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**11th July 2021**

**SEA SUNDAY – PRAYERS FOR SEAFARERS**

**15th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

Sat 10 July	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
Mon 12 July	9.30 am	St George's	Dave Johnston for good health
Tue 13 July	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Wed 14 July	9.30 am	St George's	Betty Gilligan for good health
Thu 15 July	9.30 am	St George's	Donor's Intention, St Anthony
Fri 16 July	9.30 am	St George's	Holy Souls and donor's intention
Sat 17 July	9.30 am	St George's	Teresa Beck RIP
	5.30 pm	St George's	People of the Parish & Clergy
Sun 18 July	9.30 am	St George's	Fr Alan in thanksgiving for 50 years of priesthood.
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Hazel Butler RIP
	6.00 pm	St George's	Rev. Peter Peterken for good health



**GOSPEL REFLECTION:** After the rejection in Nazareth by his own people, Jesus went to other places to preach. Today we read how he sent out his closest friends, the Twelve, with special instructions and powers. Like Jesus, the apostles were to go out preaching and teaching the Good News. They too, like their Lord and the prophet Amos in today's First Reading, will face rejection. Jesus gave them detailed instructions as to

what to carry and how long to stay in any given place. These were indications for the early Christians of the need to move quickly and urgently. We find a strong connection between these instructions and the ones given by God to the Israelites before they fled Egypt. The notion of traveling light, or to "take nothing for the journey," rather than being a burden makes the traveling easier. There is no need to carry heavy things; trust in God is enough.

From the Gospel we can read the disciples should not place their trust in "what" they bring to the mission, but on "who" they proclaim. It also tells us there is an urgency in the proclamation of the Good News. We know from the bible that Jesus and his followers lived on the margins of society, always on the edge of rejection. We could ask ourselves and reflect on the following.

Do I welcome into my life the people who live in the margins of today's society? Do they walk away from me "shaking the dust off their feet" because I do not welcome them? Am I putting all my trust in the "baggage" that I have collected throughout my life instead of traveling light, trusting in God. The translation for Apostle is "send out" we all can send out the Gospel message by living his word and spreading the Good News.

**FR. ALAN – 50 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD**

I was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Nottingham by Bishop Edward Ellis on Saturday, 17th July 1971. I had completed six years of training and study in St Mary's College, Oscott, near Sutton Coldfield.

On Saturday, 17th July 2021, I will celebrate Mass in my original parish of Our Lady of Victories, Market Harborough, in thanksgiving for 50 years of priestly ministry. This will be followed by lunch with family and friends in the town, with numbers limited to 30 as COVID restrictions apply. I will then be with parishioners at St George's and Holy Spirit for the Saturday and Sunday Masses.

In my time as a priest I have served in Chesterfield, Crich and Wirksworth, St Mary's Derby, Broadbottom and Charlesworth, near Glossop, overseas in Livingstone, Zambia and then, since 1992, in St George's and Holy Spirit, Derby. As long as my health holds, I hope to continue to serve this parish with the Bishop's blessing.

I thank God for all the great Christians, priests and people I have journeyed with over the years and especially in St George's and Holy Spirit for the last 29 years.

Today is Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris, the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency) or Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. For an appeal talk from Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/Sea Sunday](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/Sea Sunday). Donations are vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. If you would like to donate, please visit the website or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5.00.



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

**2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend for the Apostleship of the Sea.**

**SAINTS THIS WEEK:**

**Thurs, 15 July:** St Bonaventure Bishop & Doctor of the Church.

**Fri 16 July:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel

**STAY SAFE.**

**KEEP WELL.**

There can be no doubt that the COVID-19 pandemic has challenged churches and communities to work in new ways. Our Churches have risen to the challenge, many developing online presence and worship, as well as

supporting communities practically and prayerfully over the period. With the hope of a better day as different vaccines continue to be rolled out, it is important that worshippers begin thinking about how they might reshape their life together, during and beyond this pandemic.

What we are expecting from the Government's announcement next week is a total relaxing and removal of all Covid regulations. The Government have decided we need to live with the virus, the virologists are somewhat still cautious. The Nottingham Diocese has been excellent in supporting our openings with risk assessments and ongoing guidance. We know at parish level we need to look at our own situation and the local landscape where we live. I have at St. George's and Holy Spirit, following a risk assessment and speaking to parishioners, decided what might be best practice for communal worship, prayer meetings and bible studies, weddings, funeral and baptisms, if the proposals go ahead. I will update our guidance as and when the government change theirs, to reflect the dynamic nature of the pandemic. The pandemic is not over – so with this in mind we have our own road map for our Parish; the following will be proposed if all restrictions are lifted:

**Face Masks:** I encourage you all to continue to wear a face mask if you can but this is not compulsory.

**Hand sanitation:** Please continue to sanitise hands on entry. This will no longer take place before receiving Communion.

**Capacity & Numbers** will increase as we remove the 2 mtr distancing rule but the number of seats and capacity will not be at full capacity at present.

<b>Tea &amp; Coffee after Mass will not be resumed</b>	)	<b>To be</b>
<b>Children's Church will not be resumed</b>	)	<b>reviewed</b>
<b>No Singing in church.</b>	)	<b>again on</b>
<b>Mass will remain short and simple.</b>	)	<b>15 August</b>
<b>No prayer groups.</b>	)	

**Communion** will continue in the present form. You will stand for Communion but remain in your place (this will be reviewed regularly).

**Sanitising and cleaning after each Mass** will continue.

My hope as your parish priest is that we will return to all worship activities as soon as possible, but my concern from the feedback from many parishioners is that we take things slowly and we will. I shall be looking at the infection rates locally and will continue to review the constraints in place. I hope you understand why we are not throwing caution to the wind and hoping everything will be ok. We have many elderly and vulnerable people in our churches, myself entering my 80th year shortly. We all need to stay safe and well. God bless, Fr Alan

**Ask your MP to vote against abortion up to birth:** See Parish website for further information. Right To Life UK launched an easy-to-use tool for you to send an email to your MP asking them to vote against the motion.