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4th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 30 Jan	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)
	6.00pm	St George's	Dec. clergy of the diocese
Mon 01 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Mercy Sister's Intention (Biba's father)
Tue 02 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Wed 03 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Mattie Munro RIP (in Glasgow)
Thu 04 Feb	9.30 pm	St George's	In thanksgiving, St Anthony
Fri 05 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Recently dec. clergy of our diocese
	12 noon	St George's	Requiem, Rose Greene RIP
Sat 06 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Ray Woods RIP
	5.30 pm	St George's	Tom O'Reilly RIP
Sun 07 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Alan Mullarkey RIP, Anniv.
	6.00 pm	St George's	Michael Donovan RIP

RECENT DEATHS: Please pray for Michael Donovan RIP, Cath Crosbie's brother, and Daniel Barratt RIP, who have died recently. We extend our sincere sympathies to their families and offer our prayers. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS:



"O THAT TODAY YOU WOULD LISTEN TO HIS VOICE". Today's reading from Deuteronomy tells of a prophet to be raised up by God, a new Moses, in whose mouth God will put His words. Jesus' words are the words of God, and we may ask ourselves if we are ready to listen to them, or do we prefer just to speak ourselves. In the gospel reading Jesus' preaching makes a deep impression on those in the synagogue at Capernaum. There is power in his words, spoken to confront evil. He comes to confront the darkness in our lives too, and

to say to the death voices of our contemporary world, "be quiet!" He speaks to our addictions, our attitudes of selfish individualism, our sin. Are we ready to be healed and to be set free? The psalm says: "O that today you would listen to his voice." The choice is ours, to listen or not. Let's pray that we will have the courage to listen, and to live out his words in our lives and witness to the life-giving power of those words to a world sorely in need of witnesses.

Dear Parishioners

On behalf of the staff, pupils, families and governors of St Mary's CVA, I would like to express our huge thanks to you all. Since the fire destroyed our beautiful school in October, we have been overwhelmed by the constant outpouring of love, support and prayers. To those who generously donated books, knitted nativity sets or money, we are so very grateful. In each class, the children (and staff) loved the knitted nativity sets this Advent. I can assure you everything donated or bought with donations will be cherished, as we appreciate the love and kindness in which they have been given. We are so very fortunate to live in a community where others care and look out for one another, where we share each other's joys and sorrows. I feel very proud to be part of the St George's parish family and would like to wish you and your families a very peaceful and safe 2021. God Bless.

Amanda Greaves (Executive Headteacher of St Mary's CVA)



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

2ND COLLECTION for the Sick & Retired Priests Fund.

SAINTS THIS WEEK: *Wed 3 Feb:* St Blaise, the blessing with blessed candles will be given at a distance.

Thurs 4 Feb: St Gilbert of Sempringham. *Fri 5 Feb:* St Agatha

Sat 6 Feb: St Paul Miki & Companions



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**18+, Fancy a year with the Briars team?
Briars Team Events & Applications**

Check out the online events each week in our schedule for young people led by The Briars Team. Plus, applications for the new 2021-22 Team are now open. Contact director@ndcys.com to begin a conversation.

Churches Together in England, Web content Assistant:

Churches Together in England (CTE) is seeking to appoint an organised and efficient web content assistant for a fixed term of 25 days, over approximately 12 weeks.

25-day fixed term contract • Home-based • Living Wage (£9.50 per hour) • Start date: week commencing 22 February 2021.

An application pack can be downloaded at cte.org.uk/

Closing date: Monday 8 February 2021 at 9am

There is a Genuine Occupational Requirement for applicants to be a practising Christian.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

Face to face classes cannot take place currently and at this time we are unable to confirm when any of these classes will commence but we are provisionally looking at June/July for FHC and October for Confirmation this year. Once the current restrictions are gone and we can meet, we will be able to give a date for classes to commence. We will keep you informed.



MY PARISH APPEAL - Fr Alan:

Dear All, We have a large number of pupils and families on low income and parents on furlough that have no access to remote online learning. This can be a stark disadvantage to the education of our children. So, we are asking anyone who has an unused or old Laptop, Tablet or Phone, are you are willing to donate a device to help?

We can collect devices from your house and will adhere to all Covid restrictions and data protection. You, or we, can restore all items to factory settings to clear any personal data. Devices can be picked up from your house if you leave outside in a bag for a designated collection time, or you can bring them to church in a sealed bag. Please let us know.

If you don't have a laptop or device and still want to help, we are hoping to help buy stationary items - glue sticks, pens, pencils, colouring pens, sharpeners and child safety scissors - for low income families. You can purchase them and bring to church or let us know for collecting. Alternatively, you can make a donation. For as little as £4 we can provide a low income family with a bag of stationary for home learning. I am always immensely proud that as Catholic Christians, we seem to recognise the areas of need and respond. Any small gesture will go a long way.

Thank you, Fr Alan.