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5th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 03 Feb	5.30 pm	St George's	Joseph Pearson, deceased
Sun 04 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Rosalie Lindley RIP
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	People of the Parish
Mon 05 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Dave Johnstone for recovery
Tue 06 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Holy Souls
Wed 07 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Deceased of the Gadsby, Traynor & Eadie families
Thu 08 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Fr Peter Peterken RIP
Fri 09 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Sean Burke RIP
Sat 10 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Biddy Doherty deceased & travellers
	5.30 pm	St George's	People of the Parish
Sun 11 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Joseph Uranie
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Alan Mullarkey RIP

GOSPEL REFLECTION

St Mark gives us a striking picture of Jesus' activities at the start of his public ministry. After healing Peter's mother-in-law, he heals all those who come to the house, and then goes through the whole of Galilee. We can see how Jesus is unwilling to turn away any who come to him for help. He spends time in prayer, but this leads to more miracles, and an eagerness to reach more people. In all his works Jesus reveals the coming of the kingdom of God. His miracles, healing sickness and casting out demons, reveal the inbreaking of God's kingdom and the defeat of evil.

Jesus performs these miracles not only to help the individuals concerned, but to show that he is victorious over the devil. His exorcisms anticipate the victory over the ruler of this world achieved by his death and resurrection. 'Now is the judgement of this world, now shall the ruler of this world be cast out; and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself' (John 12:31-32). This victory for Jesus over evil is one in which we can share today.

We all face a spiritual battle in our daily lives, and it is important for us to remain alive to this, and to turn to the Holy Spirit for guidance and strength. Many forms of evil in the world are obvious: wars, genocide, oppression and torture. But we are also appalled by more subtle evils: temptations to idolatry, superstitions, the false philosophies of this world. In our secular society there are many voices drawing us away from God, some obviously but others in a more insidious way that can delude us. This is why we need to spend time in prayer every day, and fill our minds with the truths of the gospel.

We hold fast to an invincible hope, that Satan is already conquered by Christ and now has only limited power. We can experience Christ's victory over evil every day if we turn to him and we can rejoice that at the end of time the devil and his helpers will be vanquished once and for all.

Lord Jesus, deliver us from all evil, and grant us the wisdom to cling to the truth of the gospel, so that we may share in your victory over Satan and all his works.'

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

Parent Meeting, Sunday, 25th February, after Sunday morning Mass at St George's Church. For further information, please speak to Canon Alan Burbidge or Mrs McNamara or email: sacramentsstgeorgesrcderby@gmail.com

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 5th Feb: St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Tues 6th Feb: Sts Paul, Miki & Companions, Martyrs of Japan
Thurs 8th Feb: St Josephine Bakhitaurgin,
Sat 10th Feb: St Scholastica, Virgin

A RECENT DEATH: Please pray for Thomas Edward Lawlor of Burton Road, Findern, who died recently. His funeral service will take place at Markeaton Crematorium on Monday 12th February at 13.30.

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

The Plans God Has for Us

Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

Mark 1:31

If you have ever had a close call with death, you might have found yourself saying, "Well, God must have other plans for me". I think that's exactly right.

Our present preoccupations may have us regretting that Peter's mother-in-law is cured so as only to wait on the disciples in today's Gospel. But let's beware of missing the larger point.

The life that God gives us, the plan that God has for our lives in every instance, takes the form of service. To know, love and serve him gives meaning to our days, be they in the fullness of our activity or in the gift of "extra time." Nothing is lost. I pray that I serve him by sharing these thoughts. But I know that I serve him by sharing these thoughts. But I know that I serve him also, as St John Henry Newman says, in my sickness and in my sorrow and in my perplexity.

Fr Dennis Gallagher. A.A.

FOR Fr. PETER PETERKEN:

The Book of Condolences and Memories for Fr Peter has been written in by parishioners at Holy Spirit church and is now available for St George's parishioners to write in their thoughts. It is at the covered way at the back of St George's for this weekend and next weekend.

Fr. PETER PETERKEN FUNERAL DETAILS:

Reception into Holy Spirit Church for Mass 6 pm Monday, 12th February.
Requiem Mass at 11.30 am on Tuesday, 13th February, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Mickleover.