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16th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 17 July	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
Mon 19 July	9.30 am	St George's	In thanksgiving to St Anthony
Tue 20 July	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Wed 21 July	9.30 am	St George's	Emilia Drenik for good health
Thu 22 July	9.30 am	St George's	The Sisters of Mercy, Derby, for good health
Fri 23 July	9.30 am	St George's	For parishioners recovering from surgery and serious illness
Sat 24 July	9.30 am	St George's	Hilary Crosbie, for good health
	5.30 pm	St George's	Michael Donovan RIP
Sun 25 July	9.30 am	St George's	People of the parish & clergy
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Johnson Fund benefactors
	6.00 pm	St George's	The Dunkerley family, living and dead

Canon Alan Burbidge 50 years a Priest

As we are unable to come together and celebrate in the usual way, I have a small gift of a Prayer Card and cake for each of you attending Mass over the weekend. Please accept these with my best wishes as I reflect on my happy years with you, my parishioners of St Georges and Holy Spirit.



Gospel Reflection: So Jesus and his disciples take off in a boat to a solitary place where they will be left to themselves. Or that is what they thought. But the people saw them leaving and had a good idea where they were headed. While Jesus and his disciples crossed the lake in a boat, the people hurried along the lakeshore. When Jesus stepped out of the boat, he was faced by a huge crowd. Jesus quickly decides that this is a time for availability. He is deeply moved by the people's need, they were like lost sheep in need of a shepherd's guidance. The people coming out to a desert place, echoes the people of Israel in their wanderings. Here Jesus is the Shepherd of the New Israel. So he begins to teach them. Their first hunger was spiritual. They needed to understand what Jesus stood for and why he did the things he did. There is a eucharistic connection here and in what follows (the multiplication of loaves), and the teaching corresponds to what we now call the Liturgy of the Word during the Eucharist.

The story illustrates well the balance in Jesus' life. As he did himself, he urges his disciples to retire and reflect on the meaning of what they are doing. Otherwise they may become active for activity's sake or for other less worthy motives. At the same time, in this particular situation, Jesus sees that a response is called for. The day of reflection is abandoned and the people in their great need are served. Let us learn, through careful discernment, to do likewise.

So far, we've learned that we need to pay attention to interruptions, because that's where God often shows up. But sometimes we have to really look for God in order to see God at work. And we have also been reminded to depend completely on God's provision for us, if we want our lives to be fruitful.

PARISH MOVES: Fr Jonathan Rose: At the end of August, Fr Jonathan will become the Parish Priest of St. Mary the Immaculate, Grantham. Fr Jonathan began his ministry as an Assistant Priest at the Cathedral and also at St Augustine's, and for the last five years has been the Bishop's Private Secretary.

Other Clergy moves:

Fr Dominic O'Connor is now Parish Priest of St. Mary's Boston.

Canon George Woodall will become Parish Priest of Sacred Heart, Skegness, and Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Spilsby, near the beginning of August.

Fr. Limnyuy Gamsi will be Assistant Priest serving St. Bernadette's, Scunthorpe, Holy Souls', Scunthorpe, St. Norbert's, Crowle, and St. Thomas of Canterbury, Gainsborough, near the end of September.

Fr. Liam Carpenter will be Assistant Priest serving St. Augustine's, Sacred Heart, and Our Lady and St. Edward's, Nottingham, in early September, as well as Assistant Vocations Director.

Fr. Marc Besana will replace Fr Paul Smith as Assistant Priest in St. Philip Neri, Mansfield and associated parishes in early September. Fr Paul is to serve for 3 years in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle to be near his family, and he leaves in early September.

Fr Alex Adkins and Canon Jonathan Cotton will both be retiring in early September and we wish them both a long and fruitful time in their retirement and a well-earned rest.

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

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Wed, 21st July: St Laurence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the church.

Thurs, 22nd July: St Mary Magdalene (Feast)

Fri, 23rd July: St Bridget of Sweden, Religious and Patron of Europe (Feast)

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 worshipers 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.

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

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



A LITTLE TIME TO SPARE ? PACT – Helpline Volunteer Role

Pact is a Catholic charity and their Prisoners' Families Helpline are currently seeking to recruit more helpline volunteers. The role is being offered nationally and can be carried out remotely. For more details or to apply, please make contact with David Bruccoleri, Programme Manager (Helpline and Befriending), Pact mobile: 07704 550 680 or email: David.bruccoleri@prisonadvice.org.uk