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3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 02 Oct	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
Mon 04 Oct	9.30 am	St George's	In thanksgiving to St Anthony, St Jude and St Rita for job success.
	10.30 am	St George's	Rose White, Requiem
Tue 05 Oct	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Wed 06 Oct	9.30 am	St George's	Peggy Bardon RIP
Thu 07 Oct	9.30 am	St George's	Mrs Maura Maloney RIP (Eire)
Fri 08 Oct	9.30 am	St George's	Sp. Intention, Barney & Gwen Doherty and family
Sat 09 Oct	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish & Clergy
	5.30 pm	St George's	James McCandless RIP and Mary Sheehan RIP
Sun 10 Oct	9.30 am	St George's	John McLaughlin RIP
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Michael & Maureen Kelly's intention
	6.00 pm	St George's	Teresa Doherty and all the Doherty family

**GOSPEL REFLECTION:** In the first part of the Gospel reading (Mark 10:2-16), the Pharisees approach Jesus and test him by asking whether it is permissible under God's law for a married couple to divorce. Jesus quickly draws a distinction between divorce as allowed by Moses and the permanency that God wills for marriage. Jesus clarifies that Moses permitted them to divorce because of their "hard hearts". In other words, they had closed their hearts to God's will. The people placed their own desires before what God had commanded. Jesus recalled that from the beginning, God intended that marriage be a permanent, lifelong union between a man and a woman.



Things are not all that different today. There continues to be a growing list of challenges to marriage. We all know someone, or we have ourselves experienced the pain of divorce in our families and among our friends. We are not called to judge, but to bring compassion and offer prayers of support for all those affected by the breakup of a family. The reading continues with what seems to be a disconnected event. People begin bringing their children to Jesus in the hopes that he might bless them. As this is happening, we read that the disciples "rebuked them". He instructs the disciples to let the children come to him, and he goes on to say that "the kingdom of God belongs to such as these". Then Jesus gets to the heart of the matter. He says, "Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." We must place our trust in God that He will provide for our needs. And like little children, who know to turn to their parents for help, we must continually bring our worries, our concerns, and our problems, to our heavenly Father.

**THE POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK, APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER** addresses the challenges facing humanity and assists the mission of the Church. We pray and work to meet the challenges of the world identified by the Pope in his monthly intentions, while walking a spiritual path called the "Way of the Heart."



**OCTOBER:** Missionary disciples. We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

I was delighted to welcome 29 young people for the Enrolment Mass last Saturday for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We also have four adults making their Confirmation along with the U18 group. During the course the youngsters will be spending a fabulous weekend at the Briars to support the parish programme. Please keep them all in your prayers, also Karan who leads the programme along with fellow Catechists Claire O'Brien and Tammie McNamara.

God bless, Fr Alan



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

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: CAFOD envelopes and Harvest Fast donations.**

### SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Oct: St Francis of Assisi.  
Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Oct: St Fautina Kowalska.  
Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Oct: Our Lady of the Rosary.  
Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Oct: St John Henry Newman.

**RECENT DEATHS:** Please pray for Philomena Falivena of Welwyn Ave, Alvaston, who has died recently. Requiem Mass will take place at St George's on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> October at 11.45 am.

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

Also, please pray for the following, whose funerals will take place in the coming weeks:

**Mrs Rose White**, Mon, 4<sup>th</sup> October at 10:30am, St. George's  
**Mrs Maria Muscat**, Tues, 12<sup>th</sup> October at 11:00am, St. George's  
**Mr Thomas Hopkins** – Thurs, 7<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm, St Mary's

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

### POPE FRANCIS – LISTENING TO GOD'S PEOPLE. Working towards a Synod, a gathering of Bishops in Rome in 2023.

The Pope and Bishops want to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be. To make hope flourish; to stimulate trust; to bind up wounds; to weave new and deeper relationships; to learn from one another; to build bridges; to enlighten minds; to warm hearts and to restore strength to our hands for our common mission



**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 from 9<sup>th</sup> October. 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)

### A ST GEORGE'S & HOLY SPIRIT COVID UPDATE:

As we slowly return to parish life we must remember that the Covid virus is still with us. Infection rates are still high but our hospitals are coping as the vaccine has ensured those who have been double vaccinated are less affected by the virus.



### Update of parish activities:

**Mothers Prayers** : resumes 4<sup>th</sup> October following Mass every Monday at St. George's

**Rosary & Adoration**: each morning prior to Mass 9am - 9:30 am

**Adoration**: Every Wednesday & Friday 10:00-11:00. Come and spend an hour with the Lord.

Masks remain voluntary, but I encourage you to wear them, Social distancing and sanitising remain in place. We will still keep Masses safe to all those attending in the shorter form without singing.

**Been Vaccinated yet?** 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.