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12th December 2021

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, GAUDETTE SUNDAY

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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| Sat 11 Dec | 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 |
| Mon 13 Dec | 9.30 am | St George's | Sp. Int. for Margaret Ireland |
| Tue 14 Dec | 9.30 am | St George | Priest's own intention |
| Wed 15 Dec | 9.30 am | St George's | Donor's intention in thanksgiving, St Anthony |
| Thu 16 Dec | 9.30 am | St George' | Sp. Int. for Sheila McEverley (Ireland) |
| Fri 17 Dec | 9.30 am | St George's | Sp. Int. for Jean and Malcolm Brocklehurst |
| Sat 18 Dec | 9.30 am | St George's | For good health of Michael White |
| | 5.30 pm | St George's | For parish benefactors |
| Sun 19 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 | Holy Souls |

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL READING, Third Sunday of Advent



At first glance, this might seem strange. John preaches just before Jesus began his public ministry. This was 30 years after his birth! But Advent celebrates not just the coming of Jesus into the world at Bethlehem. It celebrates his coming into the lives of people of every age, and his coming at the moment of death.

Today's Gospel encourages us to consider how Jesus comes into our lives here and now. When John announces that the Saviour is near, and people ask him what they should do, John doesn't demand anything unusual. He tells them: Pay attention to the ordinary circumstances of life, and follow God's commandments. Everyone should help others. Tax collectors can find God by being honest. Soldiers can find God by not abusing their power. So being faithful to God's commandments will open our eyes to the presence of Jesus now. It will also prepare us for Christ's coming at the end of our days. And it will bring Jesus to others. John promised that Jesus would baptise with the Holy Spirit. We who have been baptised, filled with the Holy Spirit, and warmed by the fire of God's love, should live always in the presence of Jesus. This will prepare us for his coming at the end of our days, and it will inspire others to put their faith in Jesus. John the Baptist would agree: Nothing could be more "special" than this!

ADVENT WREATH: Today we light the Third Candle known as the Gaudete Candle. The pink candle to represent Joy. Gaudete translates as "Rejoice"

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all, for the Lord is near at hand; have no anxiety about anything, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God. Lord, you have blessed your land; you have turned away the captivity of Jacob"



Light looked down and saw darkness.

"I will go there," said light.

Peace looked down and saw war.

"I will go there", said peace.

Love looked down and saw hatred

"I will go there," said love.

So he,
the Lord of Light,
the Prince of Peace,
the King of Love,
came down and crept in beside us.

John Bell, Scottish poet.

Christmas cards, calendars, diaries:

Please consider purchasing your Christmas goods from the Piety Stall following Mass.

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

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon, 13 Dec: St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Tues, 14 Dec: St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Sat, 18 Dec: Saturday Mass of Our Lady

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend for the Poor and Needy Parishes Fund.

Christmas Eve 7pm sees the wonderful welcome return of St Georges Music group and Choir, Christmas Eve is such a wonderful Mass to see them return with playing and singing again. The accompanying of music and singing always really uplifts our praise and supports our worship.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Jenny Anthony, who has led the group for many years. Jenny has decided to move to pastures new and I wish her well and extend my gratitude to her for the unfailing commitment she has shown to the parish and the Music Group. Thank you Jenny. I thank each member that is returning to us and thank Trish and Hazel who will now lead the Music Group.

Welcome back all.

Fr Alan.

CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

Advent Reconciliation Services

Other Priests: Thurs, 16th December 7 pm – St Mary's in Derby

Tues, 21st December 7 pm – English Martyrs

Our Priests: Fri, 17th December 7 pm - St. Georges



Christmas Eve Christmas Day Mass of the Holy Family 26th December

5pm St. Georges 9:30am St. Georges 9:30 am St Georges

6pm Holy Spirit 11:15am Holy Spirit 11.15 am Holy Spirit

7pm St. Georges 6 pm St Georges

with Music Group

For those unable to attend Mass over Christmas, on line Mass is available.

How to watch Mass online: Go to: Churchservices.tv

This is a platform that connects communities and provides churches with a space to broadcast – particularly Mass, Adoration and prayer.

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St Marys, Derby

St Marys Roman Catholic Church Derby - Home | Facebook

Christ the King, Mackworth

Christ the King Catholic Church Mackworth Derby - YouTube

Parish of St Alban's, Chaddesden, Derby, Father David Cain

<http://www.derbycatholiclive.co.uk/>

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

The Private Chapel of the Bishop of Nottingham, Bishop's House, Nottingham. Bishop Patrick McKinney and Father Jonathan Rose. Masses are live streamed from Nottingham Cathedral, Bishop Patrick McKinney - YouTube

The Cathedral of St Barnabas, Nottingham, Canon Malachy Brett and Father

Mathew Neriattil. Tuesday Mass live from St Barnabas Cathedral at 1pm.

http://www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/01_Community/livestream.html



Fr Alan will be celebrating his 80th Birthday on Sunday, 19th December. We all wish him Many Happy Returns of the Day and thank him for his care and devotion given to our Parish over the last 30 years.

We have been blessed