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1st January 2022

2nd SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 01 Jan	5.30 pm	St George's	John, Margaret & Sean Ryan, deceased.
Sun 02 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Cynthia & Charles Augustus RIP
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	St George's	For world peace and for control of Covid 19 and new variants.
Mon 03 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Sp. Intention for Lily Murphy
Tue 04 Jan	9.30 am	St George	Birthday thanksgiving, Karan
Wed 05 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Thomas Farrell RIP
Thu 06 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Holy Souls in Purgatory and donor's intention
THE EPIPHANY			
	7.00 pm	Holy Spirit	Priest's own intention
Fri 07 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	For all Covid and Omicron sufferers
Sat 08 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	In thanksgiving, St Anthony, donor's intention
	5.30 pm	St George's	For the intentions of the Clarke family.
Sun 09 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Maureen Rafferty RIP, 3rd Anniv.
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	St George's	Hilary Crosbie, for good health.

### GOSPEL REFLECTION, John 1: 1-5. 9-14): The Word made Flesh

The Gospel reading for this Second Sunday after Christmas is the same as that for Christmas Day itself. Perhaps, after all the celebrations of Christmas, there is



And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us  
John 1:14

room for a more sober thought. The climax is not at the end of the reading, but is in the centre: 'to those who believe he gave power to become sons of God'. On either side of this verse are rejection by his own people, and acceptance by those who see his Glory. This theme of acceptance and rejection runs right

through the gospel of John, some accepting (the disciples, Nicodemus, the Man Born Blind), some rejecting (the Pharisees, the leaders of the Jews). The disciples accept at the Marriage Feast at Cana; the leaders of the Jews immediately afterwards reject at the Cleansing of the Temple. You cannot remain neutral; you must either accept or reject. It is a great trial-scene, and we judge ourselves by our reaction to Jesus. The Father has given all judgment to the Son, but the Son judges no one. The last dread scene is when the Jewish leaders pass sentence on themselves before Pilate and before Jesus crowned as king and seated as judge; they reject God's kingship by saying, 'We have no king but Caesar'. There is no need for sentence to be passed, for we pass our own sentence on ourselves.

**COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS:** As the COVID-19 virus still circulates and we must do all we can to protect ourselves and our neighbours, please note:

- All adults, and children over 11, MUST wear a face covering/mask in church unless they are exempt.
- Sanitising gel will still be available at the entrance/exit, so please continue to use it.
- The QR code for the Track and Trace system is on display as you enter the churches. Remember to check in if you have the App.
- Bring some paper/card or books and place them either side of you if you would like to create your own safe space

### LIVING FAITH has arrived. Get your copy for Jan, Feb & March 2022.

Delivery was a bit late but it is available now. Please donate £1 per copy towards the cost of it and enjoy 3 months of daily spiritual devotions.

*Bless the Lord O my soul; and all my being bless His Holy Name.*

*Sadly but with my full support the Music Group took the decision in light of the raising Omicron Virus, to withdraw from playing at the 7pm Mass on Christmas Eve. We look forward to welcoming the Music Group to playing at Sunday morning Mass when they feel it is safe to do so and we see the infection rates reduce to a safe level.*

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

### PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR JANUARY 2022:

For true human fraternity. We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

### EPIPHANY, 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022



In celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord, we celebrate the revelation that Jesus was born as the Son of God. Today's gospel illustrates this revelation through the story of the three wise men who travelled to visit Jesus following his birth. They embarked on a journey of faith, following the star of Bethlehem until they

reached the manger where Jesus laid. They brought gifts that symbolised their revelation of his divinity: gold, which associated Jesus as a king. Frankincense, which was often used in worship, and symbolised the holiness of Jesus, and myrrh, a perfume used for embalming, which symbolised that Christ would one day die for our sins.

As we start a new calendar year, it's a time of rejuvenation for many of us. A chance for a new beginning. A chance to discover new things and make our own revelations. As the wise men in today's gospel did, you too can continue to follow your faith throughout this year. The wise men had a revelation that the Son of God was coming, and they were not afraid to follow their hearts. Do not be afraid to follow your heart when you hear God's call. Guide us, O God, and protect us kindly now, and at the hour of death. Amen.

### ENCOUNTERING GOD IN YOUR DAILY WORK.

For four Wednesdays, starting on 12th January at 7pm, the Diocese will be running an online course looking at how we can encounter Jesus in our daily work and how it can help us to grow in holiness too. We

spend more hours in a week at work than doing most other activities (including going to church), so let's make an experience of daily glory rather than a daily grind.

For information visit: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/onlineevents](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/onlineevents)

**Parish First Holy Communion Classes 2022:** Classes will start in early March. First Holy Communion candidates must be in School Year 3 or above. Parents of all children who would like to receive the Sacrament will be contacted once you have completed the online form on our Parish website email to [sacramentsstgeorgesrcderby@gmail.com](mailto:sacramentsstgeorgesrcderby@gmail.com). We look forward to meeting your family and supporting your child as they take the next important steps in their sacramental journey. The proposed date for the Celebration will be early May 2022.

**Weddings 2022:** Any couples who are hoping to get married next year at St. George's are required to contact the Parish Priest to begin the preparation process. Canon Law requires a minimum of six months' notice prior to the wedding. This will ensure we can confirm your desired date and enable all the paperwork and preparations. All couples, without exception, will attend the Marriage Preparation Course. Please email your initial enquiries to [sacramentsstgeorgesrcderby@gmail.com](mailto:sacramentsstgeorgesrcderby@gmail.com)

### CHRISTMAS THANKS and THE NEW YEAR

Fr Alan, Fr Jude and Fr Peter take this opportunity to thank you again for all the help and support and generosity of parishioners at Christmas and throughout the year 2021, which has been so challenging with the pandemic. Every good wish and blessing for the New Year 2022 and do all that is necessary to keep safe from the ongoing pandemic.