

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 23 Jan	5.30 pm	St George's	People of the Parish
Sun 24 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Desmond Murphy RIP, 11th Anniv.
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	For Denis Allen, for good health
	6.00pm	St George's	For Michael Donovan, not well
Mon 25 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	For Margaret Freeman seriously ill in hospital.
Tue 26 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Kevin Morgan RIP
Wed 27 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Donor's intention in thanksgiving, St Anthony
Thu 28 Jan	9.30 pm	St George's	David Corcoran RIP
Fri 29 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	For the recently dead of the parish
Sat 30 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Mr. Carroll RIP
	5.30 pm	St George's	People of the Parish
Sun 31 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	For Beryl & Clive Kirton, Kim's parents, for good health
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Hernan Castrol Rey RIP, in Columbia (Angelica's father)
	6.00 pm	St George's	Dec. clergy of the diocese

RECENT DEATHS: Please pray for Rose Greene of Barley Row and Jean Booth-Isherwood of The Yews Nursing Home, Alvaston, who have died recently. We extend our sincere sympathies to their families. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.* Private family funerals will take place soon.



WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: The celebration of the World Day of the Sick takes place on 11th February 2021, the liturgical memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes, and this is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care both in healthcare institutions and within families and communities. We think in

particular of those who have suffered, and continue to suffer, the effects of the worldwide Coronavirus pandemic.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Please let 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 any Catholic needs a visit or sacramental support please leave details on my phone:

Office 01332 767038. Parish Mobile **for emergencies only** : 07968059768 or contact :

Royal Derby Hospital Chaplaincy (01332) 789500

Palliative/Cancer Care Nightingale Macmillan Unit Chaplain Tel: (01332) 783351

London Road Community Hospital Chaplaincy Tel: (01332) 78950

From Wyn & Albert Woodcock:

Wyn & Albert Woodcock, Carole & Jonathan, all wish to thank most sincerely, Father Alan for the lovely service and his support during the sad loss of our son, James; also many thanks to our dear friends and parishioners, for their prayers, Mass cards and support during this sad time. Also, Sue and all at Murray's Funeral Directors. May God bless you all.

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon 25 Jan: The Conversion of St Paul

Tues 26 Jan: SS Timothy & Titus, Bishops

Thurs 28 Jan: St Thomas Aquinas, Bishop & Doctor

PARISH GIVING & DONATIONS ONLINE

We are most grateful to all who continue giving at this time and if your circumstances allow, you can donate on line. If it's for your weekend collection, a one-off donation, or you are planning a more regular donation to the church, you can do this online through our Parish Website or by clicking on the link below. Thank you for your continued generosity. Fr Alan



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.

We remain open to celebrate the Eucharist with you all. Our representatives of the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales attended the 'Coronavirus Places of Worship Task Force Meeting'. Some of the highlights of the discussion were as follows: The safety and opening of Churches: Health professional research to date indicates that the new virus variant is as well controlled by social distancing and mitigations as the old. Further studies are taking place for a more concrete verification on this matter. It was stressed that there would be no blanket closure of places of worship but each place of worship should re-evaluate their own local situation and examine all factors that could affect the good Covid security demonstrated by places of worship so far. The officials noted that keeping Covid secure places of worship open for public worship adds no extra burden to the NHS and provides recognised benefits for the community.

COVID 19 VACCINE - LETS SEE THE BIGGER PICTURE

Both Pope Francis and ex Pope Benedict have received the first dose of the vaccine against coronavirus. The Vatican has announced they got their vaccinations as part of a Vatican vaccination programme. Nearer to home Fr Peter has already be vaccinated, I too will be receiving my vaccine next week with Fr Jude very shortly. The vaccinations will enable us all to continue with our Ministry to you, along with supporting the hospital chaplaincy team. We have all received our Vaccinations in line with the government roll out.

Pope Francis said "everyone should get a job. It is an ethical choice because you are gambling with your health, with your life, but you are also gambling with the lives of others".

It's not a cure we are getting but it is a prevention and the more of us who are prevented from getting Covid and therefore spreading it, the more of us can get back to not just existing but living.

FR ALAN'S REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS:

"Follow me, and I will make you into fishers of men."

Today we reflect on the first and most important responsibility of discipleship, namely, evangelisation, the goal of which is the proclamation of the reign of God. God seems to choose the most unlikely people to preach to others. It does not matter who brings the good news, but who receives it. Jonah the prophet was sent to outsiders, even enemies. The disciples were fishermen who spoke to the people of their own country. God's salvation is intended for all, and it seems to make little difference who brings this good news. Today's readings call for grace of God requires a life of faith and repentance. The new way of living, a commitment. The gospel invites us in to the age of fulfilment, a salvific reign of truth, compassion and kindness. It is a way of life that leads to justice.



There is an urgency in these readings. This world in its present form is passing away, and God's call demands a total response. Like the disciples, we must leave the familiarity of our former ways and follow the call that we have heard in the depths of our hearts. The reason we are baptised is to follow Jesus and catch people for him. We are called first to enter the reign of God and then spread the Good News. As ambassadors of God, we bring the good news of salvation wherever we are and in whatever we do. Called by God, we now begin to live in a totally different way, guided by the values of the reign of God rather than those of the world that is passing away. That call "Follow me, and I will make you into fishers of men." Even St. Peter did not think himself worthy to catch people. However, Jesus saw something in Peter. Like St. Peter, if you feel unworthy, Jesus may see something in you that others and even you do not. God bless. Fr Alan