is unique, we have all received particular gifts from God. The ultimate purpose of these gifts, these "talents," is that they are to be put to good use in order to bring others to salvation in Christ. Every gift, therefore, must be seen as having the divinely preordained purpose of directing others toward their final end in God. **Fr Alan**

Daily Mass Intentions to be said this week.

Mass is said each day Fr. Peter says Mass at home , Fr Alan & Fr Jude say Mass at St Georges.

- ❖ **Mon 16th Rose O'Connor RIP Birthday Anniv**
- ❖ **Tues 17th Matthew Wragg RIP**
- ❖ **Wed 18th Joan Kenny 2nd Anniversary RIP**
- ❖ **Thur 19th The Deceased of the Lenihan Family**
- ❖ **Fri 20th The Holy Souls of the Callaghan Family**
- ❖ **Sat 21st Donors Intention (Crosbie) Noah RIP**
- ❖ **Sun 22nd People of the Parish**

Prayers for the Sick & Dead: Please keep in your prayers the sick and housebound. Our Sanctuary Lamp this week is for our recently Dead of the parish John Lawlor, Michael Maloney and Evelyn Girvan ,Please remember their families in your prayers. May he rest in peace .

- ❖ **Mary Hunter RIP.** Please pray for Mary Hunter from Holy Spirit who died this week.
- ❖ **Fr Michael Horrax RIP.** We pray for Fr.Michael who passed away recently.
- ❖ **John Walker RIP** Please remember in your prayers John Walker who passed away peacefully. John was a parishioner for many years at St Georges. We remember in our prayers his wife Wendy and family at this sad time.

Eternal rest grant to them of Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, rest in peace. Amen

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen. As we cannot attend daily Mass, we can use this prayer.

Prayers Please continue to pray for those suffering with Coronavirus, those who have died from the virus and most importantly plead for the end of the pandemic. A Plenary Indulgence is available to all who pray for these intentions under the usual conditions of making Sacramental Confession (Available at Private Prayer) Holy Communion (as soon as possible after the lockdown) and prayers for the intentions of Pope Francis (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be). Acts to be performed for the indulgence include read the Holy Scriptures for at least half an hour, or recite the Rosary or the Way of the Cross. As is evident to all, the recitation of prayers and the reading of the Bible can be done without leaving home, and therefore in full compliance with the rules to counter the spread of the virus.

Pope Francis – Prayer intentions for November 2020

During November, we pray with Pope Francis that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence always serves humankind.



World Day for the Poor - in his message for this World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis draws on the Old Testament Book of Sirach, which calls us to 'stretch forth your hand to the poor' (Sir 7:32). We are reminded that 'prayer to God and solidarity with the poor and suffering are inseparable.' *Prayer for a better world. For a better world. Generous God, we thank you: For the gifts you have given us, the abundance of your Creation, and the beauty that surrounds us. For the people whose lives have touched ours, for the love they show, the burdens they lift, the hopes we share. Compassionate God, we ask you: to fill us with your love, to place in our hearts a spirit of courage, to move us to reach out to others in need. And lead us to play our part, so that now and in generations to come all your children may share in our hope for a better world. We ask this through*

Christ our Lord, Amen. Written by Catherine Gorman/CAFOD



'For I see no reason to be ashamed of the Gospel; it is God's power for the salvation of everyone who has faith'. (Romans 1:16)



OFSTED Report St Georges Catholic VA , Derby "the proportion of children who achieve a good level of development at the end of the Reception Year has risen each year. It now is consistently exceeding above the national average."

If you would like your child to join our Parish School and is due to start reception in September 2021 you will need to apply for a school place. Applications for Primary Schools Admissions for Reception Class for September 2021 open on 16th November and close on 11th January 2021, Offer Day being 16th April 2021

Fancy a friendly Chat This service is for anyone over 60

Age UK has set up a phone friending service The service matches elderly people with a "friend" who calls once a week for a 30-minute chat. Please phone 0800 434 6105 or the website is: www.ageuk.org.uk/callintime.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Please let your us know. The Sacrament of the Sick and/or any pastoral support you need is still available but should be arranged through the Ward or Chaplaincy Team In Hospital if you or Catholic needs a visit or sacramental support please leave details on my phone or contact the **Royal Derby Hospital Chaplaincy(01332) 789500 , Palliative/Cancer Care Nightingale Macmillan Unit Chaplain Tel: (01332) 783351, London Road Community Hospital Chaplaincy Tel: (01332) 78950** You can contact us by email too: chaplaincy@derbyhospitals.nhs.uk stgeorges.holyspiritderby@gmail.com Office 01332 767038. Parish Mobile for Emergencies only : 07968059768

Parish finances

Thanks to parishioners who continue to drop their Weekly Offering Envelopes into the Presbytery. This is much appreciated. If it would be more convenient to contribute by Standing order, please call or email for a Form.

Sycamore is a new resource for catechesis and outreach

Tuesday 17th November 2020 – Zoom

Sycamore is a new resource for catechesis and outreach consisting of wonderfully produced films exploring different aspects of our faith, it is free and very adaptable. It can be used very easily as a programme of sacramental preparation, as an evangelisation tool, or for faith formation and growing in holiness. It can be run in person or virtually. Fr Stephen Wang, the creator of the programme will be leading a webinar exclusively for our diocese, explaining what Sycamore is and how it can be used in your parish.

Who is it for: Parish Priests, catechists of sacramental programmes, those interested or involved in faith formation, Deacons and Religious.

Booking Here: [Register for Zoom Webinar](#)

Message From Fr Alan

This weeks Gospel talks about gifts -We all have gifts and talents within us . All our gifts originate in God and must be returned to him. To do otherwise is to pridefully reject not only the purpose of these gifts but their divine Source. Additionally, we should put the gifts God has given us at service to him in the world and thus they should bear good fruit in truth and charity, such as loving our neighbour and assisting those in need. We must not be lazy or fearful. Although it is difficult and requires courage to step forward and openly serve our Master, Jesus Christ, since we often fear reprisal, rejection, and persecution, God calls us to give ourselves entirely to him and break through self-imposed boundaries. It is certain that those who serve Christ will suffer injustices. The reward, however, for this gift of your life to God is eternal beatitude. Today the talents and gifts of us all are needed more than ever, scientists, doctors , virologist all looking for a cure to stop this Pandemic, a real gift of love to their fellow man – Doing what we can Furlough, Social distancing, self-isolation and lock-down are all part of that love for each other to keep us safe, We are all learning to live with this second lock-down at least for now, as most of us stay at home, work remotely we should remember the front- line workers teachers, doctors , nurses and everyone who help us to live as normal life as best we can. This time of physical distancing is a time to have a greater awareness of our connections with our families ,communities and all mankind. A time to share our gifts for the goodness of others , I pray for you all everyday as I celebrate the Holy Mass so we too shall remain together in the spirit. We must place all our hope and trust in the risen Lord. God bless each of you. **Stay Safe - Fr Alan.**