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6th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 13 Feb	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
	6.00pm	St George's	People of the Parish & Clergy
Mon 15 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Daniel Barrett RIP
Tue 16 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Dec. members of the Toryusen family
Wed 17 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Michael Ryan, for good health
ASH WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm	Holy Spirit	Priest's own intention
Thu 18 Feb	9.30 pm	St George's	In thanksgiving to St Anthony
Fri 19 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Dec. of the Burbidge & Howe families
Sat 20 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Canon Owen O'Neill, seriously ill, retired PP Mkt Harborough
	5.30 pm	St George's	People of the Parish
Sun 21 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Rose Green RIP
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Priest's own intention
	6.00 pm	St George's	Jean Booth-Isherwood RIP

### Gospel Reflection Mark 1:40-45



Today's gospel is a sort of vision and mission statement of Jesus. It highlights the love of Jesus for us, his call, and his hope that we will bear fruit. We saw in today's reading how lepers were to be treated according to the Mosaic law. They were unclean and ostracised from society. In fact, if anyone touched a leper they would be automatically declared unclean. Jesus showed His authority over the law and over leprosy itself by cleansing this

leper. Jesus reached across the void doing the unthinkable by touching the man. Jesus' action was a response to the man's faith, for it was the leper who first reached out to Jesus and believed that Jesus could heal him. Rather than the leper making Jesus unclean, Jesus made the leper clean. All Jesus did was touch the man and say, "Be made clean," and the leprosy left him. This evidences Jesus' profound power. Yet, Jesus commanded the man to keep this miracle a secret. Why? Although Jesus was revealing Himself. Jesus did not want a riot or people to become sensationalised by His miracles. He knew that too much talk would actually hinder His ministry. We, in fact, see this as the healed ended telling everyone anyway. As a result, "it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly." Regardless, we can imitate the man's enthusiasm about sharing what Jesus has done in our own lives. Jesus brings healing to us. Encounters with Jesus never leave us the same. Let us spread with joy and enthusiasm what Jesus has done for us. As we prepare for Lent, consider what you can give up in order to be drawn closer to Jesus. Then, prayerfully choose what practice to take up to help you integrate your faith into your daily life – Fr Alan

**THE YEAR OF THE WORD CONTINUES:** Due to the pandemic, the Bishops of England and Wales decided to extend the *God Who Speaks* initiative throughout 2021. Regular resources are uploaded to [www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk).

**GRAPEVINE:** The essential bulletin for missionary disciples. Whilst we can't all meet we are still the Church. Please see more information on the Diocesan website.

### SENIOR SAFEGUARDING COORDINATOR POSITION:

The Catholic Diocese of Nottingham seeks to appoint an experienced Safeguarding Professional to lead and manage its Safeguarding Service. This is a key senior role, central to the commitment of the Bishop and the Diocese to minimise safeguarding risks, achieve excellent outcomes with and for children and vulnerable adults, and enable a protected, supportive environment. Salary: £43,800 - £47,800 dependent on qualifications and experience.

Application pack and info email: [office@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:office@dioceseofnottingham.uk)  
Closing date 28 February 2021. Interviews on Monday 8 March 2021.



### Surplus Covid:19 Petition.



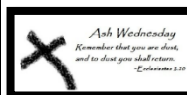
Fr David at St Albans has begun a petition to donate surplus Covid: 19 vaccines to poorer countries. So please support and sign. Share the following link amongst your contacts as although Government Ministers are discussing what to do with extra vaccines,

they've not yet committed themselves to give them to the hardest hit lowest income countries - <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/565462>

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

**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, 17TH FEBRUARY 2021



Ash Wednesday is the gateway to Lent. We have forty precious days to open ourselves up most particularly to God, to examine ourselves in the presence of one who created us, knows us, and loves us. We have forty days to face ourselves and learn to not be afraid of our sinfulness. We are dust, and to dust we shall return, but with God's grace we can learn to live this life more fully, embracing our sinfulness, allowing God to transform us. IT IS A DAY OF PRAYER, FASTING AND ABSTINENCE. MASSES ARE AT: St Georges 9:30am or at St Holy Spirit 7:00pm to begin this Holy Season. All welcome.

### 22 FEBRUARY TO 7 MARCH 2021, FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

For two weeks each year at the end of February and start of March, thousands of individuals, companies and groups across the UK come together to share the stories of the people who grow our food and drinks, mine our gold and who grow the cotton in our clothes; people who are often exploited and underpaid. 2021 Fairtrade Fortnight will feel very different. 2020 has been a hard year for everyone but you can continue to support Fairtrade through this difficult time. The global trading system is balanced in favour of the powerful few, trapped in this system, farmers already struggle to make ends meet so now more than ever do they need a fair price for their crops. This Fairtrade Fortnight you can 'Choose the World You Want' and use your voice to tell others about the challenges farmers face from climate change. For more information please visit the Fairtrade Foundation website. And don't forget for this month's shopping purchase/swop for Fairtrade items, little changes make a big difference.

**UPDATE:** I just wanted to express my immense gratitude for the wonderful donations to our Parish Lent Appeal. We have had a great response so far with such kind donations, it currently stands at £1012. We have already purchased stationery for the children working from home and it is my intention to match the appeal donations and purchase 5/6 Laptops for the children of low income families who are currently remote learning without a device. If you wish to donate, please let myself or Karan know if you wish us to collect, or you can donate via the Diocese parish giving page. Please email us to let us know so we can transfer to the appeal fund, or post through the door, or pop in the collection in a clearly marked envelope.

Donate on line <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/>



**THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT:** The time of Lent is a period of preparation for the great feast of Easter when Our Lord Jesus in His human body rose with power from the grave.

He conquered the power of sin and death and established the Resurrection. Our efforts at extra prayer and of fasting and alms giving, help us to grow more and more into the ways of Jesus Our Lord who came among humans as a loving and caring saviour. By following His inspiring words and actions, we become truly Christians in word and deed, not only for our own spiritual growth but for the benefit of those around us. God Bless. Fr Alan