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27th February 2022

7th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 16 Feb	5.30 pm	St George's	Tony McCandless RIP, 21st anniv.
Sun 27 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Tessie Baker RIP
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Holy Souls in Purgatory and priests, living and deceased.
	6.00 pm	St George's	Rev Gabriel Leyden, birthday thanksgiving.
Mon 28 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Tue 01 Mar	9.30 am	St George	Margaret Holyoak RIP
Wed 02 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	In thanksgiving, St Anthony of Padua
ASH WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm	Holy Spirit	Priest's own intention
Thu 03 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	Gordon Addison RIP
Fri 04 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	Holy Souls, especially those with no one to pray for them.
Sat 05 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	June Harrison RIP (benefactress of St George's)
	5.30 pm	St George's	Annie McCandless RIP, 20th Anniv.
Sun 06 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	Tom Farrell RIP, 9th Anniv.
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Holy Souls in Purgatory & donor's intention
	6.00 pm	St George's	People of the parish and clergy

### GOSPEL REFLECTION:



Luke: 6 - It can be a common weakness in us to judge our neighbour while not recognising our own faults and need of God's mercy. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks us to gaze at others as kindly as he does. God sees each of us from the inside. He sees us with a generous and compassionate gaze and does not despise or condemn us for our shortcomings and failings. We pray for humility and for a deeper capacity to perceive God's presence and action around us, we ask our Lord to make us more aware of our own inadequacies, so that we may become gentle in dealing with others.

### MEN AND WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREATS

The Diocese is organising a retreat for women on Saturday 12th March (at the Doubletree by Hilton, Nottingham) and a retreat for men on Sat 19th March (at the Briars in Crich). The



women's retreat will be led by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and will be focused on 'Make the tent you live in larger; lengthen its ropes and strengthen the pegs!' how we live out our faith in all areas of our lives and the people we interact with. The men's retreat will involve an input from Fr David and will take as its theme: 'Friendship with Christ & Friendship in Christ' exploring how we can grow in friendship and fraternity.

For more info and to book email: [adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk)



### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022

This year's World Day of Prayer on Friday 4th March at 11am is being hosted by St Hugh's at Borrowwash. The theme this year is also focussed on the UK and Northern Ireland. The service is non-denominational

and followed by all throughout the world so truly joining the world in prayers. Following the event refreshments will be available in the parish hall.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Parents meeting March 14th at St. George's VA School, Uplands Ave, Littleover, at 5:30 pm. Our first class for FHC preparation will begin on March 19th at 8:45 am with registration and enrolment after Easter on Saturday 30th. Forms are available on our website. Candidates begin from year 3. Mass of 1st Holy Communion will take place on Sat/Sun 14/15 May at 11:30 am at St. George's Church.

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT "Choose The World You Want" runs until 6th March:** You can help. Buying Fairtrade is easy. There are over 6,000 Fairtrade products from coffee and tea to flowers and gold, so when you shop, look for the FAIRTRADE mark.

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

### SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Tues 1st Mar: St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales

Fri 4th Mar: St Casimir

**A RECENT DEATH:** Please pray for Betty Cox who has died recently. Requiem Mass at St George's, 10.45 am Friday, 25th March. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

### Funeral details:

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Grace (Tessie) Baker will take place on Friday 11 March 2022 at 10am at St Hugh's, Borrowwash. May she rest in peace.



### ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. But why are we ashed in church on Ash Wednesday? Ashes make us appreciate our mortality. Since the Fall we are reminded that 'you are dust and to dust you shall return' (Gen 3:19). Ashes are associated with repentance as Job 'repents in dust and ashes' (Job 42:6) when the

people of God were entering into an intense time of prayer in the Book of Maccabees 'they fasted that day, put on sackcloth and sprinkled ashes on their heads and tore their clothes' (1 Maccabees 3:47). The Biblical custom of ashing as a symbol of entering a time of prayer and fasting recognises that we are human beings with physical bodies. Ash Wednesday with its ashing, prayer and fasting physically unites us to what we strive to do spiritually throughout Lent.

Ash Wednesday is where we begin our annual journey through the wilderness as the holy season of Lent. Lent offers us all an opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, the way of intentional discipleship, which began with our baptism. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.

The Lenten works of prayer, fasting and almsgiving strengthen our resolve for discipleship and help lift the veil of selfishness from our eyes. (Intentional) Discipleship is the call of all the baptised. We are called to grow in holiness and bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to others through our daily lives. We can only truly do this by encountering our God who waits for us in the wilderness of our Lenten journey. The words of Ash Wednesday "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return" remind us that one day we will be called to give an account of discipleship. The cross the ashes make show that we are marked and chosen, each one by name. Our parish almsgiving in the form of the Lenten Alms will again be dedicated to continue the work of Mary's Meals and the Derby Deanery Refugee Settlement Project.

**LENT EXTRA:** Available now at the back of the Church. £1 donation will highly be appreciated to cover the cost. Please take a booklet and one for your friend too.

**LENTEN WALK WITH ME booklet:** Lovely daily reflections to support your Lenten journey available at the back of church. £1 donation please.

**FAMILY FAST DAY is on Friday 11 March:** Join in Family Fast Day with your parish, friends and family so that more children can grow up big and strong. By eating simply and giving what you save in your CAFOD envelope, you'll be making a place at your table for hungry children this Lent. Because no child should ever go hungry.