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**19th September 2021**

**25th Sunday of the Year**

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 18 Sept	5.30 pm	St George's	T T Abraham RIP & Pennammh Dominic, 18th anniv.
Sun 19 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	John McLaughlin RIP
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Donor's intention
	6.00 pm	St George's	Barney & Gwen Doherty and Dan & Mattie Connors
Mon 20 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Maura & Trevor Litchfield, Golden wedding, thanksgiving
Tue 21 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Wed 22 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Simon Doherty RIP of Castle Vale, Birmingham
Thu 23 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	In thanksgiving, St Anthony
Fri 24 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Maria Muscat RIP
Sat 25 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Colum and Kath Keenan RIP
	5.30 pm	St George's	Tom O'Reilly RIP, 5th anniversary
Sun 26 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	People of the parish & clergy
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Mary Gilligan RIP, in Ireland
	6.00 pm	St George's	Elizabeth Geelan for good health, and the deceased members of the Geelan family.

### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

Please pray for the following, whose funerals will take place in the coming weeks here at St. George's;

Mrs Rose White – Monday 4th October at 10:30am

Mrs Maria Muscat – Tuesday 12th October at 11:00am

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

### GOSPEL REFLECTION Mark 9:30-37



Jesus counters the disciples' preoccupation with status by calling on them to take the place of the least and illustrates this by placing a child before them.

The second half of the Gospel of Mark is dominated by the journey towards Jerusalem, the place of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Since this gospel is comparatively short, the tension of this

journey is more evident than in the other gospels, as Jesus draws his reluctant and confused disciples to face the mystery of his cross. For the second time Jesus announces his coming death. He will be handed over and put to death. Three days after he will rise again. While Peter had reacted strongly to similar words of Jesus in the previous chapter, here there is simply bewilderment.

The gospel underlines that the disciples are not yet ready to face up to what Jesus has said. Their preoccupation is still with status and their relative positions in Jesus' company. Mark does not hesitate to present the disciples as having much to learn, both about the conditions for following Jesus and about the prospect of his martyrdom. Jesus' answer is to call them to accept the position of the least, and he illustrates this by placing a child before them.

Let us as we reflect on the Gospel, pray for those who face persecution and violence because of their beliefs.

### MESSAGE FROM ALBERT AND WIN WOODCOCK:

We wish to thank Fr Alan and Fr Jude for the wonderful kind words and special blessing we received for our 68th wedding anniversary last Sunday. We also thank Karan, Mari, Lily, Cath and Hazel along with our friends for your prayers and support for what has been a very difficult year. It was so wonderful to be able to join you again last Sunday at Mass.

With love to you all - God Bless Win & Albert. X



**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](mailto:vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

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

### SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon, 20 Sept: Saints Andre, Kim, Taegon & Companions, Martyrs.

Tues 21 Sept: St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist.

Thurs 23 Sept: St Pius of Pietrelcina, Padre Pio, Priest.

Fri 24 Sept: Our Lady of Walsingham

**TODAY IS HOME MISSION**, the Bishops invite parishes to pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales. There will be a second collection to support the Bishops' work of evangelisation. The money collected enables us to support parish evangelisation.

**"CATHOLICS and SCRIPTURE"** – A book by Fr Anthony Pateman, one of our Nottingham Diocesan priests. Please take a copy. A donation may be given to his charity for sinking water wells in Uganda and Kenya – details inside the back page.

**"LIVING FAITH", Daily Catholic Devotions.** Booklets now available for October, November, December. Please place your donation in the box at church - £1 minimum suggested - to help cover the cost of provision. Also copies of **Day by Day**, Scripture readings and prayer for October.

**VACCINATED YET?** Derby and the surrounding area has one of the lowest vaccination rates in the country, so we are far more likely to be severely affected if there is another wave of infections in the late Autumn. If you have not yet been vaccinated, think carefully about how your decision will affect the more vulnerable in society and the strain you will put on the NHS. Pope Francis is very clear; 'Thanks to God's grace and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from Covid19. Vaccines bring hope to end the pandemic, but only if they are available to all and if we collaborate with one another. Getting a Covid jab is an act of love. Love for oneself, love for our families and friends, and love for all peoples. Getting vaccinated is a simple yet profound way to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable.'

Latest Government information tells us of a rise in infections, hospital admissions and deaths; this week we have heard about imposing stricter measures to protect us all, including not ruling out another Lockdown – with this recent information our Parish remains with the current guidelines. I shall as promised review again on the 15th October.

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR CAFOD REPS:



In October 2020, Pope Francis published his Encyclical Fratelli Tutti - Brothers and Sisters All - in which he called upon Catholics everywhere to support his call to reclaim our common home. In support of that call, CAFOD established its Reclaim our Common Home campaign in January 2021, aimed to encourage everyone to be more actively involved in renewing our troubled society through fraternity, solidarity and global friendship. CAFOD is encouraging parishes and schools to lobby MPs as the date of the COPs 26 Climate Change conference approaches. Here in St Georges and Holy Spirit, we are encouraging parishioners to support CAFOD's aims of ensuring that climate change discussions include those in the poorest countries who are most affected by climate change but who do the least to cause it and to cancel the debt of poor and middle income countries so that they, too, can start to rebuild their societies following the pandemic.

Following a brief talk in Holy Spirit and St George's this Sunday we hope that parishioners will be able to show their support by signing an online petition supporting these aims or becoming actively involved in lobbying our local MP Margaret Becket by taking part in an online meeting where we can put our questions and concerns to her, seeking her backing for CAFOD's campaign. Those who wish to find out more are invited to a short meeting at Holy Spirit on Thursday September 23rd at 7.30 pm. We look forward to seeing you there. *Helen & Trish*