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16th January 2022

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR PEACE

2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 15 Jan	5.30 pm	St George's	Charles Augustus RIP
Sun 16 Jan	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	Charlie & Mary Doherty and family, and the Connors family.
Mon 17 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Tue 18 Jan	9.30 am	St George	Sp. Intention, Mary Murray
Wed 19 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Birthday thanksgiving, Lily Murphy
Thu 20 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Sp. Intention, Michael White & family living and deceased.
Fri 21 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Donor's intention, thanksgiving, St Anthony
Sat 22 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Deceased members of the Burbidge & Howe families.
	5.30 pm	St George's	Miss Joan McCandless RIP, Northern Ireland
Sun 23 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Des Murphy RIP
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	St George's	Deceased members of the Geelan family

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION : John 2:1-11



In the first miracle of his ministry, Jesus shows himself as he who transforms and provides. He will transform the Old Law into the wine of love's salvation; he will transform our narrow, selfish lives into the wine of Christ-filled open-heartedness and joy; he transforms jars of water into sweet wine.

To do this he needs the consent and obedience of the servants, just as Mary told them to do whatever Jesus said. If he is to transform us he needs our consent and obedience as well; sometimes we beg him to help us but when he tells us what to do we are not prepared to obey,

especially if it seems rather foolish, unnecessary or unlikely to succeed. But if we trust him and are prepared to fill our water pots up to the brim, he will honour his word and transform us into ourselves at our best, our most fulfilled.

### PEACE SUNDAY

Many parts of the world are experiencing violence and almost civil war. The United Nations raises awareness and employs peace-keeping forces in several countries. Let us remember and pray for all those countries where there is great suffering, especially those in the news recently which we bring to mind in times of prayer and seek for them God's mercy and healing.

Let us pray for our Holy Father Pope Francis and all his efforts for peace in the world and for all the efforts for peace of the United Nations.

### WHITE FLOWER APPEAL:

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Please be as generous as you can to help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers and to stop abortion getting even worse in this country by decriminalisation



The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held from 18th-25th January. This year's resources have been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, and are available at <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022/> The theme is 'We Saw his Star in the East.'

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

### SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon 17 Jan: St Anthony, Abbot

Thurs 20 Jan: Blessed Cyprian Tansi, Priest & Monk of Mount St Bernard's Abbey, Leics.

Fri 21st Jan: St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

Sat 22nd Jan: Saturday Mass of Our Blessed Lady

### 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.



### Today is Peace Sunday.

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year is: 'Dialogue between Generations, Education, Work and Dialogue: Tools for Building Lasting Peace.' Details and resources at

<https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022>

### DISCERNMENT EVENING:

"When a person is conquered by the Fire of His gaze, no sacrifice seems too great to follow Him'. A discernment evening for those who feel called to the Priesthood takes place at the Vocation Centre, 247 Gordon Road, Nottingham, NG3 2LG. If you are interested in exploring a vocation to the Priesthood, you'll be very welcome to join the newly appointed Vocations Directors on Friday 28th January at 7pm for a time of prayer, informal discussion and social time. For more information email: [vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk)



### REQUESTING MASS FOR YOUR INTENTIONS

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the most perfect of all prayers. This perfect sacrifice of Christ, made once for us on the cross, is made present wherever the Mass is offered. It is a Catholic custom to ask the priest to offer Mass for one's intentions (whether for those who are living or for those who have died). Parishioners are welcome to request the offering of Masses for their intentions; please speak to the Priest. Your request will be scheduled and will appear on the Parish Newsletter.

Please write your Mass request and place in an envelope and give to the priest or alternatively email the Parish office. People will be aware, it is customary to make an offering when requesting a Mass. This is not an offering for the priest but towards the parish and this forms a part of our parish income. Please check the Newsletter to ensure your Mass request has been given. Any problems, please let me know or email the parish office. Fr Alan

### COVID19 UPDATE:

Face coverings in Places of Worship are now mandatory by government law, so we ask everyone, unless exempt, to wear one. If you, or someone in your household, displays symptoms of Covid19, or just feels generally unwell, then please stay at home,