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4th SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 13 Mar	5.30 pm	St George's	Tom O'Reilly RIP
Sun 14 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	Josie Murphy RIP (19th Anniv)
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Priest's own intention
	6.00 pm	St George's	The living and dead of the Doherty Family (Hilton)
Mon 15 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	Peter Judson RIP. Anniv.
Tue 16 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	Maureen McAleavey RIP, C & M McAleavey & J A Power
Wed 17 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	Kizhakkekara Thomas RIP, 27th Anniv.
Thu 18 Mar	9.30 pm	St George's	Sp.Int. Kems Donovan
Fri 19 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	Robert Nolan RIP
Sat 20 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	For June Prosser (seriously ill)
	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

Gospel Reflection: John 3:16; "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" is probably the most well-known verse of the Bible in our society today. Chances are you have heard this verse many times before. But like anything that is very common, it can easily lose its depth of meaning in our lives. Why is this verse so famous? Because it encapsulates everything that is at the core of the Christian message. First,



God loves us! He created us out of love and He desires to be in a personal relationship with us. Second, we have broken our relationship with God through sin. By disobeying and not trusting God, we stand condemned, remaining in the darkness that sin brings. Third, God did not want to leave us in that dark, distant place we got ourselves into. Rather, He has provided us with a solution by sending His only Son, Jesus Christ, who is fully God and fully man. Why did Jesus come? He came to offer us salvation. He brought light into the darkness of sin and, therefore, overcame it. Without Jesus, we stand condemned and deserve eternal separation from God. But in Jesus we can have eternal life. Therefore, let us trust in Him and pursue the light He offers, turning from the darkness of sin, so that we "might not perish but might have eternal life."
Fr Alan

MY PARISH APPEAL



Dear all, the Lenten Appeal is going well and will close on 21st March. Thank you to all those that have so generously donated. If you still wish to give a donation, you can place in an envelope marked clearly "School Appeal" and place in the collection plates or post through my door, and through the Diocese Website Parish giving page - please again ref "School Appeal" and email the office just to let us know. We have already given the school all the donated stationary and tablets etc. We have also met with the staff and have a wish list we are hoping to fulfil with the monetary donations. I want to express my gratitude to you for supporting my Lenten Appeal. I am always immensely proud of us as Catholic Christians; we seem to recognise the areas of need and respond. A small gesture will always go a long way. Thank you.
Fr Alan

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021: The application is now open to all Key Stage 2 (7+) parents for families wishing their KS2 children to make their First Holy Communion in 26th June 2021 (lockdown fully lifted 21st June). Classes will begin in May and will adhere to Covid - restrictions. 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 at tgeorges.holyspiritderby@gmail.com or telephone 07968059768 for more information.



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

SAINTS THIS WEEK: Wed 17th Mar: 9.30 am St Patrick's Day
Fri 19th Mar: 9.30 am St Joseph, husband of Mary.

ST JOSEPH: 150 years ago St Joseph was declared Patron of the Universal Church. This year is the Year of St Joseph and we are requested to pray often for his intercession. In recent times his name has been included in the Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass. He has had his own feast day, 19th March, from earliest times and May 1st in recent times was dedicated to St Joseph the Worker.

BISHOP PATRICK'S LENT TALKS:

You are invited to join Bishop Patrick and people from across the diocese this Lent in reflecting on our relationship with God. To be a disciple of Jesus means to know and love him, but to also know we are known and loved by him too. Bishop Patrick will give two talks, on Zoom, exploring God's love for us and how we can respond to it. Knowing the Love of God (understanding our identity as God's sons and daughters) on Thursday 25th March at 7pm.

Each talk will include an input from Bishop Patrick, a time for questions and answers and small group discussion. You can register for one or both talks on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk

THE 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT - FR. PETER SHARES HIS

THOUGHTS WITH US: Today is sometimes known as Mid-Lent, or Refreshment Sunday, Laetare (the first word of the Latin Introit), or as we call it, MOTHERING SUNDAY.

It is not the same as Mother's Day which is observed in the USA on the second Sunday in May and has quite a different meaning and purpose (see below). In fact Mothering Sunday was not originally about Mum at all. It is was all about Mother Church, because the Epistle in the old Latin Missal included the words "Jerusalem above is the Mother of us all". In the late middle ages the people of outlying churches to the Cathedral or the district to make a happy festive clergy and acolytes members of guilds banners. Servants were given the day off to go home and join in, so this is where it did have a family dimension. There is a lovely little poem by Robert Herrick to his lady love:



went in procession principal church of their offerings. It was occasion led by cross, and lights and carrying their and apprentices

"I'll to thee a simnel bring, 'gainst thou fo a-mothering, so that when she blesseth thee, half that blessing thou'll give me." A "simnel" was a cake. The recipe varied in different parts of the country. Nowadays it is always rich fruit cake baked with a layer of marzipan in the middle and a plain ring of marzipan round the top. Simnel cakes are also made for Easter when they will have balls of marzipan on top representing the Risen Lord with His disciples. Cromwell and the Puritans would not have appreciated these celebrations, so Mothering Sunday was neglected in later centuries until it was revived in the 29th century with an emphasis on our Baptism and the Church family.

By contrast, the American Mother's Day came into being as a result of several different movements in the late 1800s, calling for recognition of the part women played in working for pacifism and disarmament, or health and cleanliness. People laughed at the idea but eventually in 1917 President Woodrow Wyatt fixed the day on the second Sunday in May and made it a public holiday. Sadly, commercial interests have blurred the distinction but Catholics should be quite clear we are honouring our Mother Church first - and then our mothers ...who taught us to pray and nurtured our faith. (Didn't they?).
Fr Peter