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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

17th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

ST GEORGE'S MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 25 July	5.30 pm	Mark and Hillary Crosbie RIP
Sun 26 July	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Mon 27 July	9.30 am	Anne Jarret RIP
Tues 28 July	9.30 am	For all our children on school holiday that they may be safe.
Wed 29 July	9.30 am	Mick & Maria Finnegan in thanksgiving on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary
	12.30 pm	Requiem: Mary Brigid Reid RIP
Thu 30 July	9.30 am	Ken Fogg RIP, 16th anniversary
Fri 31 July	9.30 am	.In thanksgiving, St Anthony of Padua
Sat 01 Aug	9.30 am	Joseph Dussroth RIP
	5.30 pm	For those not well and the housebound
Sun 02 Aug	9.30 am	People of the parish

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Who hasn't played the game or toyed with the question, 'What would you do if you won the lottery?' The game or answer plays out with a litany of spending. Each one carrying the promise and allure of happiness and fulfilment. St John Henry Newman noted that 'all bow down before wealth', but Tom Monaghan didn't. He founded one of the most successful companies in America. In 1998 he sold it for \$1 billion (about £600 million) and has since dedicated his life to serving God and the Church.

Finding true treasure compelled him to dispense with many of his riches: he got rid of his Sikorsky S76 helicopter, his corporate jet, Rolls-Royce and Bentley Turbo, not to mention his 190 ft. yacht and a rare collection of Frank Lloyd Wright artefacts.

Our materialistic and consumer-driven mentality finds such behaviour difficult (if not impossible) to understand. The more hard-bitten among us might even question his mental stability! After all, people dream of possessing a fraction of what Tom worked to achieve, leading many to play the lottery in the hope of getting rich quick.

The merchant in the parable discovered the unspeakable joy of the kingdom and no amount of possessions or wealth could compare. The world and its desires fade before the exquisite beauty and treasure of Christ.

The human mind, on its own, cannot grasp the glory of the kingdom of heaven. Our minds are dull and slow to understand how fickle wealth is and how transitory our existence. We need God's light to illuminate our minds. His light opens up our horizon and deepens our insight into the eternal. This grace of revelation isn't the work of reason or flesh and blood but is the gentle mercy of grace at work expanding our minds and widening our hearts to contemplate divine and eternal truths that only God can reveal.

Father, I want to know the joy of your kingdom and the exhilaration that comes from penetrating more deeply into the riches of this mystery which is Christ in us, the hope of glory.

Dear Parishioners,

I trust you are all enjoying the Mediterranean weather! Work in the social centre is progressing well, and we look to the completion of this phase of the refurbishment shortly. The work on the car park will begin again soon with the installation of the railings and the gates which are in the process of being made. In line with making our worshipping community more visible new flag poles have been installed already at St George's, and similar will follow at English Martyrs. As part of the next phase of refurbishment the church sanctuary will be re-painted and the woodwork re stained and varnished. Many thanks to you all for your patience during these major works.

Fr Brentnall.

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

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Wed 29th July: Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Thurs 30th July: St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor
Fri 31st July: St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Sat 1st Aug: St Alphonsus Mary de Liguori, Bishop & Doctor

RECENT DEATHS:

Please pray for Mary Brigid Reid of Arkwright St, Derby, who died recently. Requiem Mass will take place at St George's on Wednesday, 29th July, at 12.30 pm.

We extend our sincere sympathies to the family and our prayers.

Also, please pray for Frances Constantino Guiseppe Saccone of Sinfon Ave, Shelton Lock, Derby, who died recently. Requiem Mass will take place at St George's on Thursday, 6th August at 10.30 am.

We extend our sincere sympathies to the family and our prayers.

Please pray for Joseph Dussroth of Jubilee Road, who died during the week at the Nightingale Hospital after a time of illness. Joseph was a Eucharistic Minister and for a number of years took Holy Communion to a number of people in local care homes each week. He came to Derby a few years ago to be near family members and lost his wife a short time ago. We pray for his family in their sad loss.

The funeral is still to be arranged.

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

Buried Treasure

The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. MATTHEW 13:44

As a teenager, I read this parable as a kind of real life economics lesson. From that point of view, it only makes sense to buy the field if you are absolutely sure that the treasure is worth more than the field, right? But there's more to this story than meets the eye. It's not about real estate investment. It's about making sure that the things we treasure have eternal – and not just fleeting – value.

So if we say we believe that God's Kingdom and the eternal presence of God are the things we most value and long for, then we must be prepared to ask ourselves: What am I willing to let go of to attain them? Today, review your schedule for the next few weeks. How much time are you giving to God and to others?

Jesus be my treasure, above all else.

BISHOP PATRICK McKINNEY: Please pray for our Bishop Patrick who was ordained priest on 29th July 1978. May God bless him in all his works for our extensive Diocese of Nottingham covering the counties of Notts, Derbys, Leics, Lincs and Rutland