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5th July 2026

14th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

ST GEORGE'S MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 04 July	5.30 pm	Margaret Fortune RIP, 9th anniversary
Sun 05 July	9.30 am	People of the parish
Mon 06 July	9.30 am	For all in the parish who are not well, especially those in hospital
Tues 07 July	9.30 am	Christian Elliott for good health and for the family
Wed 08 July	9.30 am	For all victims of inadequate maternity care in our hospitals, especially the deceased
Thu 09 July	9.30 am	The Power family and the Rolston family
Fri 10 July	9.30 am	For all the victims of the terrible earthquake in Venezuela and their families
Sat 11 July	9.30 am	Donor's intention and thanksgiving, St Anthony
	5.30 pm	Stanley Brown RIP
Sun 12 July	9.30 am	People of the Parish

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Jesus praises and thanks the Father for revealing 'hidden things' to the uneducated and simple. What are these 'hidden things' and who are the children? The 'hidden things' are the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, the gift of revelation by which we penetrate the veil – the mystery of God is great. The children are predominately the 'lay faithful' who believe in Jesus. Of course, we are all children of God, clerical or lay but few lay people are trained in theology or philosophy as the clergy, and they approach matters of faith with simplicity and openness of revelation that too much learning can hinder.

The Father delights to impart divine revelation, this is the will of his Father; 'yea, Father, for such was they gracious will' (v.26). Jesus and the Father are One. 'Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me' (John 14:11). 'He who has seen me has seen the Father' (John 14:9). The Father reveals himself in and through the Son: 'no one comes to the Father, but by me' (John 14:6)

Those who are open to receiving Jesus are given divine revelation – that is, they are allowed a glimpse into the very life of the Trinity into the communion and love that exist between the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit.

This revelation only takes place through Jesus, for he alone can pass on to others real knowledge of God. The more we receive Jesus, the more the Father will give us revelation – understanding of 'hidden things'.

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal more and more of the mystery of the person of Christ. This is the source of true joy and real peace. 'Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest' (Matt. 11:28).

We are blessed to receive revelation! This is the gift of the Father's love to us. We need to seek this revelation from the Spirit with expectancy and humility. Like Jesus, delight in this gracious gift of the Father and praise and thank him. This is the way to know the deep joy of the Spirit and the peace that transcends understanding.

'Father, I praise and thank you for revealing yourself to me in Jesus. By your Holy Spirit open my heart more and more to receive Jesus, so that he may give me his peace and rest.'

***Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
on Saturday 10.15-10.45 am.***

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY is for Stella Maris, the Church's mission to seafarers. It supports port chaplaincies which provide pastoral support and Eucharistic celebrations for seafarers,

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon 6th July: St Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr and also remembrance of former Bishop Edward Ellis, 7th Bishop of Nottingham who died in 1979
Thurs 9th July: St Augustine Zhao Rong, priest and companions, martyrs
Sat 11th July: St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe

THE PADLEY PILGRIMAGE in honour of the martyrs

Nicolas Garlic, Robert Ludlum and Richard Simpson, who were executed on the Padley Bridge in Derby in 1588, takes place on Sunday 12th July from 3 pm.

WINNERS AND LOSERS

I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. MATTHEW 11.25

An acquaintance of mine was running in a marathon, and I was interested in the finish, so I clicked on the visual feed of racers crossing the line. As I watched, I felt inspired. Not by the big winners, though, the pros obviously in shape and position to grab the glory. No, it was the stragglers, dogged and exhausted, who got my attention. They barely jogged, walked and limped across the finish line. But they weren't sad about their placement; rather, they were jubilant. They'd accomplished their goals. They had not given up! Our culture emphasises the winners. I think, as Jesus points out, I might have a lot to learn from the supposed losers – the little ones – myself.

Lord, May I learn from you in my own weakness.

CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by our Bishop Patrick McKinney at English Martyrs Church, Alvaston, at 11 am on Sunday 12th July. Please pray for the 40 or so young people to be confirmed and their families, including a number from St George's. The Sacrament of Confirmation strengthens us in our faith as we face the many counter challenges to belief in God and the following of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

OUR SCHOOL

Fr Alan celebrated a lovely Mass at our St George's Voluntary Academy on Monday, 29th June. The Mass was of Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles, and we welcomed our First Holy Communion children, beautifully turned out in their First Holy Communion dresses and suits and Sunday best. The First Holy Communion children did the readings and prayers and joined in the lovely singing led by the school music group of staff and pupils.

It was good to have several of their family members with us and some parishioners. Also, our school head teacher and staff are to be commended on their efforts to keep our school open and functioning in the recent heatwave.

Sports Day for Key Stage 1 took place in a morning before the hottest part of the day and Sports Day for the Key Stage 2 pupils was postponed until early July.