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5th September 2021

23rd Sunday of the Year

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 04 Sept	5.30 pm	St George's	Hilary Crosbie, for good health
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.
Mon 06 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	For the suffering people of Afghanistan and all their dead.
Tue 07 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Patrick Ryan RIP, 22 nd anniversary
Wed 08 Sept	9.00 am	St George's	Priest's own intention.
	10.15 am	St George's	Requiem, John McLaughlin RIP
Thu 09 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Holy Souls in Purgatory and donor's Special intention.
Fri 10 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Donor's intention, in thanksgiving St Anthony of Padua.
Sat 11 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	For the victims of the Haiti earthquake.
	5.30 pm	St George's	People of the Parish.
Sun 12 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Wyn & Albert Woodcock, 68 th Wedding Anniversary.
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Lena Connelly RIP, anniversary.
	6.00 pm	St George's	For the most generous deceased benefactors of St George's and Holy Spirit parishes.

GOSPEL REFLECTION:



This particular miracle story is only found in the Gospel of Mark. It happens in pagan territory, and is a sign of the openness of Jesus to healing all people. In this healing miracle Jesus uses different techniques to cure the man, including placing spittle on the man's tongue. Such techniques are known to have been used by other healers in ancient times, and it is remarkable that on occasion Jesus uses them too, perhaps to show that all healing is the work of God.

The word 'Ephphatha' is one of the rare instances of Aramaic words of Jesus being recorded by the evangelist. Aramaic was the native language of Jesus, while the gospels record everything in Greek, the international language of the day. The Aramaic word has to be written down in the gospel using Greek letters.

Hearing and speech are restored to the man, but Jesus then commands silence about the miracle. This is a particular feature of the gospel miracle stories and may be explained if we recall that Jesus was particularly concerned not to be made the leader of a popular movement, perhaps even a revolt against Roman rule. The purposes of the coming of Jesus are not involved with the politics of the day but with the true healing of people and societies.

The passage concludes with an allusion to the prophecy of Isaiah in our first reading. The days of the blind seeing, the deaf hearing and the dumb speaking were long desired by the people of former times. God's coming, it was hoped, would transform people's lives and the whole of creation. The miracle story suggests that these days have come. Who then is this man Jesus? We can ask ourselves, How can I imitate Jesus' openness to people of different race and culture? What is my attitude to people with disabilities?

Let us pray that we may use all our senses in the service of the gospel. We also pray for those who exercise healing ministries.

World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees – 26th September 2021



The 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR), will be celebrated on 26th September 2021. The theme chosen for this year is "Towards an ever wider we," which is a major theme of Pope Francis in both Fratelli Tutti and the Declaration on Human Fraternity.

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

SAINTS THIS WEEK :

Wed 8 Sept: The nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat 11 Sept: Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2ND COLLECTION: Home Mission Sunday



Pope's September prayer intention: 'An environmentally sustainable lifestyle'.

Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of September, and invites us to pray that everyone might make choices which promote a simple and sustainable lifestyle.

UPBEAT DERBY REFUGEE PROJECT UPDATE:



Our application for approval has gone to the Home Office. We had to reapply due to the long gap between our initial approval and the scheme resuming as things reopen. We hope this will only take 2-3 weeks, after which we anticipate a house being identified. This house must be

approved by various agencies and then a family will be identified for us. It could take up to 10 weeks for a family to arrive. All still a while away but at least things are moving. When we're a bit closer we'll let you know further details. It is quite possible that a family coming to Derby will not be Syrian at this stage with so many countries in turmoil at present so we could be welcoming people from almost anywhere but, of course, still via the Home Office and official channels. St. George's are funding the furnishing of a bedroom. We thank Phillip and Marian for their continued support to the project.

PARISH COVID UPDATE:

Fr Alan wishes to thank everyone for their understanding during the last 15 months especially the Stewards and also for your continued cooperation, It has been extremely difficult to manage the pandemic situation and get the right balance between maintaining parish life and keeping people safe and well. I am as keen as everyone to see normality return, but at present infection rates are still high. I encourage everyone if you have not had your vaccine – please do, this is now the only measure that is keeping us safe. Getting vaccinated is our Christian moral duty. Pope Francis and our Catholic Bishops have urged us to get vaccinated to protect ourselves and others and relieve pressure on the NHS. There remains no obligation to attend Mass or Confession but, if you feel able, you are most welcome to join us – safe distancing, cleaning, hand sanitising and the wearing of masks remains in place to ensure the safety of all.

