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**26th September 2021**

**26th Sunday of the Year**

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

Sat 25 Sept	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.
Mon 27 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Rev. Bernard Finneran RIP
Tue 28 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Wed 29 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Willie Doherty RIP and Melissa Doherty RIP
Thu 30 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Donor's intention and Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri 01 Oct	9.30 am	St George's	Sp. Intentions, for parishioners having operations and for recovery
Sat 02 Oct	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
	5.30 pm	St George's	P J Crosbie RIP, anniversary
Sun 03 Oct	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Tom Hopkins RIP
	6.00 pm	St George's	Intentions of Barney, Margarita, Ann, Paddy, Jose & Kathleen

**GOSPEL** - Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

*In this reading Jesus talks in an extreme way to point out the seriousness of sin, and uses the image of eternal fire to express the dreadful pain of losing God*

This gospel reading contains a collection of different sayings of Jesus. The first speech warns us against the exclusive attitude which says that, unless someone completely shares our opinions and our faith, they can do no good. The next saying seems to confirm this. Any good deed from whatever source, Jesus implies, should be welcomed and will be rewarded.

Jesus then speaks of 'obstacles' placed in the way of believers, the 'little ones' who have faith. The Greek word used here is similar to the word 'scandal'. To scandalise others, to violate their faith, to undermine their pursuit of what is good and right, is plainly wrong. Jesus then apparently suggests that self-mutilation, cutting off hand or foot, and tearing out the eye, would be better than sinning. What are we to make of this? This is an extreme way of pointing out the seriousness of sin. Christians should understand the strength of what Jesus is saying, but Christian teaching has never condoned self-harm of this magnitude.

Finally, what are we to make of the references to hell and its eternal fire? The Church teaches us that the image of eternal fire is an attempt to express the dreadful pain of losing God and of shutting oneself off from the love of others. This pain is worse than any physical suffering.

*We should ask ourselves - How accepting am I of the goodness of those who do not share my beliefs? Do I place obstacles in the way of others, undermining their faith and goodness? We pray our faith will ensure we can always seek what is good. We pray for confidence in the goodness of God.*

**Derby CaReS - exciting news:** The Derby Deanery Community Sponsorship project has now received approval in principle from the Home Office. This puts us back to where we were just before the Covid-19 lockdowns, except that we have a new Lead Sponsor in Father Hudson's Care. We are one of 5 Community Sponsorship projects that FHC supports so they have a wealth of experience. Our next step is to identify and furnish a property. If you would like more information or if you are interested in volunteering please contact Lis Martin: lisjmartin@aol.com. Thank you to all parishes for your continued support.

**"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.

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Envelopes to be given out today.**

Friday, 1st Oct, is CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.

Sunday, 3rd Oct, CAFOD envelopes are collected in.

**CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY ONLY: 10:15 - 10:45**

**SAINTS THIS WEEK:** *Mon 27 Sept:* St Vincent de Paul, priest. *Wed 29 Sept:* Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels. *Thurs 30 Sept:* St Jerome, priest and doctor. *Fri 1 Oct:* St Therese of Lisieux. *Sat 2 October:* The Holy Guardian Angels.

**CAFOD CLIMATE CHANGE:** 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 last 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. Over the next few weeks we will continue to update you on the progress we are making and will arrange a meeting for those that wish to find out more.

**PARISH CENSUS:** Parish Life has changed so much during the Pandemic with many reassessing their roles within the Church. We would like to update our Parish Register, and therefore we would be most grateful if you would kindly complete a Census and return to the Parish post boxes which will be in place in the church next week. A Census Form shall be given to all attending Mass next week, the form will also be available on our Parish website and can be downloaded and emailed back to us. Information collected on this form will be stored securely by the Parish, used only for Parish administration purposes and will be processed in accordance with the Diocese of Nottingham's Privacy Notice, which is available at [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/privacy-policy](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/privacy-policy)

**ALPHA COURSE, Catholic version, St Mary's RC Parish, Derby**

An Alpha course is being run at St Mary's for anyone interest in learning about Catholic Christian Faith. It is recommended for initial enquiries who wish to find out what Christianity is with no obligation. It is on Wednesday evenings. Contact St Mary's, Derby, for information.

**ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM VACANCIES:**

**Job title: Safeguarding Officer/Caseworker.** *Purpose of role:* To promote excellent safeguarding practice, in line with local and national best practice, provide advice across the Diocese and respond to safeguarding referrals and allegations. Salary: £32,000 per annum pro rata (£19,200 per annum)

**Job title: Safeguarding Training Officer.** *Purpose of role:* To deliver training courses throughout the diocese to raise awareness of safeguarding children and adults. To encourage good practice and support of procedures throughout parishes, in supporting clergy, parish safeguarding representatives and volunteers. Salary: £28,000 per annum pro rata (£16,800 per annum)

**Both positions:** To work closely with the Diocesan Safeguarding team, to help co-ordinate, plan and monitor all aspects of safeguarding work within the Diocese including advising parishes of Policy and procedures including parish audits. Based at: Diocesan Offices (1 Castle Quay, Nottingham, NG7 1FW) Hours of work: 3 days per week (24 hours), with flexibility for working during evenings and Saturdays.