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**32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

Sat 05 Nov	5.30 pm	St George's	Hilary Crosbie for good health
Sun 06 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	Jack Murphy RIP
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	People of the parish and clergy
	6.00 pm	St George's	For all the deceased of the travelling people and the people of the world
Mon 07 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	In thanksgiving, St Anthony
Tue 08 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Wed 09 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	James O'Riordan RIP
Thu 10 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	For all our dead
Fri 11 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	Holy Souls and the dead of war (not forgotten)
Sat 12 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	The people of the parish
	5.30 pm	St George's	Mary Ryan RIP
Sun 13 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	Max Rafferty RIP, 20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Holy Souls & deceased members of suffering souls.
	6.00 pm	St George's	Maura Fallon RIP

**GOSPEL REFLECTION:** The Pharisees and the Sadducees were both attracted and repelled by Jesus, and they couldn't stop trying to catch him out. The aristocratic Sadducees scorned the middle-class Pharisees and their modern interpretation of the law. They had a narrow world view and were true conservatives, accepting only the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures (the Pentateuch) and rejecting any belief in the resurrection of the body or of any existence after death.

Under the Levirate law, if a Jewish man's brother died childless, the man was supposed to marry the widow and provide an heir, so that the estate wouldn't leave the family and the brother's name would continue. The Sadducees, who were too clever by half, posed a scenario which they didn't even believe would ever occur, hoping to force Jesus to renounce the resurrection or allow polyandry (a woman having more than one husband).

Jesus pointed out that the resurrection life and our current earthly existence are not to be compared. In heaven the relationship of a married couple will be transcended by an entirely new kind of relationship. As Christians, we don't simply believe that after death we live on in some way, what we do believe is that on the last day our bodies will be raised incorruptible. This is our blessed hope and the very essence of what it means to believe in the resurrection.

As Paul said '...God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power' (1 Cor.6:14). Of course, this is a mystery but one which through faith we can enter into and take hold of in a way which can transform our lives. St Clement of Rome, saw the truth of the resurrection built into nature's cycle: 'Day and night give us examples of resurrection. The night sinks to sleep, the day rises; the day departs, the night comes on.' His namesake in Alexandria said of Christ, '(He) has turned all our sunsets into dawn.'

*'Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we all will be changed – in a flash. For the trumpeter will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.'* (1 Cor. 15:51-52 NIV)

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** The new envelopes start on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Boxes are now available for all who use them. Numbers may be different to previous ones that parishioners may have had but do not worry because I have the record of names and numbers, especially of donors who have gift-aided their offerings. Also, this coming year, because our parish donations of St George's and Holy Spirit have been, for a number of years, paid into one bank account, our envelopes will take account of this and be designated 'St George's and Holy Spirit'.

**CAFOD:** "Thank you for your prayers and for holding a collection in your parish (St George & All Soldier Saints) this Family Fast Day. Please pass on our thanks to all your parishioners for your parish's donation of £826 which we received recently to our World Food Crisis Appeal. Your parish total is £826."

**THE CATHOLIC NEWS FOR NOVEMBER** is now available at the church. Lots of nice articles and pictures of events around the Diocese. Please take a copy.

**DERBY IRISH CENTRE SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP** invite you to Mass for deceased family members to be celebrated on Thursday, 10 November, in Derby Irish Centre, 11 Becket St. The Mass will be celebrated by Canon Tim O'Sullivan and will start at 12 o'clock. Soup and sandwiches available after mass.

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

**SAINTS THIS WEEK:**

Wed 9 Nov: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.

Thurs 10 Nov: St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor

Fri 11 Nov: St Martin of Tours, Bishop

Sat 12 Nov: St Josepha, Bishop & Martyr.

**A RECENT DEATH:** Please pray for Ann Mosley of Backsitwell St, who has died recently. We extend our sincere sympathies to all her family and offer our prayers for the repose of her soul.

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov at 12 noon.

**THOSE NOT SO WELL:** Please remember in your prayers all in the parish who are not so well, including any who are in hospital and members of our families who may live in other places. We thank God for all the caring services of the NHS and care homes. Thanks also to Ministers of Holy Communion who visit those in their own home. God bless you all. Fr Alan.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY is next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November.**

It is a day when we remember all the dead of war. On behalf of all of us I would like to thank most sincerely parishioners who have given the church and entrance such a grand Poppy Day decoration. The photographs of the war veterans, including family members of parishioners is very moving. Some died at a young age and others, thankfully survived the battle of war and lived to a peaceful old age. The knitted poppies and other poppies are very poignant reminders of the tragedy of war. As we remember the dead of war we pray for peace, especially in Ukraine and the Horn of Africa. Pope St John Paul II said, in his address at Coventry, a city devastated by German bombs "War should no longer be used as a way of settling differences between nations, it should no longer be on mankind's agenda for the future".

**UMUNUMO THANKS:** It was good to have Fr Ephraim with us last weekend. In his usual lively way he told us about his movements since leaving St George's and Holy Spirit quite a long time ago now. Since moving, first to the Cathedral in Nottingham and then to Beeston, Northampton, and then Liverpool as a prison chaplain, he is now a hospital chaplain in St Thomas' Hospital in London. He has maintained great drive and energy in promoting and developing the Umununo hospital project and many mothers and babies and others have benefitted from the good nursing and medical care. With the new charity foundation of 'Friends of St George's Hospital, Umunumo in Britain' Fr Ephraim and his team of helpers are reaching out to the needy in areas of London. Many thanks for your generous donations last weekend which came to the grand total of £601.00. A cheque for this amount has been forwarded to the charity's treasurer. St George's and Holy Spirit parish would also make a contribution to be agreed by the parish finance committee in accordance with our commitment to give a small percentage of parish income to charitable causes. Many thanks also, to all our parishioners for your ongoing financial support of the parish and clergy in these very challenging economic times.

**HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY VOLUNTEERING:** Royal Derby Hospital Chaplaincy is looking for new volunteers. Volunteering would involve visiting wards on either a Friday or a Saturday to ascertain whether any patients would like Holy Communion on Sunday, and if so what Church or denomination they belong to. Based on these visits the Sunday Communion rounds from across the Christian communities would be arranged. If you'd like to explore volunteering in the hospital please email Fr Jonathan at [jonathan.whitby-smith@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:jonathan.whitby-smith@dioceseofnottingham.uk)