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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 13 Nov	5.30 pm	St George's	People of the Parish
Sun 14 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	For all war dead
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Anne, Dan, Pat & Simon O'Shea RIP
	6.00 pm	St George's	Joan Kenny RIP
Mon 15 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	Sp. Intention, the Doherty family
Tue 16 Nov	9.30 am	St George	Priest's own intention
Wed 17 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	Margaret McClelland RIP, Anniv. and John McClelland Junior RIP, Anniv.
Thu 18 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	Sp. Intention for Sr Bernadette
Fri 19 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	Holy Souls & donor's intention
Sat 20 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
	5.30 pm	St George's	Mr Edmund Walsh RIP, (Eire) 17th anniversary
Sun 21 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	The living and deceased members of the Fisher family.
	6.00 pm	St George's	Holy Souls, especially those on our lists of the dead.

### GOSPEL REFLECTION:



The tree was a big image for Jesus – he spoke truths of his message pointing at trees, like mustard seeds which grew big, vines that withered, and the fig tree which was common to his hearers. When asked about the signs of things to come, he gave no long homily, but just looked at the fig tree and said you know from this when summer and winter is coming. In the same way we can sense his presence in our lives in different ways. This may not help us to know about the end of time and the questions people had then, but it can get us to become aware of how God is present in our lives.

**CONSISTENT WORD:** The word of God is spoken in the human words of many people. In kindly words, in forgiving and tolerant words, and also in the word of God spoken in the Mass, Jesus speaks to us today. Like the people looking at a fig tree, we can find his presence in the kindness and the helpful words of another. This is the word of God in human form. It will not pass away.

**CONSISTENT CARE:** The care of God will not pass away. Each of us is in the book of life – with a job to do. Something written for all of us to make this world a better place. We are called to be friends of the earth...friends of all people...friends of the poor. That's redemption, Jesus and us working in unison.

### HEAD OF CENTRE AND RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLOR VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED:

Catholic Marriage Care are the largest faith-based relationship support specialists in the UK. They are in urgent need of two Heads of Centres to join their Nottingham and Lincolnshire teams. They are also looking for empathetic listeners who would like to train and volunteer with them as Relationship Counsellors and make a real difference to couples and families. For more information please visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)



**MARY'S MEALS:** This great charity now feeds 2,058,099 children globally. These children eat a Mary's Meal each day in their place of education. Many of these children suffer hunger and the meal at school is vital for them so that they can be at school and study and be fed.

As agreed with the Parish Finance Committee, I have sent a recent donation of £200. It is a great charity that I support also personally and commend it to you. I have left copies of a recent letter from the founder, Magnus Macfarlane-Barron at the church.

By post one can send a cheque payable to "Mary's Meals" to Freepost, Mary's Meals, together with name and address.

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

### SAINTS THIS WEEK:

**Mon 15 Nov:** St Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

**Tues 16 Nov:** St Margaret of Scotland

**Wed 17 Nov:** St Hugh of Lincoln Bishop, Patron of our diocese

**Thurs 18 Nov:** The dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles.

**Sat 20 Mon:** Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION NOVEMBER

#### People who suffer from depression.

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



**COP26:** Tackling the environmental crisis is a Catholic issue because it is a universal issue. It affects each and every one of us. If we do not act, we risk causing irreparable damage to God's creation, the creation of which He made us the stewards. As Catholics, we have been given a very clear steer from Pope Francis about the

importance of caring for our common home. In his 2015 encyclical 'Laudato Si', His Holiness made it clear that to "harm the environment was to harm human beings". The Catholic community was represented at the COP26 by delegations from a range of Catholic organisations across England and Wales, from the Holy See, and from Episcopal Conferences around the world. In this spirit of mutual respect, we called on governments to maintain their commitment to keep the global temperature rise below 1.5 degrees. We also insisted that governments commit to supporting the world's poorest nations, who often find themselves facing the worst effects of climate change despite having done the least to contribute towards it. We know that we need to act globally to protect the biodiversity of this earth, and all of God's creation that depends on it. The COP26 meeting presented us with a unique, unprecedented, and quite possibly final opportunity to engage in a meaningful global dialogue that we hope will establish attainable targets and policies to address the ecological crisis we are living through right now.

If you haven't already, do book for our online Assembly on 20 November, *A Change of*



*Era: Climate, Covid and the missionary parish.*

Nothing could be more timely than to discern our way forward together, as a 'synodal' Church called to heal the world in the wake of COP26 and the Covid pandemic.

### Love Christmas

Bishop Patrick is encouraging parishes to get involved in the Love Christmas initiative. The scheme is a national initiative,

growing through a network of thousands of churches and other local organisations to share 'Bags of Kindness' with people in their neighbourhoods.

In the wake of the COVID pandemic, many people continue to live isolated from friends, family and community; often struggling with financial distress, poor health, job uncertainty and bereavement. Love Christmas brings Catholic parishes and other local churches together to give, pack and deliver practical gifts. It strengthens personal connections in communities across the UK and lets people know we are with them, and they are not alone. It's a great way to lift our eyes from concerns about the impact of the pandemic on our own parish congregation, look outwards to the wider community, and build our confidence for mission. We will this year again be supporting Love Christmas with gifts for children and luxury food items – look out details to follow shortly -