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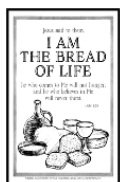
18th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 31 July	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
Mon 02 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	Gerard McCardle RIP, in Ireland
Tue 03 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Wed 04 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	Thomas Shalley RIP
Thu 05 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Fri 06 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	Terry McDonagh RIP, 1 st anniversary
Sat 07 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	Dec. clergy benefactors
	5.30 pm	St George's	Sheila Walsh RIP
Sun 08 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Rita Gregory RIP
	6.00 pm	St George's	Fr Peter Peterken, birthday thanksgiving

GOSPEL REFLECTION: *Jesus is the bread of life*

Until this point in the chapter, it is the crowd who has been engaged with Jesus.



What does Jesus mean by proclaiming himself "the bread of life"? It's simple, Jesus means that he is the source of eternal life for the world, that's pretty straightforwardly put in later verses 47-48. However, if the meaning were only this simple, Jesus probably would see little reason to say it. Jesus' opening "I am" of being the bread of life is made to remind us that he is the source of life. That adds meaning since Jesus is the sustainer, the healer, and the bringer of life.

Let us pray: Heavenly Father, open our hearts to the everyday miracles in our lives, especially when it is difficult to believe. Give us strength for what comes, and use us for good, that we too may carry your story forward. Amen.

RECENT DEATHS:

Rita Gregory of Grasmere Crescent, Sinfin. Please pray for our much loved parishioner Rita Gregory who died suddenly during the week. Rita, with her brother Kevin were regular worshippers at St George's and Holy Spirit and it was with great sadness that we had news of her death. No funeral arrangements to date. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

Gary Cassidy of William Street, Derby. Please pray for Gary Cassidy who has died recently at the early age of 59 years. Gary was well known in his younger days as a Northern Soul Dancer and could do amazing turns on the dance floor and won many competitions. He will be sadly missed by all his family. His Requiem Mass will be at St George's on Tuesday, 10th August, at 10.30 am. *Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

COVID PRECAUTIONS AFTER JULY 19TH

Legal restrictions have ended, and we are now asked to act responsibly. This means not just looking after our own health and well-being, but also acting in a way that protects others. While the number of people with infection continues to rise, it is clearly prudent to continue the precautions that we are taking in the church. We will continue to observe social distancing in Church and recommend mask-wearing. Hand sanitising must also continue, and also the daily cleaning of the church. The legal need for the 'Test and Trace' form has ended. During the past year there has not been a single request for contact details, so we have kept you all safe and well in both churches. As I have already said in my previous communication, we still have a legal and moral duty of care to all attending Mass to keep you safe and all decisions I make on the cautious opening will reflect this. The current situation in our parish will be reviewed this month. It is hoped that many activities will resume but I will be led on the infection data from Public Health Derby. Thank you for your patience. Fr Alan



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

SAINTS THIS WEEK :

Wed 4th Aug: St John Vianney, The Cure of Ars Priest
Thurs 5th Aug: Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major
Fri 6th Aug: The Transfiguration of the Lord



HOLIDAY TIME: This year's holiday season is still probably different to what many of us would have hoped for or have planned. But there is lots to do whether you are staying home or venturing further afield. For a day out our local museums are now fully open and are looking to increase visitor numbers - all are free of charge so why not have a family day out. We have Derby Museum & Art Gallery, Museum of Making and Pickford's, all local. We also have some wonderful parks and nature reserves so lots on our doorstep.



CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES
Statement from the Catholic Bishops of England Sunday – it is our Day

On 19th July, the current legislative powers which assist the mitigations against the Covid-19 virus transmission will be rescinded by HM Government. Nevertheless, there will be an encouragement to personal and corporate responsibility in this area; as the Prime Minister said in his most recent statement "The pandemic is not over." Even without this legislation in place, the Church in England and Wales will be adopting a cautious approach to capacity and activity within our buildings, especially at corporate acts of worship. We are mindful of the certain fact that the Covid-19 virus is still circulating in society. Vaccines provide genuine protection against the worst effects of the virus, yet we recognise the legitimate fear on the part of some who otherwise desire to gather for Holy Mass. It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God.

It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church. In April, following our Plenary Assembly, we offered a reflection on the experience of the long months of the pandemic. It was titled "The Day of the Lord". We also began to look at the way forward. We spoke about the important invitation to restore the Sunday Mass to its rightful centrality in our lives. We asked for a rekindling in our hearts of a yearning for the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist, as our response to the total, sacrificial love that Jesus has for us. We said: "The Eucharist should be the cause of our deepest joy, our highest manner of offering thanks to God and for seeking his mercy and love. We need to make it the foundation stone of our lives."

May this continue to be our striving during these coming months as we journey back to the full celebration of our Sunday Mass and our renewed observance of The Day of the Lord.