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31st October 2021

ALL SAINTS

31st Sunday of the Year

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 30 Oct	5.30 pm	St George's	Loretta Hay RIP
Sun 31 Oct	9.30 am	St George's	Christine Meehan RIP, 3rd anniversary & deceased members of the family
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	St George's	P J Crosbie RIP and Angela Crosbie RIP
Mon 01 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	James O'Riordan RIP
Tue 02 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	All Souls Day, for all our dead
	7.00 pm	Holy Spirit	All Souls Day, for all our dead
Wed 03 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	Loretta Hay RIP
Thu 04 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	In thanksgiving, St Anthony
Fri 05 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	Billy Davies RIP
Sat 06 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	Deceased of the Burbage and Howe Families
	5.30 pm	St George's	Tom O'Reilly RIP
Sun 07 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Priest's own intention
	6.00 pm	St George's	For Covid 19 sufferers

Thank you for wearing your face covering in church and for considering others.

WELCOME to all at Mass today and a big welcome if you have not been to Mass for a while due to the Covid restrictions. At present we invite you to continue to wear your mask. If you wish to social distance the stewards will direct you to where you can go.



KEEP ST. GEORGE'S & HOLY SPIRIT COVID

SECURE: You will have heard in the press, that Covid infections are on the increase again and we face a challenging winter. If a member of your

household has tested positive for COVID, even if asymptomatic (i.e. without symptoms), please refrain from coming to the Church. It is still possible to pass Covid on even to those who have been double vaccinated. Additionally, it may be helpful to know, that the Catholic Bishops have fully endorsed the UK Vaccination Programme. The more people who are vaccinated, the less risk there is to us all. Derby City offer a Walk-in clinic without prior booking for Covid Vaccines 1 & 2 and Booster at Midland House, Hulland Street (off London Road) Monday – Sunday 8:30 am – 7:30pm.

GOSPEL REFLECTION, Matthew 5 v 1-12

What is the significance of Jesus' beatitudes in today's Gospel, and why are they so central to his teaching? The beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness that God has placed in every heart. They teach us the final end to which God calls us, namely the coming of God's kingdom, the vision of God, entering into the joy of the Lord and into his rest. Jesus' beatitudes also confront us with decisive choices concerning the life we pursue here on earth and the use we make of the goods he puts at our disposal. Jesus tells us that God alone can satisfy the deepest need and longing of our heart. God offers us the greatest good possible, abundant life in Jesus Christ and the promise of unending joy and happiness with God forever. The beatitudes which Jesus offers us are a sign of contradiction to the world's understanding of happiness and joy. How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution? Poverty of spirit finds ample room and joy in possessing God as the greatest treasure possible. Hunger of the spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God's word and Spirit. Sorrow and mourning over wasted life and sin leads to joyful freedom from the burden of guilt and spiritual oppression. God reveals to the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. Jesus promises his disciples that the joys of heaven will more than compensate for the troubles and hardships they can expect in this world. On this Solemnity of All Saints let us once more know the happiness of hungering and thirsting for God alone.



"All of us are called to walk in the way of sanctity, and this way has a name, a face: the face of Jesus Christ." Pope Francis.

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

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Wed 3rd Nov: Saint Martin de Porres
Thurs 4th Nov: St Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Sat 6th Nov: Saturday Mass of Our Lady

STAY SAFE AND CARE FOR OTHERS: Barbara has done a wonderful job of preparing and cleaning the Social Centre at St. Georges. When Covid infections decrease we hope to have it open as usual for tea/coffee after Mass from Advent Sunday. This is also an important date when the bishops have restored the Sunday Obligation to attend Mass.

We say no to Halloween ~~XX~~ But Let's Celebrate All

Saints and All Souls: Many of the customs of Halloween have to do with fear of the dead. It was believed by the Celtic people that evil spirits roamed the earth on the last night of the Celtic year (October 31) and that they worked mischief among the living. Part of Celtic belief was that one could live safely through the night by dressing up as a ghost, witch, etc., or bribing the evil spirits with treats. It was also believed that the souls of sinful persons who passed away during the year were imprisoned in the bodies of animals and that they on this night could be freed through gifts and sacrifices. Often the sacrifices were human.

By way of contrast, the Catholic feasts of All Saints Day and All Souls Day offer a much more pleasant opportunity for recognition of our Communion of the Saints or fellowship with those dead to this earthly existence. The Catholic Church emphasizes that with Christ at the head, the body of the Church, the people who make up the Church, living or dead, cannot be separated. Therefore, Communion of the Saints has a much broader meaning in the Catholic Church. It is a time of expectancy and excitement as they prepare for the final vision of God. These are the "All Souls" for whom we will pray on All Souls Day and throughout the month of November.

The Feast of All Saints Day and the Feast of All Souls Day are days of remembrance, celebration and prayer. Let us keep them with great joy knowing that it is through Christ's death and resurrection we are all brought to everlasting life.



Sunday 1st November is the Feast of All Saints. This day not only glorifies the canonised saints, who were special models of Christ's

discipleship, but also those countless saints who successfully lived a good Christian life on earth, and it calls all of us to live by the norms of the Beatitudes so that one day we too may be with the saints in heaven.

Monday 1st November is the Feast of All Souls

This is a special day when we can gather together and pray for the souls of our loved ones. There will be Mass at 9:30am, also we have our School Mass - celebrated by Fr Alan & our school Community.



DEANERY BLESSING OF GRAVES AT CHELLASTON CEMETERY:

We invite people to arrive at the graveyard on Sunday 7th November at 3pm for a short liturgy followed by the Rosary. Then you will be asked to stand at your loved ones Graves, Fr Alan will come to each grave to bless them and to pray for your loved ones. Please bring warm clothes and waterproofs along with footwear suitable for muddy conditions.

DEANERY BLESSING OF GRAVES AT NOTTINGHAM ROAD

CEMETERY: On Sunday 7th November at 2.30pm we gather for the Blessing of the Graves of our deceased family and friends in Nottingham Road Cemetery. We begin with a short liturgy in the main car park area (opposite Reginald Road South) before blessing individual graves. Please bring warm clothes & waterproofs along with footwear suitable for muddy conditions.