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21st August 2021 **21st Sunday of the Year**

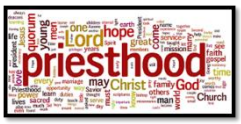
MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 21 Aug	5.30 pm	St George's	For peace in Afghanistan
Sun 22 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	The Clayton family RIP
	6.00 pm	St George's	Gary Cassidy RIP
Mon 23 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	Richard Keenan, very poorly, in Ireland, brother to Rose
Tue 24 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart, Baker & Fernandez families
Wed 25 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	Holy Souls and donor's Sp. Intention
Thu 26 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Fri 27 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	Josie Treece, for better health
Sat 28 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	In honour of the Father of all Nations
	5.30 pm	St George's	Mrs Margaret Walsh RIP and Alma Walsh RIP
Sun 29 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	Nan McCann RIP, 22nd anniversary
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	People of the parish
	6.00 pm	St George's	The Doherty family (Charley, Mary, Paddy, Barney, Margarita & family & all)

GOSPEL REFLECTION, John 6, 60-69

Today's gospel reading captures a moment of crisis for the followers of Jesus. Some of those who have already responded to the call of Jesus to follow him, to become his disciples, are now struggling to accept the claims he has been making for himself, in particular his claim to be the Bread of Life that has come down from heaven. In response, Jesus wonders aloud what they will make of his further claim to 'ascend to where he was before', to return to the Father who sent him through his forthcoming death and resurrection. Arising from this exchange, John the Evangelist tells us that 'many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him'. Jesus could not and would not hold onto disciples against their will. There will always be people who will leave the community of disciples, for a variety of reasons. We have all become aware of that phenomenon in more recent years especially. We can all feel impoverished when those who have been part of our community of faith no longer wish to remain so. At this moment of crisis, Jesus took what might seem to us to be a risk. He asked those left behind, 'What about you? Do you want to go away too?' Jesus wanted them to stay but he needed them to want to stay too. The question 'Do you want to go away too?' is addressed to us and we each have to make our own personal response to it. It would be hard to find a more appropriate response to Jesus' question than the response of Peter, which we are invited to make our own at every Eucharist, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe, we know that you are the Holy One of God'.

ARE YOU CALLED?



Discernment Evening: ***'When a person is conquered by the fire of His gaze, no sacrifice seems too great to follow Him'.***

A discernment evening for those who feel called to the priesthood takes place at the Vocation Centre, 247 Gordon Road, Nottingham, NG3 2LG. If you are interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood, you'll be very welcome to join the newly appointed Vocations Directors on Friday 24th September at 7pm for a time of prayer, informal discussion and social time.

For more information email: vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Starting seminary:

Michael Furey, a parishioner of St Joseph's, will begin formation for the priesthood this September; a seven-year process of discernment and prayer aimed at personal, pastoral, spiritual and intellectual development. Please keep Michael in your prayers.

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

SAINTS THIS WEEK :

Tues 24 Aug: St Bartholomew, Apostle
Fri 27 Aug: St Monica
Sat 28 Aug: St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

A RECENT DEATH: Please pray for John McLaughlin of Roseheath Close, Sunnyhill, who died last Sunday, 15th August. John was a parishioner of St George's for many years and supported parish and school in various ways, especially with gifts, decorated himself, for fund-raising events. He served on the school governing body and took a great interest in its activities. For many years he led the St Vincent de Paul group in the parish with a great care for many in need. Until recent years he was an active member of the Catenian Association with many catholic friends.

We extend our sincere sympathies and prayers to his family at this sad time. *Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

Requiem Mass at St George's on Wednesday, 8th September at 10.15 am.

FORMATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGED 18-35

Christus Vivit - 'Christ is alive, and he wants you to be alive' ~ A new group for young adults. This is a monthly meeting for fellowship and formation for young adults aged 18-35 in the Diocese of Nottingham. The first meeting will take place on Thursday 7th October at St Barnabas Cathedral, starting at 6.30pm with Adoration, and ending at 8pm with an optional visit to a local pub to continue conversations and grow in community.

DERBY CITY MISSION DEBTS AND ADVICE CENTRE are looking for a couple of volunteers to add to the existing team of volunteers at St Peter's Church Jubilee Debt & Benefits Advice session on Tuesday mornings - this would be welcoming, chatting and serving refreshments. If you feel you have the time to volunteer weekly or fortnightly please let Suzi Allan the coordinator know at: 10 Normanton Road Derby, Derbyshire DE1 2GW email: suzi@derbycitymission.org.uk

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CAFOD responding to multiple emergencies across the world.

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news.

Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.