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5th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 06 Feb	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.
	6.00pm	St George's	Michael Donovan RIP
Mon 08 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Mrs J Doherty Snr, for good health
Tue 09 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	James Woodcock RIP
Wed 10 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
	11.00 am	St George's	Requiem: Jean Booth-Isherwood RIP
Thu 11 Feb	9.30 pm	St George's	John & Bessie Goodman, in thanksgiving 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
Fri 12 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Mr & Mrs J Dussroth, in thanksgiving 59 years of marriage
Sat 13 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Hughie Killackey Snr RIP, Anniversary
	5.30 pm	St George's	Mary O'Riordan RIP, B'day Memoriam
Sun 14 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Christine Meehan RIP, B'day Memoriam
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Elizabeth Callaghan RIP
	6.00 pm	St George's	People of the Parish & Clergy

### UPDATE ON FR ALAN'S PARISH LENTEN APPEAL:



Last week I launched my Parish Appeal to support low income families with home learning. I am pleased to say we have received generous donations of tablets and laptops and money. From these donations we have already purchased 80 stationary sets and art pencils and they were delivered to school last week to give that immediate support. I am going to match the money raised

from the appeal and hope to purchase five new laptops at the end of the appeal from the parish. But we shall continue with the appeal so just to remind you, we are asking anyone who has an unused or old laptop, tablet or phone that you donate to the parish school. This will support pupils and families on low income and parents on furlough that have no access to remote online learning. This is a stark disadvantage to the education of our children. We can collect them from you just let us know.

If you don't have a laptop or device and still want to help, we are buying stationary items for low income families. You can purchase items and bring to church or let us know for collecting or make a donation.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. I am always immensely proud of us 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.

**Vaccines and their roll-out in the Community and your part to play in suppressing the virus.** The Government has asked all faith communities to encourage and support the roll-out of the vaccines. Across our Diocese many Priests and parishioners have already been vaccinated and we encourage all, especially for those in the BAME community who have not received the Vaccine because of misinformation on social media, to become vaccinated. The Pope asks every Catholic community member to take up the offer of vaccines whenever it is offered to an individual. The Vaccination roll-out plan can be found at:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/951284/UK\\_COVID-19\\_vaccines\\_delivery\\_plan.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/951284/UK_COVID-19_vaccines_delivery_plan.pdf)



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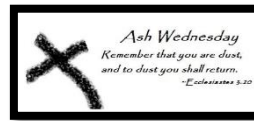
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### CONFESSIONS - SATURDAY ONLY 10:15 - 10:45.

**SAINTS THIS WEEK:** Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Feb: St Josephine Bakhita  
Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Feb: St Stastica, Virgin. Thur 11<sup>th</sup> Feb: Our Lady of Lourdes

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY - For women who are victims of violence.** Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of February sends a powerful message against the various kinds of violence against women, which he describes as the "degradation of all humanity".

### ASH WEDNESDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021



This year, Ash Wednesday falls on the 17th February. There will be two Masses with the Distribution of Ashes on this day. St Georges at 9:30am Mass and 7pm at

Holy Spirit. Both Masses will be in the shorter form, given the present restrictions. There are some changes for the Distribution of Ashes, in that the Blessed Ashes will be sprinkled over the head of the penitent without physical contact and in silence. Strict Covid 19 regulations will be followed to ensure the safety of all. If you have any questions or worries please do not hesitate to contact Fr Alan on 01332 767038 or Karan on 07968059768.

**'Walk With Me' Prayer Booklets for Lent 2021:** These little pocket sized, easy to use booklets can help keep us focussed in the daily living out of our faith as disciples of Jesus. This Lenten booklet explores the gift of prayer, alongside the great themes of Lent: conversion, transformative healing and the Paschal Mystery. It also draws inspiration from Pope Francis' latest encyclical, 'Fratelli Tutti', on fraternal love and social friendship, and his new book, 'Let Us Dream', which explores faith in light of the pandemic. If you are presently unable to attend church for Mass, but would like one of these books, contact the Office via email and we will post one to you. Limited numbers.

### FR PETER SHARES HIS THOUGHTS FOR LENT

Septuagesima, Sexagesima, Quinquagesima – older people will remember the names given to the Sundays before Lent which was known as Quadragesima (the forty days). They were removed when the Church Calendar was simplified, after the Second Vatican Council. I used to sing with my Catechism children:

*"Those three Sundays before Lent, Will prepare us to repent, That in Lent we may begin, Earnestly to mourn for sin."*  
We should now be drawing our attention to the fact that Lent is coming (it begins on February 17th), so we can put a bit more thought into how we will observe the holy season. Have you not often realised, on Shrove Tuesday evening, "Oh dear, what am I going to do for Lent this year? - I'd better give up chocolate (or whatever) as I usually do"? If we begin our preparation two weeks earlier, we can be more constructive – What do I want to achieve this Lent? To deepen my faith? To spend more time with my Bible? To get to know Jesus better? To walk more closely with Him day by day? As, Christians we have found prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to be an important part of repentance and renewal. Many Catholics now add something during Lent rather than giving up something, either to address personal habits that need work or to add some outreach to others in need. Is there some habitual fault I want to conquer? Can I give an act of love maybe a donation to a charity or appeal? We should always be ready, this Lent is our great opportunity to be so. Fr Peter

