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11th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

ST GEORGE'S MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 13 June	5.30 pm	Trevor McCandless RIP 15th anniversary
Sun 14 June	9.30 am	People of the parish
Mon 15 June	9.30 am	Kevin Day
Tues 16 June	9.30 am	In thanksgiving to God for success of answered prayers
Wed 17 June	9.30 am	For Kevin O'Rourke for success of heart operation
Thu 18 June	9.30 am	For Margaret Johnson for her special birthday
Fri 19 June	9.30 am	Sp. Intention for Maria
Sat 20 June	9.30 am	For Leprosy sufferers
	5.30 pm	For the Crosbie and Donovan families
Sun 21 June	9.30 am	People of the parish

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Jesus compared evangelisation (although to be fair he doesn't use this word) to working in a harvest field. For him the harvest is plentiful: the problem was the staff, the workers in the field (is it not ever so?). Chiefs and Indians spring to mind; getting stuck into the task in hand (sharing our faith) isn't for the faint-hearted. St Pope Paul VI who had a great heart for evangelising wrote the master piece *Evangelii nuntiandi* on this very topic. Many commentators believe that Archbishop Karol Wojtyla, St John Paul II, played a significant role in the drafting of this wonderful document. If you haven't read it or studied it, you are missing out. But that's the point, isn't it – reading and studying it probably isn't very high on our agenda? The crux of *Evangelii nuntiandi* is that the Church exists to evangelise. The answer to the question: why does your parish exist? is, to evangelise! Who knew?

We have convinced ourselves that this means being nice, kind and decent people. We assuage our conscience with platitudes such as: 'I evangelise by the way I live my life.' Well, clearly, living good, holy and decent lives comes with the territory – poor witness, poor evangelisation.

The truth is that a card-carrying, militant atheist can live well: they can be as kind, patient and caring as a believer and sometimes more so. To evangelise is to proclaim Christ and to lead people who do not know him into this knowledge. This in itself is a work of grace, both in our own lives and in the one who receives the message. The gospel is essentially, then, a message, the kerygma. It involves us witnessing to the truth that Jesus, who suffered, died and rose again from the dead, is the Lord of history and the Lord of lives. And in believing in him and accepting his Lordship we are born again and through baptism we enter into the Paschal Mystery. The Lord wants to equip us to be effective workers in the harvest field so that we have the freedom and confidence to lead others to Christ.

Lord, grant me the grace not to be ashamed of the gospel but eager and ready to give a reason for my hope and joy.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE

For the values of sport; Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounters and dialogue among cultures and nations; that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.

CONFIRMATION

The classes have begun at English Martyrs Church led by Fr Mark Brentnall. Confirmation will be celebrated at English Martyrs on Sunday, 12th July at 11 am. Please keep the candidates and their families in your prayers.

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

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for LEPRAs.
Next weekend is for Day for Life

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Tues 16 June: St Richard of Chichester, Bishop
Fri 19 June: St Romuald, Abbot
Sat 20 June: St Alban, Martyr

RECENT DEATHS AND COMING FUNERALS:

Please pray for Geoffrey Boulter of Padston Close, Derby, who died a short time ago. Requiem Mass will take place at St George's Church on Wednesday, 24th June 2026 at 10 am.

Also, please pray for Rosa (Rose) Gilligan of Moorside Crescent, Sinfen, Derby, who died recently. The funeral service will take place at Markeaton Crematorium on 23rd June 2026 at 1.30 pm.

We continue to pray for the families in their sad loss and the deceased.
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

A RECENT DEATH: Please pray for Mary Murray who was a long-time member of St George's parish with husband John and the family, before moving away a few years ago. Mary died recently after a time of illness.
Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Ask for Grace

At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them...MATTHEW 9:36

The people in Jesus' time "were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd," the Gospel tells us (v.36), and Jesus felt pity for them. Today, two millennia later, we still see so many who are troubled and filled with anxiety, despairing of finding lasting happiness. Sometimes, it afflicts our young adults, but it can afflict our seniors as well.

The Lord's response is not to scold or condemn. Rather, he is moved with pity. His heart reaches out to those who are suffering. And he sends help in the form of his Apostles to heal, to cure, to bring the message of salvation.

Who are we in this story? Are we the anxious and abandoned, or are we the bearers of the Good News? Perhaps we are a bit of both. We ask God at times for the grace to carry on, but we must also ask for the grace to share our witness with others.

Father, heal me of my fears and let me be a witness of your love.

LEPRA

2024 was Lepra's Centenary Year and for 100 years Lepra's research has led to new and innovative approaches to healthcare programmes. Lepra seeks to provide better detection, treatment and support mechanisms, to advocate for those without a voice, to challenge prejudice wherever it exists, to strengthen local health systems and to help provide sustainable healthcare in partnership with local communities for a future free from the terrible impact of the disease. With every delayed diagnosis, another person is at risk of developing life-changing disabilities as a result of leprosy. In response, Lepra is increasing our efforts to actively find, diagnose, treat and support people affected by leprosy in India and Bangladesh, rather than hoping they find us.

Now more than ever your help is needed.

It costs Lepra £25 to change a life and if found early enough and treatment provided, the disease can be halted preventing disability, but reconstructive surgery often restores the use of limbs and sight to both adults and children. With a course of multidrug therapy, it is possible to cure leprosy and after just one tablet a person is non-infectious. With our help we hope that leprosy will one day be beaten.