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4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 19 Dec	5.30 pm	St George's	People of the Parish
Sun 20 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Max and Maureen Rafferty
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Thomas Callaghan RIP Anniv.
	6.00pm	St George's	Dec. clergy: P Cansdale, J Duckett and P Dynan
Mon 21 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Hilary Crosbie for good health
Tue 22 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Catherine Dillane RIP
Wed 23 Dec	9.15 am	St George's	Funeral, Anne-Maria Falivena RIP (family only)

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Thu 24 Dec	4.00 pm	St George's	Tony Costello RIP
	5.00 pm	Holy Spirit	Breda O'Brien RIP
	6.00 pm	St George's	David Palmer, birthday memories

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Fri 25 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Dec. Members of the Fortune Family
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Anne Scanlan, deceased

BOXING DAY

Sat 26 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Hughie Killackey Junior RIP
	5.30 pm	St George's	John Muscat RIP
Sun 27 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	James O'Riordan RIP
	6.00 pm	St George's	Sp. Int. Sister Teresa

Dear All,

Christmas and New Year are fast approaching and we continue this journey in very uncertain times, but what is certain is our faith - it gives us the strength and courage to get us through. Throughout the bible we hear how people had to cope with much adversity, anxiety and even pandemics. We also read how those people experienced hope and assurance through their own faith. We have seen and witnessed how the current pandemic can bring the very best out of people, it has woken within us all the need for love, appreciation of connectivity and community. We have witnessed so many acts of kindness, selflessness, generosity, these evident in the NHS, our schools, service, neighbourliness and volunteering. We are assured that as people of faith that God can bring light out of darkness and hope, when all seems lost.



The first Advent and the first Christmas was a time when the people of the Old Testament were lost, living in troubled times and in darkness, but light and joy came as God sent His Son into the world. In Advent we are reminded to stay awake and be alert be ready to greet God in the tiny baby born in stable in Bethlehem.

Every day during the last few weeks, television, newspapers and radio have updated us on all the discussions by medical officers and politicians on how we should or should not celebrate Christmas. We have seen newspaper headlines that "Christmas is cancelled"! For people of faith we know Christmas cannot be cancelled. As people of faith throughout Advent we have been preparing to meet that baby child of Bethlehem, so we will celebrate, because our celebration of Christmas has already begun in our hearts and if that is not the case then there can be no celebration of Christmas for any of us.

So I wish you and your families this Christmas, a peaceful, happy, and holy time, and pray that in 2021 we will see an end to this pandemic and that our tiny fragile planet will be healed. I pray that our Parish will continue to grow with Christ at its centre.

God Bless you all – Fr Alan

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

The one collection at the Christmas Masses is your traditional Christmas offering which goes to the support of the clergy.



2020 Pre-recorded Christmas Mass: We have joined with our school to bring a pre-recorded Parish Christmas Day Mass with wonderful music and Liturgy.

Please click on the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OxNljZl-Pe4>

PARISH WEBSITE: To keep up to date with Parish & School news please use our Website. Newsletters & Missalette all available. <https://stgeorges-holyspiritderby.org.uk/>

UPDATE ON COVID-19 AND VACCINATION:

In September 2020 the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales issued a statement COVID-19 and Vaccination (24 September 2020). In light of the recent breakthrough in vaccine development they have now issued a follow up statement (3rd December 2020) which can be found on the CBCEW website along with the original September statement.

Link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/update-on-covid-19-and-vaccination/>

ONLINE & TELEPHONE BOOKING OF CHRISTMAS MASS OCTAVE



Christmas Service Times: This year Christmas is going to be celebrated when there are still restrictions on seating in the churches due to COVID. It is therefore going to be absolutely necessary to book ahead.

Online Booking: To book on line please put the link in your browser <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk>

Landline: Telephone Booking - Please only phone between 10am-4pm and leave your full name, contact number, the time and date of the Mass you wish to attend, along with which Parish - St Georges or Holy Spirit.

Telephone number 01332 770232.

This is a booking line only.

Fr Alan's Christmas Appeal supporting the Marcus Rashford & Trussell Trust Foodbank Appeal EXTENDED UNTIL 5th JANUARY 2021. Just one extra item in your shopping trolley will make an enormous difference to a family. Please place in collection boxes. What do they need? In addition to the usual dried and tinned food, we like to include Christmas items such as tinned salmon, mince pies, Christmas cakes and tinned ham etc. Foods they are often short of include boxes of chocolates - Quality Street etc. Party food such as crisps, biscuits, Hotdogs, chocolates, biscuits, fruit juice, squash & fizzy pop. Sugar, dessert, tinned fruits. Thank you. Fr. Alan.

Fr Alan, Fr Jude & Fr Peter take this opportunity to wish you a Happy & Holy Christmas as we celebrate the birthday of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.