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17th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 24 July	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
Mon 26 July	9.30 am	St George's	Johnson Fund benefactors
Tue 27 July	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Wed 28 July	9.30 am	St George's	The Purcell family, living & deceased
Thu 29 July	9.30 am	St George's	Donor's intention in thanksgiving to St Anthony
Fri 30 July	9.30 am	St George's	Diamond & Golden Jubilarian clergy of the Nottingham diocese.
Sat 31 July	9.30 am	St George's	
	5.30 pm	St George's	Tom O'Reilly RIP
Sun 01 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish & Clergy
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Patricia Brown RIP
	6.00 pm	St George's	The Doherty family, living & dead

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: Gospel, John 6 1:15



This is the only miracle found in all four gospels, which means it is an exceptional event with meaning that goes much deeper than the extraordinary feeding of those thousands. In the gospel of John, Jesus is the one who explains in great detail what this sign means. John, the evangelist links the miracle with the mission of Jesus and the Eucharist: he uses the same verbs we later find in the institution of the Eucharist - Jesus took the bread, gave thanks and gave the bread to the people inviting them to take

as much as they needed.

Jesus once said that he came so that we may have life in abundance, and this is so evident in this miracle. Everybody ate as much as they wanted, and there were twelve baskets of leftovers, much more than the amount they started with. This reminds us to consider how God in Jesus is generous beyond our imagination. Jesus reveals the God of abundance, but notice that the focus is on the poor and the needy, not on making rich people richer. Jesus needs our help in caring for those at the bottom of our society. We can care for those whom have the least. That is what identifies us as Christians. God bless, Fr Alan.

50th Jubilee Celebrations - Thank you

Fr Alan's recent celebration of his Golden Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood may not have been the weekend that we had originally planned for within the Parish, but even under Covid restrictions, it was celebrated!

Fr. Alan expresses his warmest thanks to all who sent messages of celebration and appreciation for the gifts received. He feels humbled at the lengths to which so many went to mark the day.

It meant so much for Fr Alan to be able to celebrate with so many through the Mass of Thanksgiving.

A Papal Blessing was received from Pope Francis to mark the occasion. In his own message to Fr Alan, Bishop Patrick was warm in his appreciation for a 'most generous service to the Diocese'; expressing a 'thanksgiving that the Lord has brought you to this day' and 'gratitude for your faithful ministry'.

My thanks to those individuals that gave their time to help me prepare for his wonderful weekend. Karan.

I want to take this opportunity to express my thanks to Mrs Snowdon Poole and the staff at St. Georges Academy who broke up on Friday to take a well-



deserved summer break. This year they have faced so many challenges but have overcome them all to deliver some fantastic results once again. I also wish our Year 6 leavers a heartfelt goodbye. Even though we may have sorrow in our hearts or anxiety in our minds, let us allow the presence of Jesus to fill us even more with his love. As the words of the bible reminds us, "we conquer overwhelmingly through Jesus who loved us." And so we can end by saying, "Thanks be to God". As you leave our school, we all wish you well, we'll miss you.

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

SAINTS THIS WEEK :

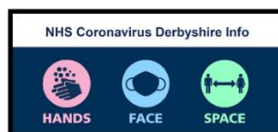
Mon 26 July: Sts Joachim & Anne, parents of Our Lady

Fri 30 July: St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Sat 31 July: St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest & Founder of the Jesuits

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for Day for Life. This collection supports the work of our Bishops' Conference, promoting the sanctity of life from conception to its natural end. They do this by using all means of communication and supporting Life groups and life issues.

OPENING UP AGAIN – THE CHALLENGE



We are all seeing the start of life returning to some kind of normality. The Government have decided that we need to get on with life and live with the virus. This decision does not

come without costs and sadly that may be human costs, our hospitals are once again filling up with Covid cases and we pray for all those affected, but as the case numbers diminish we will see the new freedom slowly reflected in our parish life. We will no longer need to sign-in when we attend Mass, but there are still some aspects of the restrictions which will continue to remain for a few months, so we will still need to maintain the practices of face coverings and hand sanitising, especially as the Delta variant is keeping infections very high in the City of Derby and the UK at the moment. Hopefully towards the end of the month, we will receive further confirmation from the Bishop's Conference as to what other measures we can start to implement. Please remember we do have a legal obligation under Health and Safety Laws to do all we can to protect those whom come to worship in our parish as well as our priests. Fr Alan will review a number of parish activities restarting next month, but this will always be done with caution and will be dependent on the case numbers in the city.

So, **Hands ~ Face ~ Space** remains for all.



THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism Programme: Baptisms have resumed. The Deanery no longer holds a Baptism programme so we ask that parents attend Mass regularly prior to booking the date. Application can be found on the Website. Any further enquiries contact Karan 07968059768

FHC Programme 2021: Special thanks to Sinead, Mrs Mooney and Karan who delivered this year's programme with a new on-line programme - we are truly up to date. When the final children have made their FHC, 59 children from our parish school and travelling community with have celebrated the sacrament. . Enquiries for 2022 programme, applications will be available from February 2022.

Confirmation: Bishop Patrick will be celebrating the Sacrament with us on Sunday, October 24th, 2021. It will be a four week programme with online support.

Please express an interest and complete the application form found under "Confirmation" on our Website or contact Karan 07968059768

Marriage: Please remember in your prayers Maggie Connors and Dominic Ellis who were married on Friday. May their lives together be blessed with happiness and peace.

Vocations: If you are considering a religious Vocation please speak to Fr Alan or Fr Peter who will give you advice and support. Alternatively contact nottinghamvocations@hotmail.co.uk

Visiting the Sick: Do you know anyone that would like to receive a pastoral visit or the Sacrament of the Sick? If so, could you please email the parish or let Fr Alan know; we will be resuming this ministry shortly.