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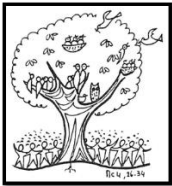
11th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 12 June	5.30 pm	St George's	Michael Donovan RIP
Sun 13 June	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish & Clergy
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Holy souls in purgatory and the donor's intention
	6.00 pm	St George's	The recently dead of the parish
Mon 14 June	9.30 am	St George's	Catherine (Kitty) McNulty, 31 st Anniv.
Tue 15 June	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Wed 16 June	9.30 am	St George's	Recently deceased clergy of the diocese, especially Fr James Early RIP and Canon Owen O'Neill RIP
Thu 17 June	9.30 am	St George's	In thanksgiving St Anthony of Padua
Fri 18 June	9.30 am	St George's	Mr & Mrs H Dunkerley RIP & Mr Addison RIP
Sat 19 June	9.30 am	St George's	Margaret Berry RIP (in Scotland in May)
	5.30 pm	St George's	Trevor McCandless RIP, 10 th Anniv.
Sun 20 June	9.30 am	St George's	Teresa Beck RIP
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Patricia Brown RIP
	6.00 pm	St George's	People of the Parish & Clergy

GOSPEL REFLECTION Mark 4 26-34

"To what shall we compare the Kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants..."



It is amazing to think about. This tiny mustard seed has so much potential. That little seed has within it the potential to become the largest of plants, a source of food, and a dwelling place for the birds of the air.

Perhaps this example that Jesus uses does not impress us as much as it should because we know that all plants begin with a seed. But try to think about this wonder of the

physical world. Try to think about how so much potential is packed into that little seed.

This reality reveals the fact that Jesus wants to use each one of us for the building up of His Kingdom. We may feel as though we cannot do much, that we are not as gifted as others, that we will not be able to make much of a difference, but that's not true. The truth is that each one of us is packed with unbelievable potential that God wants to bring to fruition. He wants to bring forth from our lives our talents to enrich the world. All we must do is allow Him to work. Like a seed, we must allow ourselves to be planted in the fertile soil of love and mercy through faith and surrender to His will. We must be watered by daily prayer and allow the rays of the Son of God to shine on us so that He can bring forth from us all that He desires and has planned from the foundation of the world.

So today we can reflect, upon the incredible potential that God has placed within your soul. He made you with the intention to bring forth His Kingdom through you and to do so in an abundant way. It is your responsibility to simply believe this and to allow God to do what He desires to do in your life. Amen

PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT: It is good that the G7 group of wealthy nations is meeting at Cardiff. Let us hope and pray that this meeting will help to bring peace to many areas of the world where there is serious conflict. Writing in the "White Fathers, Missionaries of Africa" magazine, Belito Jose Joaquim, a third-year student from Mozambique speaks of terrorism in his country. The conflict is particularly violent in the northern province of Cabo-Delgado, which has large reserves of gas and makes Mozambique the third largest exporters of liquefied natural gas in Africa. There are attacks by various Islamic forces such as ISIS. Many thousands of people have fled for their lives. The Pope has urged the world not to forget Mozambique. A similar sad account could be given for many other countries. Let us double our prayers of peace.

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY ONLY: 10:15 – 10:45

'Day for Life' (19/20 June 2021) - 'Day for Life' collection which is to be held on next weekend on 19/20 June.



In 2020 we were unable to hold the annual 'Day for Life' collection because of the pandemic, and so the funds are very much depleted. This fund is used to support 'Pro-Life' organisations who raise awareness and who engage in parliamentary work and pastoral

outreach. The Nottingham Pro-life group have benefitted from a grant to support their work. But, in addition, we are also now faced, as you know, with the very real threat of the legalisation of 'assisted suicide' in our country. There is already a Private Members Bill in the House of Lords. Financial resources will be needed to resist this. Your donations are great fully received.

REVOLUTION OF TENDERNESS:

As we emerge from lockdown into the 'new normal', God is calling each of us afresh. The diocese is offering a series of initiatives and events inspired by Pope Francis called Revolution of Tenderness, to help us answer that call. The invitation comes from Caritas, the new diocesan network supporting social action,

- *Prepare the Future:* Practical workshop on 2nd June and regularly thereafter, to help parish activities and outreach start up again.
- *Kindle the Fire:* Online prayer for the eve of Pentecost to mark the launch of Caritas.
- *Lend an Ear:* A diocesan listening campaign to rebuild social friendship and understanding after the pandemic.
- *The Word and the Common Good:* Workshops on Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching on Monday evenings in June and July. Everyone is welcome - visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/revolution-of-tenderness for ways to join in.



COMPLETE THE SURVEY: How has Covid-19 Affected You and Your Faith? Bishop Patrick would like to hear from you! The Diocese of Nottingham has launched a short survey in order to deepen its understanding of Covid-19's impact on

all Catholics across the diocese. Bishop Patrick is eager to know more about peoples' experiences of the pandemic, with a view to ensuring that the faithful are well supported and understood in the years ahead. Please visit:

<https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/whats-on/news/share-your-story-how-has-covid-19-affected-you-and-your-faith>

and fill out the short questionnaire. Please encourage other parishioners to do so.

The deadline for submissions is July 4th 2021.

STATEMENT ON THE MARRIAGE OF BORIS JOHNSON AND CARRIE SYMONDS FROM WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL:

On Saturday 29 May, the wedding of Carrie Symonds and Boris Johnson took place in Westminster Cathedral. The bride and groom are both parishioners of the Westminster Cathedral parish and baptised Catholics.

It is not appropriate to comment on the personal circumstances or disposition of this couple, other than to confirm that this marriage took place in full accordance with the requirements of the Church. These requirements, rather than sentiment, must guide action. No privileges or exceptions were afforded to this couple, other than the closure of the Cathedral for security reasons.