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2nd SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 02 Jan	5.30 pm	St George's	Mass for Family Scicluna
Sun 03 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Peter Broderick, for good health
	6.00pm	St George's	Dec. members of the Geelan Family
Mon 04 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Mary O'Riordan RIP
Tue 05 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Sp. Intention, The O'Connor Family
Wed 06 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Fr Jude's intention
EPIPHANY	7.00 pm	Holy Spirit	Michael Donovan for good health
Thu 07 Jan	9.30 pm	St George's	Intention of the donor. MC
Fri 08 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Paul Corley RIP
Sat 09 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Hillary Crosbie for good health
	5.30 pm	St George's	Tom O'Reilly RIP
Sun 10 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Maureen Rafferty RIP
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Sue Sheridan RIP (D & A Perry)
	6.00 pm	St George's	People of the Parish

The past year has been challenging for all of us and continues to be so still. There have been many weeks of lockdown and we were unable to gather together as a community of faith to celebrate Mass and the sacraments. This has caused considerable distress for many of us. During this time, we have also discovered the reality of what the early Church Fathers called the domestic church, the reality of Christ present in the midst of our families as we gathered together to pray and to intercede for our needs. Many families have witnessed to a new discovering of family life, family meals, time spent together during these days of lockdown. I want to thank you for your faithful prayer during this time of pandemic, and my hope that these newly discovered graces and blessings will continue when the virus is behind us. There are also wonderful stories of families reaching out with social action to the elderly, lonely and vulnerable in their neighbourhoods. Let us joyfully take hold of the treasures we have discovered together, gifts from the Lord.



EPIPHANY, 6TH JANUARY

In celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord, we celebrate the revelation that Jesus was born as the Son of God. The gospel illustrates this revelation through the story of the three wise men who travelled to visit Jesus following his birth. They embarked on a journey of faith, following the star of Bethlehem until they reached the manger where Jesus laid. They brought gifts that symbolised their revelation of his divinity: gold, which associated Jesus as a king, Frankincense, which was often used in worship and symbolised the holiness of Jesus, and myrrh, a perfume used for embalming which symbolised that Christ would one day die for our sins.

As we start a new year, it's a time of renewal for many of us, a chance for a new beginning. As the wise men in the gospel did, you too can continue to follow your faith throughout this year. The wise men had a revelation that the Son of God was coming, and they were not afraid to follow their hearts. Do not be afraid to follow your heart when you hear God's call.

2021 – YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father, a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," which began on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

For more information and to download a copy of the Apostolic letter, please visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/year-of-st-joseph/>

News from the Nottingham Diocesan Director of Adult Formation for Mission -

Joe Hopkins: We have an exciting 4 part series looking at what does it mean to be a Catholic disciple and how to help others grow as disciples, starting in January with Catholic Voices. Sign up here:

<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJMrucyggjwpGdNBRC5NIQ46Eu1bleEq246>

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

Please pray for those who have died recently:

For James Woodcock (son of Wyn & Albert Woodcock), for Joseph Whitchurch, son of Lisa and grandson of Olga Goss, for Most Rev Dr Gregory Ochiagha, retired Bishop in Nigeria and Mr Samuel Madu in Nigeria.

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

Pope Francis' Special Intention January 2021: May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

WEEKLY COLLECTION: At present no collections will take place during Mass but there are collection points at the exit of the Church. On-line donations are the preferred method of giving during this time, this can be done through our parish website or direct through the Nottingham Diocese website. Also you may wish to set up a regular standing order with your bank. We are very grateful for your continued financial support, we really appreciate it during these uncertain times.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2021: Due to Derby currently within the Tier Four Covid restrictions we have, for safety reasons, delayed the start of First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA programmes with the exception of Baptism until the Diocese issues new guidelines in light of the exponential growth rate of the pandemic. We will update the newsletter and website as soon as we know more. Thank you for your patience.

BAPTISMS: If you wish to plan for your child's baptism you can now contact Karan on 07968059768 for dates. In light of the guidelines we are amending our preparations, and number allowed to attend is 15 persons, but will give you more details when you contact us.

To all parishioners,
I want to say a heartfelt thank you to all who have contributed so positively in what has been a very difficult year, for everyone personally, and for our church itself. Without our stewards, cleaners and servers we would not have been able to reopen the church and welcome you back to parish life, and they have all done so with dedication and commitment. Thank you to our catechists who have helped our young people prepare and receive the sacraments despite the restrictions. And to each of you, our dedicated and generous parishioners. The churches of St. George's & Holy Spirit looked very different upon reopening and all who have been able to attend Masses and private prayer, have embraced those changes with patience and understanding. Where possible, you have continued your financial donations and it has been a great help to maintain the church and pay the bills. We still have many more challenges to face with this current wave of the pandemic but we will come through it and hope is on the horizon with the roll out of the vaccines. But ensure that you maintain all the recommendations to keep you and your families safe and healthy and may the light of Christ continue to guide us. A happy and healthy New Year to you all, God Bless – Fr Alan

