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19th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

St GEORGE'S MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 09 Aug	5.30 pm	Zdenek Kurecaj RIP
Sun 10 Aug	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Mon 11 Aug	9.30 am	The Crosbie Family
Tues 12 Aug	9.30 am	Karan O'Connor and her father Hedley O'Connor RIP
Wed 13 Aug	9.30 am	For peace in the world and easing of hostility between the major powers
Thu 14 Aug	9.30 am	Bert Curtis RIP, benefactor
Fri 15 Aug	9.30 am	Ken Fogg RIP
Sat 16 Aug	9.30 am	Michael John Downes for good health
	5.30 pm	Ivan Holmes RIP
Sun 17 Aug	9.30 am	John Redfearn RIP

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

When did you last pick up the Catechism of the Catholic Church? It is a big book for sure and, not unlike the Bible itself, it needs unpacking into smaller bite-sized chunks. We are truly blessed that we are a people of the Word and of Tradition. We draw strength and are nourished by grace from the table of the Word and Tradition.

One bite-sized chunk of teaching we consider today, in the light of the Gospel reading is this, 'In the presence of Christ, who is Truth itself, the truth of each person's relationship with God will be laid bare'. (CCC 1039).

We have received, through the grace of baptism and the grace of revelation, a knowledge of the mystery of the kingdom of Christ. This was the Father's good pleasure (v.32). In other words, God the Father delights to give us knowledge, insight and revelation into the deeper mysteries of Christ.

The greatest gift we have is that of being in a relationship with Jesus Christ: believing in him. Knowing him and serving him. This is heavenly treasure, this is true riches. We will be judged according to our response to this gift. 'Everyone to whom much is given, of him will much be required' (v.49). One of the things that God desires of us is that we should be alert and waiting for Jesus to return. Christ will judge whether our hearts are ready and waiting for his return or are unprepared, unengaged and preoccupied with the things of this world.

We don't think too much about the Second Coming, although the teaching of the Church is that it is imminent. St Francis of Assisi was once asked what he would do if one morning he was told that Christ would return that day. So ready was he for Christ's Second Coming that he replied that he would plough his field and keep on digging.

Come, Lord Jesus, come, you are my treasure and with the Spirit and the Bride I say, 'Come'.

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon 11 Aug: St Clare, Virgin
Tues 12 Aug: St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Wed 13 Aug: Ss Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Thurs 14 Aug: St Maximilian Kolbe, priest and martyr
Fri 15 Aug: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 16 Aug: St Stephen of Hungary

RECENT DEATHS:

Please pray for John Redfearn of Penryn Avenue, Littleover, who has died recently after a time of illness. John has been an active member of St George's parish for many years and regularly with his son, Paul, attended the Saturday evening Mass. Also, with his wife, Anne, and son, Paul, John was a member of the parish Offertory counting teams. *May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

We extend our sincere sympathies to all the family.
No funeral date as yet.

Also, please pray for Joseph Monaghan of Rowsley Avenue, Littleover, who has died recently. We extend our sincere sympathies to his family. Requiem Mass will be at St George's on Wednesday, 20th August at 11.30 am. *Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

On Faith

Faith is the realisation of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. HEBREWS 11:1

Faith is one of the most basic virtues necessary for our spiritual lives. The meaning of faith, however, can be challenging to understand. The above verse about faith is classic and well known. Another translation reads that "faith is confident assurance...and it is conviction about things we do not see." The entire eleventh chapter of Hebrews encourages us with numerous examples of faith.

I also like the concept expressed by the Bengali poet, Tagore. He says: "Faith is the bird that feels the light and sings while the dawn is still dark" With faith, we often walk in darkness, trusting the light will be waiting.

We trust a person for three reasons. The person knows the truth, speaks the truth and will not deliberately deceive us. Jesus eminently fulfils those three conditions. On that foundation we can, with confident assurance, base the entirety of our lives – both here and the hereafter.

The FREE PAPERS, CATHOLIC POST and CATHOLIC NEWS for the month of August are now available. Lots of nice articles on events and people.

In **Catholic Post:** To be a pilgrim, Archbishop receives Pallium from Pope Leo XIV; Dalai Lama's 90th birthday; Catholic school organisers meet Pope Leo IV; Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati to be canonised together and others for canonisation; Bishop Patrick on welcome for Noisy Families.

In **Catholic News:** 50th anniversary of St Joseph's, Rutland; A Day of Eucharistic reflection; Fr Jim O'Hanlon, 60th Anniversary of Ordination; St Mary's CV Academy, Derby, pupils at Walsingham.

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