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28th August 2021

22nd Sunday of the Year

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 28 Aug	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)
Mon 30 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	Tom Shalley RIP
Tue 31 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	Doris McGlinchey, 12th anniversary
Wed 01 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Holy Souls in Purgatory and donor's special intention
Thu 02 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Fri 03 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Devassy Chakkarakaan, Remembrance Mass, 3/9/2005
Sat 04 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Michael and Ann Scanlan RIP
	5.30 pm	St George's	For the suffering people of Afghanistan and all their dead
Sun 05 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	People of the parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Guy Dussroth, birthday thanksgiving
	6.00 pm	St George's	For the many many dead of the Covid epidemic in our country and especially of our parish.

### GOSPEL REFLECTION, Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

**In this reading, Jesus shows how human practices can sometimes obscure the deeper demands of faith.**



Our gospel passage contains an account of a dispute between Jesus and the religious leaders, some of whom had come from Jerusalem, seemingly to investigate his teaching. The first focus of the argument is on the meaning of 'tradition' and the importance that should be given to it. The evangelist explains how various religious practices had built up over time. The challenge of Jesus is that such human practices can sometimes obscure the deeper demands of faith.

Jesus goes on to speak of the importance of what lies in our hearts. From a clean heart goodness will come forth. External observances, which have their own importance, can sometimes distract us from the real work on our hearts and minds.

So ask yourselves - Do I value the good traditions which have been passed on to me, or do I belittle them as 'not moving with the times'? Am I determined to purify my inner motives and the things of the heart, rather than cloak them in external camouflage?

We thank God for the gifts of the Scriptures, the teaching of the Church.

Are you, or someone in your family, interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church or perhaps thinking about becoming a member of the

Catholic Church? Are you a Catholic adult who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Then this is the course for you. The RCIA Course for 2021/22 will commence in November on Thursday evenings. More details to follow. If anyone is interested to learn more about their faith please let Fr. Alan, Fr Peter, Fr Jude or Karan know. We already have a couple of Catechumen from both Parishes.



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

### SAINTS THIS WEEK :

Mon, 30th Aug: St Barnabas Cathedral, Dedication (1844)

Fri, 3rd Sept: St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

Sat, 4th Sept: Saturday Mass of Our Lady

### PRAYERS FOR AFGHANISTAN

Afghanistan is now held by the Taliban. Your prayers are urgently needed for the people of Afghanistan, particularly the small number of Christians in the country.



### Pray for Afghanistan

*O God of mercy and of peace,  
We hold before you the peoples of Afghanistan.  
Be living bread to those who are hungry each day  
Be healing and wholeness to those who have no access to health care amidst the ravages of pandemic  
Be their true home to all who have been displaced  
Be open arms of loving acceptance to those who fear because of their gender, ethnicity, religious or political views  
Be peace to those engaged in armed conflict and those who live within its shadow.  
Turn our hearts and minds to your ways of just and gentle peace,  
Open our eyes to see you in all acts of compassionate care  
Strengthen our hearts to step out in solidarity with your suffering people and  
Hold us all in your unfailing love.  
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who emptied himself of all but love in order to bring life in all its fullness.  
Amen*

**COVID-19:** UK 'not out of the woods yet' and pandemic 'has got a long way to run', Professor Chris Whitty warns "I don't think we should underestimate the fact that we could get into trouble again surprisingly fast," 08/08/2021.

The recent covid numbers tell us we need to continue to be cautious and follow guidelines to keep us safe. I informed you last month that I would review the situation in regards resuming group activities such as Prayers groups, Mothers Prayers etc, Having taken advice and speaking to parishioners, the consensus is we remain as we are with distance seating, masks (voluntary), sanitising and Mass in the short form with no singing. I will of course review again in September, but I am sure given the current statistics of infection and death rates you will fully support my decision.

Fr Alan

### REMINDER FOR CONFIRMATION 2021 October 24th, 2pm. Celebrant Bishop Patrick

For those who have already applied for the Confirmation



programme please send an email to [sacramentsstgeorgesrcderby@gmail.com](mailto:sacramentsstgeorgesrcderby@gmail.com) to confirm that you still wish to be included in the programme. For those who have not applied previously and are already 11 years of age or older, and wish to be Confirmed, please complete the application form by 7th September.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

Please contact Karan for any further information.