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5th SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 20 Mar	5.30 pm	St George's	People of the Parish
Sun 21 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	Jana Webster RIP
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Phil Purcel for recovery from Covid
	6.00 pm	St George's	Michael Donovan RIP
Mon 22 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	Geraldine Maughan RIP Anniv. and Lally Joseph, Birthday Memoriam
Tue 23 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	Donor's Intention, St Anthony
Wed 24 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	Phil Purcel for recovery from Covid
Thu 25 Mar	9.30 pm	St George's	Mass for Gerard Smith
Fri 26 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	Dan & Mady Connors & Family, Margaret Connors RIP and Paddy & Bridget Doherty & Family
Sat 27 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	James O'Riordan RIP
	5.30 pm	St George's	Margaret Ellis RIP
Sun 28 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	Harold Dunkerley & Family RIP
PALM SUNDAY	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Priest's Intention
	6.00 pm	St George's	Michael Donovan RIP

Gospel Reading: John 12: 20-33



In John's Gospel this 5th Sunday of Lent, we are presented with a "hero" in a way which is dramatically different from what convention suggests. We begin to see Jesus at his most human, he is just like us in that he shares in the struggles of life by facing his own human struggle.

He tells us "now my soul is troubled". These are certainly not the words we expect to hear from a leader, from a hero. The things we can learn from the Gospel this weekend: we should not be afraid to live through the ups and down of our own lives; it is ok to admit that we are struggling when we are and our lowest points can become the turning points we need.

Fr Alan

CHRISM MASS: This year the Chrism Mass will be closed to the general public due to the restrictions on numbers permitted to gather for public worship during the time of the Covid-19 Pandemic, only members of the clergy have been invited to attend. The Mass will be live streamed and recorded and can be watched via the Cathedral website: stbarnabascathedral.org.uk at 11.30am.

If you will be watching the Chrism Mass via the Live Streaming and would like a copy of the Chrism Mass booklet emailing to you, please email. stbarnabasnottingham@gmail.com.

Tuesday March 23rd is to be a National Day of Reflection on the 12 months of the Covid Crisis, with a minute's silence at midday and

doorstep vigils of light at 8 pm. The Catholic Bishops Conference has called us to make it a Day of Prayer,

giving thanks for the "generosity, inventiveness, self-sacrifice and dedication" of so many public servants, scientists, health workers, community leaders, and perhaps our own family and friends who have been a support to us. We should certainly give thanks for the discovery of vaccines, and the protection that is now being offered to vulnerable people.

We are to "reflect with compassion" on all who have suffered through illness, stress, financial disaster or family tensions, and pray especially for the souls of those who have died. Jesus is "our comfort in sorrow, our strength in time of need" and our hope when facing the darkness of death. As the pandemic is controlled and we open up our lives again, we pray for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to guide our society into a better shape, more compassionate, less marked by inequalities, more responsive to needs and deprivation. "Everyone who is able to, is asked to come into church that day and pray before the Blessed Sacrament – even inviting a friend to come with us.

The message is signed by Cardinal Nichols the President and Archbishop Malcolm McMahon the Vice President of the Council of Bishops of England and Wales.



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

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, THURSDAY, 25TH MARCH:
"The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary and she conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit".

We thank God for Mary, a young woman of great faith whose consent to Almighty God brought about the life and birth of Jesus, her son, and son of God, the saviour of the world. Mass at 9.30 am. Come along and celebrate this lovely feast day of Our Lord.

PALM SUNDAY, SUNDAY 28TH MARCH:

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Palms will be blessed and available at all Masses. We remember and celebrate Jesus' joyful entry into the holy city of Jerusalem as our saviour and messiah, when the disciples and the crowd cheered and spread palm branches before Jesus, the great prophet from Galilee.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

On Palm Sunday all palms will be blessed at all Masses and palm crosses will be distributed as you leave Mass at the end as you exit by stewards wearing disposal gloves.

All Easter services for the Paschal Triduum, will be bookable from Friday 26th March onwards on the diocese booking website. If you have any problems using this booking service or if you do not have access to the internet, please contact Karan on 07968059768 during office hours 10am - 3pm.

The closing date for booking places for the Holy Week liturgies at St Georges & Holy Spirit will be the Monday of Holy Week (29th March) so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Holy Thursday Mass 01/04/2021: St. George's Church, 7 pm Holy Spirit, Sinfín, 7 pm

Good Friday Liturgy 02/04/2021: St George's, 3 pm Holy Spirit, Sinfín, 7.00pm

Stations of the Cross & Liturgy

Easter Vigil 03/04/2021: St George's Church, 5:30 pm

Easter Sunday 04/04/2021: St. George's Church, 9:30am & 6 pm

Holy Spirit, Sinfín, 11:15am

VACCINES AND THEIR ROLL-OUT IN THE COMMUNITY:

All faith communities are asked to encourage and support the roll-out of the vaccines, especially for those in the BAME community, because of misinformation on social media. There should be explicit encouragement of community members 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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021:

If you would like your Key Stage 2 child to make their First Holy Communion in late June/early July 2021, please fill out the online application form

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage>.

If your child has not been baptised, but you would still like your child to make their First Holy Communion, this can be incorporated into the programme. In the meantime, if you have any further questions, please contact Karan O'Connor at stgeorges.holyspiritderby@gmail.com

