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23rd August 2026

21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

ST GEORGE'S MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 22 Aug	5.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 23 Aug	9.30 am	For Jimmy's son, Michael, RIP and all the family and all travellers
Mon 24 Aug	9.30 am	For all our parishioners, especially those who are not well
Tues 25 Aug	9.30 am	Marianne Power for good health and for her family
Wed 26 Aug	9.30 am	For the living and dead of the Burbidge fam.
	12 noon	Requiem for Joseph Dussroth RIP
Thu 27 Aug	9.30 am	For Michael White for good health
Fri 28 Aug	9.30 am	For Margaret Johnson for good health
Sat 29 Aug	9.30 am	For all the priests and people of our diocese of Nottingham
	5.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 30 Aug	9.30 am	For Manti Santi RIP and the deceased of the family (in Italy)

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Rudyard Kipling said once, 'I keep six honest serving men (they taught me all I knew); their names are What and Why and When and How and Where and Who.'. Curiosity might have killed the cat but it is vital in living out our faith. We have to ask questions, query, probe and enquire.

We have to ask questions. What is the meaning of life? Who am I? What's the point? What should I do with my life? What job or career should I pursue or give, myself to? Today, Jesus asks us: "Who do you say that I [Jesus] am?" (v.15). This question and its answer are the key to the entire Bible. It opens up the mystery of faith. It sheds light on our destiny and dignity. For God sent his one and only Son that whoever believes in him would not perish but would inherit eternal life (John 3:16).

This is external life: to know God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent (John 17:3). Peter's answer to this question signalled that he was the rock upon which the Church would be built. For the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ is built on the rock of revelation.

What is revelation? Revelation is that which reason alone cannot see, understand, or figure out. The human mind cannot fathom some of the truths of faith because they can only be revealed by God the Father.

Faith can become lukewarm, cool, or even cold. We need the fire of God's grace to penetrate the mystery of faith. This grace comes when we pray, read the Scriptures and receive the Eucharist. It can also come out of the blue, spontaneously and seemingly without effort, but such a gift is the fruit of God preparing our minds and hearts. This renewal of our mind isn't magical but part of a lifelong conversation and journey back to the Father's house.

Come, Holy Spirit, enkindle within my heart a burning desire to pray, read the Scriptures and adore you presented in the sacrament of the Eucharist.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE - 30TH September – 7th October 2026

All are welcome to join Fr Andrew on pilgrimage to Medjugorje, flying from East Midlands Airport, costing £794 based on sharing a room, half-board, in accommodation near to St James' Church, with a local guide.
For more information, please contact Alison Riggott (07934 419753 / aliriggott@yahoo.co.uk) or see the poster in church.

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

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon 24th Aug: St Bartholomew, Apostle (Feast)
Tues 25th Aug: St Louis
Wed 26th Aug: Blessed Dominic of The Mother of God, Priest
Thurs 27th Aug: St Monica
Fri 28th Aug: St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor
Sat 29th Aug: The Passion of John the Baptist

**HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR AUGUST for
evangelisation in the city.**

Let us pray that in large cities often masked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

A RECENT DEATH:

Please pray for Joseph Dussroth who died recently. Requiem Mass will take place at St George's on Wednesday 26th August at 12.30.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Do You Recognise Jesus?

You are the Christ, the Son of The living God. MATTHEW 16:16

We love taking our children to new churches, to gaze at the incredible architecture, be inspired by the art and celebrate the liturgy with the wider Church. Inevitably, one of the younger children will see a statue or painting, point excitedly and exclaim. "It's Jesus!"

I envy how easily my kids recognise Jesus. In my pride and distraction I have a hard time remembering that the person standing in line with me at the store, the homeless person on the street corner and the driver who cuts me off in traffic are opportunities to see Jesus too. Like Peter, I sometimes need to be confronted directly - "Who do you say that I am?" (v.15) – before I can see and reply with faith.

Loving God, help me to see Jesus in every person I meet today and to reverence him in them.