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4th July 2021

14th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 03 July	5.30 pm	St George's	Mary O'Neill RIP, Anniversary
Sun 04 July	9.30 am	St George's	The Treanor & Kelly Families (RIP)
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Stanley Brown RIP
	6.00 pm	St George's	People of the parish & clergy
Mon 05 July	9.30 am	St George's	Marko Tominac RIP & Diane RIP
Tue 06 July	9.30 am	St George's	Pauline Ryan (deceased)
Wed 07 July	9.30 am	St George's	For the living and dead of the Gadsby and Eadie families
Thu 08 July	9.30 am	St George's	Eucharistic Service
Fri 09 July	9.30 am	St George's	Eucharistic Service
Sat 10 July	9.30 am	St George's	Holy Souls in Purgatory and the deceased members of the friends of suffering souls
	5.30 pm	St George's	Priest's own intention
Sun 11 July	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish & Clergy
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Anna Hall RIP
	6.00 pm	St George's	Donor's intention, St Anthony

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Mark 6 1-6



This gospel reading gives us an account of the visit of Jesus to his 'home town', which we know to be Nazareth. Just as he has already done in Capernaum here too he teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. But the reaction of the townspeople is not positive. How can this local man be gifted with so many fine qualities? They are determined to find fault with his wisdom

and with his actions

They go on to speak of his family. They know his mother, and his trade. His humble origins should rule out anything special. 'And they would not accept him' The sense of the Greek word used here suggests they were determined to find excuses for not accepting him. There are two problems here. The first is that Jesus has not had the formal training required for rabbis. He lacks the credentials expected of a teacher. The second is that Jerusalem scribes have begun to spread malicious rumours about him. Mark's Gospel tells us they asked: 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him and these miracles that are worked through him? We also learn his own would not accept him

This passage is important in the unfolding drama of the gospel. It was not only the religious and political leaders who were against Jesus. Jesus quotes what seems to be a common proverb: 'A prophet is only despised in his own home.' The healing work of Jesus is not forced on those who do not wish to receive it, and who are not open to the new deeds the Lord is doing.

Here was the ordinary man, who was going to work every day, and now taking on the role of preacher and prophet. We too are ordinary people, living within our families, going about our daily work. Nothing divine about that – or maybe it's one of the most divine things we can do! Work and family bring us close to God who is working all the time and who is loving all the time.

How might you see God today – creation, love, silence, care? A new baby in the family – God's creation of new life with us, or someone who is very ill but in weakness of the body but is also finding peace in the prospect of heaven...that is God at work. God is around in the depth moments of life.

What does this gospel make of Jesus? He makes sense of our lives with us and for us, teaching and healing with compassion and love. We do not know him fully, we don't know all he said, but we can live by the echo of his words.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptism Preparation: Please note that you will need to phone Karan on 07968059768 or complete the application form from the website and email to the Parish Office.

First Holy Communion 2021: The programme for 2021 is now closed.

Confirmation: Will be taking place in November. Those who previously applied, we have all your details. Anyone else wishing to apply, please email the parish office with your interest.



SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY for the Apostleship of the Sea.

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

Continued regulations on social distancing in view of increasing infections in our local area: As was expected, the date for ending the restrictions on social distancing and full re-opening of the hospitality industry has been put back by 4 weeks. With the number of infections steadily rising in Derby, and increasing even more significantly in other places, this is sensible, even though a disappointment to many. We are still able to open the church. However, it remains of the greatest importance that the church is a place of safety from the COVID virus, and it is the responsibility of everyone to adhere to government regulations and maintain the safety of everyone as well as themselves in church. Please use the hand sanitiser on entering the church and keep to the distancing system 'Bubbles' and households may sit together, but there should be at least 1 metre distance separating those not in the same 'bubble' or household. Stewards will continue to act as welcomers for Mass, and will ensure the church is cleaned after Mass. We must all keep the church safe. **Face masks:** Wearing face masks is compulsory in churches and you should wear one if you can. Stewards are not responsible for policing this, but may remind you.

Track and Trace



The government have now released their app to support track and trace and we have a QR code which can be scanned to record your presence at church. This is not obligatory, but should help in the important task of controlling and tracking the spread of the virus. As responsible members of society, we should try and comply with this request.



JOURNEY OF FAITH: We are now looking ahead to this coming autumn's Journey of Faith Programme and invite any adult non-Catholic or non-

Christian, or Catholic adult who has not received the Sacraments, or is interested knowing more about the Catholic Church and perhaps becoming a member, to contact the Parish Office at stgeorges.holyspiritderby@gmail.com

RENEWING THE FACE OF THE EARTH ~ A practical workshop for anyone interested in promoting Care of Creation, on Tuesday 6th July, 7.00pm - 8.30pm. When it comes to action on climate change, every parish is part of the 'race to net-zero'. Would you like to help our parish, diocese and the wider Church in taking up the environmental challenges of our time? Caritas is seeking to develop a network of parish representatives to help promote care for the environment across the diocese. Join this conversational workshop on Zoom to explore what being a parish eco-representative could mean, and opportunities coming up this autumn to enable the parish to 'preach Good News to all Creation'. Bookings must be made in advance: bit.ly/renewtheearth to register

THE COMMON GOOD AND THE FAMILY 13th July from 6.30pm – 8pm – Event 2

The focus of much of social and economic policy and rights-based rhetoric is the individual. However, we all grow up in and belong in families. That is so, even if families come in all shapes and sizes and are sometimes fragile and face immense challenges. But there is evidence that the focus on the individual can create conditions that weaken family life. It is the family in which we are formed, it is where we learn to share resources, reconcile collective goals with our unique individuality, grow up and then assist the older generation, returning the love and service we received as children. The family is the fundamental unit of socialisation and the foundation upon which the common good is built. Drawing on the first event and acting as a precursor to the two subsequent events in the series, the panel will consider what needs to happen in civil society and public policy to create the conditions in which the family can fulfil its critical role. For further details and to book, please visit http://bit.ly/CommonGood_series2021