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17th January 2021

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR PEACE (PEACE SUNDAY)

2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 16 Jan	5.30 pm	St George's	Anne Marie Finan RIP
Sun 17 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Mary Smyth RIP
	6.00pm	St George's	Fr Jude's intention
Mon 18 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Tessie Baker, in thanksgiving
Tue 19 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Mary Downes RIP, Anniversary
Wed 20 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
	11.00 am	St George's	Requiem; Anne Marie Finan RIP
Thu 21 Jan	9.30 pm	St George's	Patrick Plunkett RIP
Fri 22 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	For local sufferers of Coronavirus
Sat 23 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	In honour of St Anthony in thanksgiving
	5.30 pm	St George's	People of the Parish
Sun 24 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Desmond Murphy RIP, 10 th anniversary
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	For Denis Allen, for good health
	6.00 pm	St George's	For Michael Donovan, not well

RECENT DEATHS: Please pray for Anne Marie Finan of Littleover whose Requiem Mass will take place at St George's on Wednesday, 20th January at 11 am, and for Fr. Patrick Joyce of Birmingham Archdiocese, a class-mate of Fr Alan's of Oscott College. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*



Society for the Protection of Unborn Children

SPUC the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children is, as usual, holding their White Flower Appeal in January. You can donate to their

work at www.spuc.org.uk/Donate or send a cheque to the following address:

'Freepost SPUC'. SPUC works to protect unborn babies and their mothers, also the elderly, the disabled and the vulnerable at the end of life. Every penny raised will help to build a culture of life in our country. Please give generously.

PEACE SUNDAY takes place today on the 17th January 2021 - Pax Christi - 'seeking together a world at peace.' We've made a start towards 'building back better' with our response to the pandemic during this last ten months. In 2021, let's continue that journey,

working together to fashion a world in which all can belong and, while living in peace, can contribute their gifts, their care, their kindness. Nowhere is the call to join hands in friendship more needed than in building peaceful relations between nation states and overcoming the distrust that so damages relations between different countries. If you want to be involved in that work of building 'social friendship' between the nations, especially in places that have known conflict, join Pax Christi, the international Catholic peace movement. It does such good work, fostering dialogue in places of conflict; empowering its members to act for peace and reconciliation, and providing resources, contacts, ideas and inspiration to help us all together to create a culture of peace.

Contact them at St. Joseph's, Watford Way, London, NW4 4TY or

www.paxchristi.org.uk



MARRIAGE SUPPORT & PREPARATION FOR MARRIAGE

The Alliance of Catholic Marriage Organisations exists out of a shared desire to be united around our service to the Church and our commitment to offer clearer, more joined-up pathways of support for couples. The Alliance recognises that this commitment is best achieved through the deepening of our relationships and with the hope that a more visible display of our unity is a blessing to the Church and the couples we serve. Visit: <http://www.allianceofcatholicmarriageorganisations.org.uk/> St Mary's Derby will be running a Zoom Marriage Preparation programme for couples on Tuesdays 29th Jan, 2nd and 9th Feb, 7.30pm to 9pm. Plus there is a Saturday on building a strong relationship on March 6th. The cost is £40 for couples in Derby.

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Thurs, 21st Jan: St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

Fri, 22nd Jan: St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr

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

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.

2ND COLLECTION next Sunday for the Sick & Retired Priests Fund.

The Story of the Bible on BBC Radio 4



Bishop Patrick has made us aware of an excellent short mini series (five 14 minute segments), which has been aired recently on BBC Radio 4 and is

available still to hear via BBC iPlayer (BBC Sounds). In each segment Hugh Bonneville reads John Barton's 'Story of the Bible? The link to access is:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/series/m000qlrx>

The Holy Father on Immaculate Conception day declared the beginning of a 'Year of Saint Joseph,' which should last until the 8th of December, 2021 Please include and recite the litany of St. Joseph when you pray also try and make this a regular practice in your prayer life this year. The litany can be found on our Parish website or at

<http://www.catholictradition.org/Joseph/litany9a.htm>

YOU CAN DONATE and give your weekly offering to your parish via our Parish website or the Diocesan website. Go to <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk> and you will see a yellow button at the top of the page 'On line giving'. Just click on it and follow the simple instructions. You can now also donate via the mass booking page. In both cases, please make sure you indicate your donation is for St. Georges or Holy Spirit, Derby, otherwise your donation will go to Nottingham Diocese.

Fr Alan's Reflection:

In the readings we see people introducing others to God. John the Baptist told his own disciples to look at Jesus 'the lamb of God', not himself. Similarly, Andrew, a former disciple of John the Baptist, told his brother Peter that he had 'found the Messiah', and he took Peter to meet Jesus. We needed people to introduce us to God. Similarly, Jesus commands us to introduce others to him. It's not easy introducing our family, friends, and loved ones, who may have fallen away from faith, or who have not been introduced to Jesus. Why? Many people have been introduced to, and rejected, a false idea of the Catholic Christian faith. We know people today need to know the truth that God loves them personally, and that they can have a relationship with Him. But we need to meet and create an invitational space to invite non-churchgoers to hear God calling them by name personally, we need to ensure that Mass times, worship styles, music, notice boards, newsletters, church décor, the sacramental life, everything we say and do, focus on introducing non-churchgoers to Jesus, and not just because it suits us, or because 'we've always done it this way'. Like the disciples, we need to say with authentic courage, 'we have found the Messiah', and to introduce people to him. With the pandemic and when it is over we will be facing challenging times post pandemic to encourage those who have been away to return and to welcome newcomers. Evangelisation will be very different, needs to be different but the steadfast love of our Lord remains the same for us all. "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the World". We know Jesus came to save us all.