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5<sup>th</sup> December 2021

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 04 Dec	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
Mon 06 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Tue 07 Dec	9.30 am	St George	In thanksgiving, St Anthony
Wed 08 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	
Thu 09 Dec	<b>9.00 am</b>	St George's	Holy Souls & Donors, Sp. Intention Mabel Krysko, RIP and mother, Eileen RIP
		<b>Nb earlier Mass, Deanery Meeting</b>	
Fri 10 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Sp. Int. for Jean Treanor
Sat 11 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Sp. Int. for Rose Nelson
	5.30 pm	St George's	People of the Parish
Sun 12 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Kath & Colum Keenan RIP, Anniv.
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Thomas Callaghan RIP, Anniv.
	6.00 pm	St George's	Jeanette Barnet

### REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL READING, Luke 3:1-6

John preaches repentance and baptises in the region of the Jordan.



The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is

presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail.

Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season.

As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

### DISCOVER HOW JESUS IS SPEAKING TO YOU IN SCRIPTURE:

On Tuesday 7th December at 7:30 pm, Sr Hyacinthe, a Dominican Sister, catechist, tutor, writer and joy filled follower of Jesus, will lead a workshop on Zoom introducing the 4 senses of Scripture. These skills are great ways to help us see how we can use and understand scripture more in our own lives and in catechesis too. Register for the talk by visiting [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/onlineevents](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/onlineevents)

### CAFOD World Gifts

There are now plenty of World Gifts catalogues available in the porch. Please take one home with you and consider giving a sustainable gift this Christmas.

There is a wide selection of gifts and prices. From as little as £5 you can really help a family and make a difference.



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

### SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon, 6 Dec: St Nicholas, Bishop

Tues, 7 Dec: St Ambrose Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Wed, 8 Dec: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of our diocese

### SECOND COLLECTION next week for poor and needy parishes.

### 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.

### MARY'S MEALS, A SIMPLE SOLUTION TO WORLD HUNGER

This great charity now feeds 2,058,099 children globally. Patience who attends Msekera Primary School in Zambia says, "I like the porridge at school so much. We eat in the classroom during break. My favourite thing about school is writing. I love writing and learning." Donations to Mary's Meals, until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022, will be matched by a group of generous supporters up to £1.6 million, in a *Double the Love* campaign. Cheques can be made out to Mary's Meals and sent to: FREEPOST, MARY'S MEALS, Craig Lodge, Dalmally, Argyll, Scotland PA33 1AR. For more details contact [marysmeals.org.uk](http://marysmeals.org.uk) or [info@marysmeals.org](mailto:info@marysmeals.org).

## Love Christmas

### Bishop Patrick's "Love Christmas" initiative

Both churches are supporting Bishop Patrick's call for us to share our joy and love at Christmas. We will be continuing collecting food items but if you could bring Christmas items – Selection boxes, tubs of sweets, mince pies, Christmas Crackers, cranberry sauce, Christmas cake or puddings anything that will make Christmas a little more joyous. Holy Spirit also have their gift tree in place this year. We are asking you to buy just one food item or gift and put it in the collection box in the front of the church These will be given to Derby County to distribute.



### 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