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1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 26 Nov	5.30 pm	St George's	The deceased of the Toryusen and Goodman families
Sun 27 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	John McClelland (Jnr) and Margaret McClelland RIP
	6.00 pm	St George's	Phil Mason RIP
Mon 28 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Tue 29 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	Tom & Kathleen Connally RIP
Wed 30 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	In thanksgiving, St Anthony
Thu 01 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Mary O'Riordan RIP
Fri 02 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Joe & Ann Kelly and the Treanor family
Sat 03 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	5.30 pm	St George's	Edmund Walsh RIP (Anniv.)
Sun 04 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	Chris Lynch RIP
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Michael Cunningham RIP (in Ireland)
	6.00 pm	St George's	Elizabeth Geelan RIP

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

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Wed 30th Nov: St Andrew, Apostle

Thurs 1st Dec: St Ralph Sherwin, Nicholas Garlick, Robert Ludlam and others, martyrs of Derbyshire.

Sat 3rd Dec: St Francis Xavier, Priest and Doctor

ST ANDREW, APOSTLE - Feast day on Wed, 30th November

St Andrew, the brother of St Peter, was born in Bethsaida. He was a disciple of John the Baptist, until with Peter he answered the call of Jesus. He is mentioned several times in the gospels; he brought the gentiles to Jesus and pointed out the boy with the loaves and fishes at the feeding of the five thousand. He is thought to have preached the gospel Scythia and to have been martyred at Pagtras in Achaia.

GOSPEL REFLECTION - Matthew 24:37-44 First Sunday of Advent

The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin 'adventus', meaning 'arrival', which in itself finds its root in another Latin word 'advenire'. 'ad' meaning 'to' and 'venire' meaning 'come'. Advent therefore invites us to ponder the first Coming of Christ and also look forward to his Second. The Advent liturgy makes present this ancient expectancy of the Coming of the Messiah, as well as encouraging us to renew our ardent desire for Christ's Second Coming.

We don't tend to think about – let alone pray and long for – the return of Jesus. This central pillar of Christian revelation seems to have been ignored in past years and is little understood, preached or talked about. When did you last hear a sermon on the Second Coming of Christ? Regardless, every time we recite the Creed we proclaim our belief in this great truth of our faith: 'I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ ... He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.' Indeed, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is clear about Jesus' return being imminent: 'Since the Ascension Christ's coming in glory has been imminent... This eschatological coming could be accomplished at any moment, even if both it and the final trial that will precede it are "delayed" (para 673).

If you look up the word 'imminent' in the dictionary, the definition is shown as 'about to happen'. In truth, most of us probably don't actually believe that the Second coming is imminent and we probably resist it because it doesn't have an impact on our daily lives. However, when we touch upon something of the significance of Jesus' First Coming we find ourselves groaning and longing for his Second.

The Holy Spirit enlightens us because the prayer of the Spirit is 'Come, Lord Jesus.' The Church, the Bride, also enlightens us because her blessed hope too is, 'Come, Lord Jesus, Come'. The beginning of Advent, then, is a time to renew this expectation that Jesus is going to return in glory as Lord and King.

*The one who testifies to these things says,
"Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20*

THE WEBSITE IS CURRENTLY BEING UPDATED: Please go to www.stgeorges-holyspiritderby.org.uk to see the latest updates to the website. The website is now updated weekly with the latest newsletter and latest news and information from the diocese.

HEALTH AND SAFETY, ST GEORGE'S AND HOLY SPIRIT

Recently we had an arranged visit from the Health and Safety Inspector from our Diocese of Nottingham. He was pleased with all the measures we have in place and also the fact that we are gas safety inspected, PAT tested for electrical items and in the process of getting our 5 year electrical certification for St George's and Holy Spirit. We have a few things to work on and await his report and recommendations.

It was good that we had recent redecoration of St George's church and the new lighting.

Thanks to everybody who helps to keep our churches safe and our parishioners who maintain our premises in any way.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AND OFFERTORY GIVING

Sincere thanks to parishioners who so generously give their offerings for the work of the parish week by week using the Offertory envelopes. Also, many thanks to parishioners who are tax payers and who gift aid their donations.

If any parishioners would like to take a box of envelopes for their offerings, please see Fr Alan to obtain a box.

Sincere thanks also to the generous parishioners who make their weekly offerings by standing orders to the parish bank account, it is a way of giving that has grown in recent years.

Finally, sincere thanks to parishioners who generously give their cash donations week by week in support of the parish.

The regular donations of parishioners in these different ways, enables the parish to meet its regular outgoings and together with some rental income, gift aid, Mass offerings, funeral fees, wedding fees and baptism offerings, enabled us to have a small surplus of income over expenditure for the last financial year.

DROP IN CAFÉ

In response to the current economic crisis we are thinking of opening up a drop in café in the social centre for two hours after Mass on Friday mornings. If you would be willing to help with this in any way please pass your name to any of the team that help with coffee after Sunday Mass. We will begin in the New Year.