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5th SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 27 Apr	5.30 pm	SG	Pope Francis' intentions, for world peace
Sun 28 Apr	9.30 am	SG	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	HS	For vocations to the priesthood and Religious life
Mon 29 Apr	9.30 am	SG	For the victims of violence and war
Tues 30 Apr	9.30 am	SG	Donor's intention in thanksgiving, St Anthony
Wed 01 May	9.30 am	SG	For parishioners who are not well
Thu 02 May	9.30 am	SG	For all the recently dead of our parish and our families
Fri 03 May	11.00 am	SG	Funeral for Siobhan
	2.00 pm	HS	Requiem for Kevin Mullarkey RIP
Sat 04 May	9.30 am	SG	Private intention
	5.30 pm	SG	People of the Parish
Sun 05 May	9.30 am	SG	Marie Fitzgerald RIP
	11.15 am	HS	The Doherty Family

SG St George's HS Holy Spirit

**Mass times for St George's as above.
Mass times for English Martyrs,
please consult their website, for the time-being.**

**On the name for our area of "ENGLISH MARTYRS and ST GEORGE'S",
this is in line with the simplification of parish titles
eg St Mary's, Allestree, Mackworth is now "Ralph Sherwin".**

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Parable of the Vine and the Branches Jesus highlights our relationship with the Father. The branches have no life in themselves: they draw it from the main plant, and if they are cut off from the plant they wither and die. Jesus tells us plainly that 'apart from me you can do nothing' (v.5.). Our human pride does not like to hear this: we like to achieve things by our own efforts, and people often boast that they are not dependent on anyone else for their success. Being a Christian means abandoning this sort of attitude: it means accepting that we are fallen creatures who can do nothing to make ourselves right with God and humbly asking him for forgiveness.

The great paradox is that the more we humble ourselves and depend on the Lord, the more he can work in us and the stronger we become. As Paul memorably said, 'when I am weak then I am strong (2 Cor. 12:10). Jesus encourages us to abide in him, and then he will abide in us and we will produce much fruit.

What does it mean to abide in him? It means that we must spend time with him in prayer every day and become aware of his presence. Even if we can only pray for a short time, this will affect how we live during the day. We can learn to turn to him during the day, to depend on him and ask him for strength and guidance in our difficulties. If we do this, then we are sure to bear fruit for him, in good works and in being witnesses to others by what we do and say.

Lord Jesus, you are the source of our life and apart from you we can do nothing. Help us always to abide in you so that we may bear much fruit and the Father may be glorified in us.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS:

Eternal Father I offer you the body and blood, soul and divinity of your dearly beloved son, our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

and

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and the whole world.

and

Holy God, Holy Almighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

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

ADORATION before the Blessed Sacrament daily before the 9.30 am Mass and then other times as announced.

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon 29th Apr: St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church
Thurs 2nd May: St Joseph the Worker
Fri 3rd May: Sts Philip & James, Apostles
Sat 4th May: The English Martyrs

The Power of Dependence

Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. John 15:5

I remember moments of my adolescence when I began to feel my independence from my parents. Starting high school, first job, driver's license – all were small steps that led eventually to the necessary separation from child and parent.

As we mature in faith, God asks the opposite of us – not independence from God we no longer need but, rather, the growing realisation of how much we need God. Jesus asks not for the boldness of "I can do it alone" but for a radical dependence and recollection that we are children of God, never made to go it alone.

Today, offer your adult responsibilities and independence back to God. Let go of something that burdens you and let God take control.

Steve Givens

FUNERALS THIS WEEK: Please pray for Kevin Mullarkey RIP whose Requiem is at Holy Spirit Church at 2 pm on Friday, 3rd May, and for Siobhan Richards-Slater whose funeral is also on Friday, 3rd May at 11 am.; Siobhan a pupil of St George's School was only 6 years of age.

RECENT DEATHS:

Please pray for Mary Mulligan of Marlborough Road, whose Requiem is on Thursday, 9th May at 12 noon at St George's.

Please pray for Kate Toolan of Spondon who has died recently and whose Requiem is at St George's on Tuesday, 14th May at 11 am.

Also for Fr Alan's brother-in-law Bill Hill of Market Harborough, whose Requiem is in Market Harborough on Monday, 13th May.

We extend our sincere sympathies and prayers to all the families who have lost loved ones. May the Lord be with them in their sadness and grief.

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

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

COFFEE MORNING: Monday from 10 am
Wednesday from 12 noon

VOLUNTEERS needed to help distribute leaflets....go to eng.holyspirit@mail.com Contact: Kevin/Tom at Holy Spirit

CHOIR PRACTICE from Wednesday, 1st May at 6 pm
All welcome.
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