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13th November 2022

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY & WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE POOR

33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 12 Nov	5.30 pm	St George's	Mary Ryan RIP
Sun 13 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	Max Rafferty RIP, 20th anniversary
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Holy Souls and deceased members of suffering souls.
	6.00 pm	St George's	Maura Fallon RIP
Mon 14 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Tue 15 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	For Mary McElwee who is seriously ill
Wed 16 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	Bernadette O'Riordan RIP
Thu 17 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	Michael Fleming RIP, 5th anniversary
Fri 18 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	For the deceased benefactors of St George's and Holy Spirit churches
Sat 19 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	For Diciz & Rita for good health
	5.30 pm	St George's	Tom O'Reilly RIP
Sun 20 Nov	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	For Pope Francis and the Catholic clergy of the world and for the care of traveller sites and cemeteries.

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Traditionally November is the month the Church focuses on the four last things: death, the final judgement, heaven (and hell and purgatory), and the Second Coming – sombre subjects, to be sure, but essential and foundational to our faith. Today's reading invites us to contemplate what the signs will be of the end of the world. The Covid pandemic, the war in Ukraine and talk of a Third World War makes the end of the world seem even closer.

However, the end of the world isn't necessarily a topic we give much thought to – although sometimes the challenges and difficulties we face can make it seem like the end of the world! Believers and unbelievers alike acknowledge that one day the end will come – life on earth cannot be forever. Scientists suggest that our sun will burn up the earth in about five billion years, and throughout history false prophets have proclaimed with dogmatic certainty that the 'end is nigh', only to be exposed as frauds and charlatans.

The truth is, no one knows the day or the hour either of our own death or the end of life on earth. What we do know, however, is that we can rely on a number of key truths. The first is that Christ lives and he has overcome death and the powers of darkness. We can also be certain that Christ is with us. In Christ the future world has already begun. The future is not darkness, confusion and fear, but by having a sure confidence that God is with us we can face it with courage and dignity. We believe that the Lord will return – as judge and Saviour. Jesus is the good judge: We know his face, that of the Risen Christ, of Christ crucified for us. We walk and live by faith, not by sight and even if we might rather leave the body to live with the Lord, what definitively matters is that we live lives that are pleasing to him (cf. 2 Cor. 5:7-9).

Today we pray the prayer that originated on the lips of the first Christian communities in Corinth: 'Marana-tha!', which translates as 'Our Lord, come!' (see 1 Cor. 16-22)

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new envelopes start on 4th 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'.

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.

FR EPHRAIM will visit us again on Saturday, 19th November, for the 5.30 pm Mass. He will speak of the Umunumo hospital project and also activities for the needy in this country. After Mass he invites all to join in tea/coffee and a short video presentation.

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

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Tues 15th Nov: St Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor

Wed 16th Nov: St Margaret of Scotland

Thurs 17th Nov: St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop, Patron of our diocese

Sat 19th Nov: St Elizabeth of Hungary

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.

Funeral now at Trent Valley on Friday 18th Nov at 1.30pm.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY today Sunday 13th 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".

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

THE BLESSING OF GRAVES

Fr Alan will visit Chellaston cemetery at 3 pm this Sunday, 13th November, and invites parishioners to join him.

We have many of our deceased parishioners buried in Chellaston cemetery and it is good that we visit on Remembrance Sunday and bless their graves with Holy Water, pray for them, and say the rosary as we walk around the cemetery.

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

MOVEMENT AND SENSORY SPACE MASS

at The Church On Oakwood, Bishop's Drive, Derby DE21 2DF, on Sunday 20th November at 2pm

This will be a 'relaxed' Mass, specially adapted for those with sensory needs. The celebrant will be Fr Alex Roji. Refreshments afterwards. Everyone welcome.