



**CATHOLIC PARISH of ST
GEORGES & HOLY SPIRIT ,
DERBY**

**St. George's & Holy Spirit RC Parish,
Newsletter- Sunday 22nd November 2020.
Psalm 22 "The Lord is my Shepherd "**

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34th Sunday Year A CHRIST THE KING



The Feast of Christ the King brings the church year to a close. It invites us to consider the way to achieve the things that make for peace, we should also reflect on the factors that contributed to the pandemic, grieve for the loss of human life and the impact on the political and economic landscape , may it be a place to begin if we wish God's reign of peace to be realised on planet Earth



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)

Year of the Word - Sunday Readings Reflection



This weekend, the Church closes the year with an excited and fervent proclamation of Christ as the king of all. The **first reading** comes from the ancient Book of Ezekiel. In this reading, God speaks in the first person, promising protection of the flock—the people of God. He is the shepherd, seeking the lost, caring for the injured and rescuing the imperilled. God will distinguish between the sheep and those who assume other identities because of their voluntary unfaithfulness.

St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians provides the **second reading**. This selection is a proclamation of the Resurrection, and of the role of the Lord as the Redeemer of humankind. He is the Risen Lord, the first of those who will rise to everlasting life. Those who will follow Jesus in being raised from the dead are "those who belong" to Christ, those persons who have admitted God, through Jesus, into their lives, and who have received from the Lord the gift of grace, eternal life and strength. The reading frankly admits that forces hostile to God are at work in the world. These forces cannot be dismissed as insignificant. However, they are by no means omnipotent. In and through Jesus, the power and life of God will endure. God will triumph over all evil. No one bound to God should fear the powers of evil, although all must resist these powers.

For the **Gospel reading** on this great feast, the Church offers us a passage from Matthew. It is a glance forward to the day when God's glory will overwhelm the world, to the day when Jesus will return in majesty and glory. This expectation was a favourite theme in the early Church, the community that surrounded and prompted the formation of the Gospel. The reading repeats the description given in the Book of Ezekiel. In Ezekiel, God, the shepherd, separates the sheep from the goats, the good from the unfaithful. In this reading from Matthew, Jesus promises a final judgment that will separate the faithful from the sinful. Beautifully, in this reading, the Lord defines who will be judged as faithful and who will be seen as unfaithful. The faithful will not be those who only give lip-service to their belief in God, but those who, in the model of Jesus, give of themselves to bring relief and hope to others. **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 Nov. 23rd John Walker RIP
- ❖ Tues Nov. 24th The Deceased of the O'Shea, Roche, Ryan and Johnson Family RIP
- ❖ Wed Nov. 25th The Deceased of the Gilligan Family RIP
- ❖ Thur Nov. 26th The Deceased of the Toryusen Family RIP
- ❖ Fri Nov. 27th The Deceased of the Fourtune Family RIP
- ❖ Sat Nov. 28th. Matthew Wagg RIP
- ❖ Sun. Nov. 29th Tom & Kathleen Connally RIP

Prayers for the Sick & Dead: Please keep in your prayers the sick and housebound. Our Sanctuary Lamp this week is for our recently Dead, **Tony Thornton, John Walker, Evelyn Girvan, Mary Hunter** and **Renate Szymura** Please remember their families in your prayers. May they rest in peace

FUNERALS MAXIMUM OF 30 PERSONS - FAMILY INVITEES ONLY

- ❖ John Walker Mon Nov. 23rd. 11am St Georges *
- ❖ Mary Hunter Wed Dec. 2nd. 10:30am Bretby Crematorium
- ❖ Renate Szymura Wed Dec. 2nd. 11:20am Markeaton Crematorium followed by burial.
- ❖ Tony Thornton Tues Dec. 8th 10:00am St Georges

We remember in our prayers all their family and friends at this sad time. ***Eternal rest grant to them of Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them May they rest in peace. Amen***

****Please note due to Cov-19 restrictions , St Georges not open on Monday 23rd for private prayer.***

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.

The Month of the
Holy Souls



November is when we recall all those who have reached their heavenly home and we pray for all who have died. Our Prayers for the Dead are an important part of our Christian lives. It expresses our hope in the Resurrection and reminds us of our own need to grow in our love for Christ, in our faith in his Death and Resurrection for us and in our own hope of eternal life. Scripture *“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.”* John 14:1-3

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



Congratulations to all our Nominees from St Georges Voluntary Academy at the SRSCMAT recent staff awards ceremony . We are immensely proud of every staff member and our Governors across the Trust. But we want to say to Mrs O'Brien from @StGeorgesDerby who has won the New Teacher of the Year award. You are a star 🌟



St Ralph Sherwin
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

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 Please 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.

Fr Alan's Message

I have watched the American elections over the last few months and even though it is not entirely finished, Joe Biden will certainly be the next President of the United States. I recently received a WhatsApp meme that was circulating it contained a picture of Jesus Christ the King and it said “no matter who is elected President, Jesus Christ is still the King.” And as Christians never have we needed to hear that message more than we’ve needed it at this present. Regardless of who is in Washington or who rules in the capitals of the world, there is only one true King. Jesus Christ is our Redeemer and King, the King of all Kings! So, even though we celebrate Jesus as king, we must recognise not a king according to the ways of the world. He brings about the reign of God, which is where God's ways permeate our ways, God's thoughts becomes our thoughts, and this way leads to the fullness of life, peace in this world, and peace forever in the reign of God.

*Appropriately, we celebrate Christ the King at the end of Ordinary Time, we remember what is also said when the Easter Candle is lit at the Easter Vigil. “Jesus Christ yesterday, today, the beginning and the end, the Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all the ages, to him be glory and power forever, Amen . **Please Stay Safe - Fr Alan.***