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5th SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 02 Apr	5.30 pm	St George's	Dec. members of the Doolan family
Sun 03 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	John Astle RIP
	6.00 pm	St George's	Ivanka Krajsek RIP, 2nd Anniv.
Mon 04 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	Sp. Intention, H.O.
Tue 05 Apr	9.30 am	St George	Fr Tony Rohan, seriously ill
Wed 06 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	In thanksgiving St Anthony, donor's intention
Thu 07 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	Special Intention J.K.
Fri 08 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	Holy Souls and donor's intention
Sat 09 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	Mary O'Riordan RIP
	5.30 pm	St George's	Dec. Members of the Cannon Family
Sun 10 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
PALM SUNDAY	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Mike Nagji RIP
	6.00 pm	St George's	Christine Collin, not well



GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Today is the Fifth Sunday of Lent also known as Passion Sunday - John 8:1-11 The First Stone

It's a sad fact of life, if you do something good, it isn't remembered for very long. You are only as good as your last good deed. But if you do

something bad, there will be those who insist on never forgetting it. There will always be those who mutter, "Oh that's 'so and so' the one who had the affair." "That Mr Thingumajig, the one who did such and such." It's a very sad human failing. We are loathe to let the failings of others go.

In today's gospel reading the Scribes and Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught committing adultery. According to the Law of Moses such a woman should be stoned. What has Jesus to say on the matter? As ever, the Scribes and Pharisees are seeking to trap Jesus into giving an answer that is unlawful. Jesus however is great at not falling into traps. "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone," he replies. When we have made a mistake in life, the last thing we need is condemnation. Condemnation is rarely useful. Condemnation sends us to a dark place where we fester. Denied our second chance, our self-esteem is eroded. We begin to see ourselves in a different light. Other people think we are bad or weak so perhaps we are. Our self-image spirals downwards, we start to behave the way people expect us to behave.... badly! But the people, who have pointed the finger of blame; are they really in any position to judge? We are extraordinarily quick to throw the first stone. Our powers of empathy are limited. Perhaps we enjoy moral outrage. Perhaps we enjoy gossiping at someone else's expense. Today we are challenged. The next time we open our mouths to condemn, we are asked to find mercy instead, the same mercy we expect when we have fallen from grace.

PILGRIMAGES

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on Saturday 11th June 2022. Join with Bishop Patrick on pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady to pray for vocations, peace in our world, and evangelisation.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage: Bookings are now open for the Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage – under the leadership of Bishop Patrick, from Monday 4th until Friday 8th July. Full details are on the Tangney Tours website: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/nottingham>, or for more details contact Father Simon Gillespie (simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk)



40 HOURS OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION at OUR LADY OF LOURDES,

MICKLEOVER: As part of the 'Awakening 2022' initiative of the Charismatic Renewal & Jesus Youth to hold 100 days of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost, there will be 40 hours of Adoration at Our Lady of Lourdes in Mickleover. Begins with 6.00pm Mass on Friday 1st April until Sunday. All are welcome anytime day or night, during the 40 hours. If you can volunteer to be an official 'watcher' and commit to one hour with our Lord, sign up: tinyurl.com/40hoursOLol

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION, St George's 7 pm, Thursday, 7th April.

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

Mon 4th Apr: St Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Tues 5th Apr: St Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Thurs 7th Apr: St John Baptist de la Salle

THE RECENTLY DEAD: Please keep in your prayers those who have died recently and whose funerals are being arranged.

Wayne Ginnivan, Eileen Mitchell and Una Parr

We pray for them and their families.

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

POPES Intentions for April 2022 Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities

SURVIVE MIVA: Sincere thanks to all who gave so generously to last week's appeal for Survive Miva, the Catholic charity which provides transport for the Missions. It was very interesting to hear the speaker, Ted, tell of their very important work. Archbishop Patrick McMahon of Liverpool is a patron and supporter. A total of £501.00 was raised.



Baptism: Parents wishing to have their babies or young children baptized please use on

line application on parish website. Adults seeking Baptism or wanting to find out more about the Catholic Faith, please contact Fr Alan.

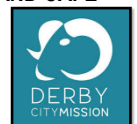
Marriage: Couples wishing to marry are required to give at least six months' notice. Please complete on-line enquiry from in our website

Communion to the Sick & Housebound: If you know of anyone unable to get to Mass & would like Communion, contact Fr Alan

DERBY CITY MISSION COMMUNITY SHOP AND CAFE

This week Derby City Mission will be opening a Community Shop and cafe based at 10 Normanton Road. The Community Shop will be available to those who are experiencing food insecurity and will offer support to help people out of those difficulties. The Café will be there to offer friendship, activities and support during the tough times ahead.

The Shop and Cafe will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings 10 am until 12. They are looking for volunteers to help with this project. For more information call in at the cafe, contact Derby City Mission via their website Derby City Mission or ring Derby 460346. Access to the shop will be available at the Jubilee debt and advice session held at St Peters Church in the centre of Derby on Tuesday mornings at 10.15 until 12.15



Maundy Thursday, April 14th, 7 pm at St. Georges, 7pm at Holy Spirit; Mass of the Last Supper, Washing of the Feet, Renewal of Ministry, Catechists, Minister of Word and Communion.

Good Friday, April 15th, 3 pm at St. Georges and 3 pm at Holy Spirit: Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

Holy Saturday, April 20th, 7 pm at St. Georges and 7 pm at Holy Spirit: The lighting of the Easter Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Promises and the First Mass of Easter.

Easter Sunday, April 21st, St Georges 9-30 am and Holy Spirit at 11-15am, St. George's 6-00pm