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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 27 Nov	5.30 pm	St George's	For a Sp. Intention. and the deceased members of the Toryusen family.
Sun 28 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	For Holy Souls, especially the dead of war and donor's intention.
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Ann & Michael Scanlan, dec. Anniv.
	6.00 pm	St George's	People of the parish and clergy, especially those whose anniversaries occur at this time of the year.
Mon 29 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	Tom Connolly, anniversary, and Kathleen Connolly RIP
Tue 30 Nov	9.30 am	St George	Requiem, Louie Connolly RIP
Wed 01 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Holy Souls and friends of suffering souls
Thu 02 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Geraldine Maughan RIP, Anniversary
Fri 03 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Mr John Nolan for good health
Sat 04 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Private Intention
	5.30 pm	St George's	Mrs Linda Watters RIP (Isle of Man)
Sun 05 Dec	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	Priest's own intention

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Jesus teaches his disciples to be vigilant so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes in glory.

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.



FELLOWSHIP AND FORMATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-35:

Join the Diocesan team at their next monthly meeting on 2nd December 2021 at St Barnabas Cathedral, commencing 6.30pm with prayer followed by talk and discussion at 7.30am, and then at 8pm, moving to the local pub to continue the conversation. For further information contact the Vocation Director Fr Neil Peoples at vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk or Fr Liam Carpenter at Our Lady & St Edward's, Nottingham 0115 9501064

OFFERTORY GIVING FOR PARISH SUPPORT:

We extend our sincere thanks to parishioners who give so generously for the support of the parish of St Georges with Holy Spirit. The new boxes of Offertory envelopes are now ready for parishioners who use them. Anyone who would like to have a box for your regular giving, please let Fr Alan know at church and he will provide one.

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

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Tues 30 Nov: St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland

Wed 01 Dec: The Martyrs of Derbyshire

Fri 03 Dec: St Francis Xavier, Priest

Sat 04 Dec: St John of Damascus, Priest & Doctor of the Church

FUNERALS THIS WEEK:

Tues, 30th Nov: Requiem Mass for Louis Connolly RIP at St George's Church at 9.30 am.

Fri, 3rd Dec: Funeral service for Sally Rymell at Trent Valley Crematorium at 3.30 pm.

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

We extend our sincere sympathies and prayers to their families at this sad time of loss.

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS DECEMBER 2021

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded. Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.



Next Parish Synod Meetings will address the following questions:

3. As a parish do we know; who are the people who feel marginalised or separated from the

parish and society?

4. How best can our parish respond? Suggest at least two identifiable ways (an immediate action and a long-term change) in which, as a parish, we will reach out to, and listen to, the marginalised or separated.

St. Georges, 28th Nov. 10:30 am & Holy Spirit, 5th Dec. 12:15 pm.

This will be the final meeting before the two churches join together for future meetings and in keeping with the Synod plan

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS, A JOURNEY OF PRAYER FOR ADVENT 2021 is now available at the back of the Church priced £1.00.

Now the obligation to attend weekly Mass is reinstated, Parish COVID Controls from 1st December

The current arrangements have been reviewed against the current data and guidance. Until further notice, arrangements for our two churches will be as follows:

- Stewards will continue for the time being
- Hand sanitiser will continue to be offered as you enter and leave church
- Face masks are recommended and encouraged to be worn whilst in church
- Social distancing will be reduced to 1 metre (minimum) between households/bubbles
- Altar Servers, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers may fully resume their ministries
- Hymn books and Mass cards may be used
- Music and Congregational singing resumes (N.B. face-masks should be worn whilst singing)
- The Sign of Peace remains suspended for the time being
- Holy Communion will continue to be distributed under one kind

CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

Christmas Confession St. George's, Friday 16th December 7pm



Christmas Eve
5pm St. Georges
6pm Holy Spirit
7pm St. Georges

Christmas Day
9:30am St. Georges
11:15am Holy Spirit

St. Stephens Day
9:30am St Georges