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GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY, World Day of Prayer for Vocations

4th SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 29 Apr	5.30 pm	St George's	People of the Parish
Sun 30 Apr	9.30 am	St George's	For Dr Molly Owen, terminal illness (in Ireland)
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Patricia Brown RIP
	6.00 pm	St George's	For all the deceased of our parish and for family members RIP
Mon 01 May	9.30 am	St George's	In thanksgiving, St Anthony
Tue 02 May	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Wed 03 May	9.30 am	St George's	Holy Souls and G.F. donor's intention
Thu 04 May	9.30 am	St George's	Maria Finnegan for her 50 th birthday, In thanksgiving.
Fri 05 May	9.30 am	St George's	For peace and justice in the Sudan
Sat 06 May	9.30 pm	St George's	King Charles III on his Coronation Day
	5.30 pm	St George's	Mrs Maria McIntyre RIUP
Sun 07 May	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Priest's own intentions
	6.00 pm	St George's	For our 1 st Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: There are several Scripture verses it's good to learn by heart. John 10:10 is one of them because it sums up the essence of the Christian life and why Jesus came: 'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full' (NIV). This means that we should be filled to the brim with the fruits of the spirit which will make others want to become Christians. It's as simple as that. A popular caricature, however, of Christians is that we're far from happy. Actually, out in the rather unsavoury world of blogs, where so-called Christians are hard at it – at being indignant, shocked, horrified, defending the Pope (as if the Pope needed defending: he's big enough to look after himself and anyway he has a Swiss Guard to do that!), and so on - it's as if there's a perception that Christians are easily offended, don't like a joke, and are rather down on sex, alcohol and having fun. Just for the record, Catholics aren't down on sex (which is one of God's great gifts) or alcohol (Jesus changed water into gallons of the stuff). Therefore, the problem lies with not living in moderation and not discovering God's plan for our lives. Fullness of life and personal happiness come to us when we obey and follow God's plan for our lives – isn't that the point? The philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre, the father of modern existentialism (a philosophy which posits that life is meaningless and empty), said once, 'Everything has been figured out, except how to live.' He might have been a great intellect but he sure got that one wrong! Jesus did come to show us how to live. The Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes show us how to live the life in the Spirit. We can live holy, joyful and happy lives because God has given us the Spirit. So stop being a sourpuss and turn back to the Lord, because he came to bring us the fullness of life and of joy.

'Each small task of everyday life is part of the total harmony of the universe.'
(St Therese of Lisieux)

THE CORONATION OF HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III is on Saturday, 6th May. Mass will be offered for God's blessing and care of our King, our Head of State, on the morning of his Coronation at 9.30 am. All our welcome. God save our King.

RECENT LETTERS OF THANKS: I have received two recent letters of thanks for our donations. Firstly, from CAFOD who have written with grateful thanks for our parish Lenten Fast donations cheque for £1028.00. Many thanks again to all parishioners who so generously supported our efforts towards all that CAFOD is doing in many parts of the developing world. Secondly, from LEPROA, for our parish cheque for donations in the recent second collection which came to £320. They are very grateful for our contribution in their work of helping Leprosy sufferers and for bringing about curative treatment when it is diagnosed in time.

SAINTS THIS WEEK: Mon 1st May: St Joseph the Worker
Tues 2nd May: St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Wed 3rd May: St Philip & James, Apostles
Thurs 4th May: The English Martyrs

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.

2nd COLLECTION this weekend at all Masses for the Diocesan Clergy Formation Fund.

Good News Indeed

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. 1 Peter 2:24

What would you say if someone asked you, "What is the Good News?" Reading and praying our way through Easter, we get a glimpse of some of the earliest preaching of the Apostles. This is known as the *kerygma*, or the heart of the Gospel message. It remains the essence of our Christian faith. Pope Francis, in *Evangelii Gaudium* ("The Joy of the Gospel"), summarises the *kerygma* this way: "Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you: and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you" (par.164).

The proclamation of the *kerygma* invites a response. Those who heard Peter at Pentecost "were cut to the heart" (Acts 2:37), and the Apostles baptised them. As we reflect upon the Gospel, and on all that God has done for us, how will we respond today? How will we share the love of Jesus with others? Steve Pable.

LOCAL ELECTIONS

These will take place in Derby on Thursday, 4th May. St George's Social Centre is again being used as a Polling Station from 6 am - 10.30 pm. It is usually quite busy with small numbers of voters visiting to cast their votes throughout the day. This will not interfere with our Thursday Mass and prayers on that day. It is important for all voters to cast their votes to elect the best possible candidate for our local government.

THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

Many of us, especially those of us of octogenarian status, will have memories of the last coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. May she rest in peace.

King Charles III has a hard act to follow and has started very well as he works to build a strong and united nation at home, a truly United Kingdom, giving good leadership as the monarch and head of state. Also, to build strong relationships with our neighbours especially in the European Union. A strong and united Europe has a vital role to play for the peace of the world and for strong economies based on free trade and easy travel and movement of peoples. May Europe's efforts help to end the disastrous war in the Ukraine. And so at all Masses this weekend we pray for King Charles and Queen Camilla and all the Royal Family. May God grant them good health and happiness and may King Charles have a noble and good reign for those years that God may grant him. God save the King.

COMING EVENTS

Friday 5th May 2023, 7pm – 9 pm, Nottingham Cathedral, NG1 5AE.

GOD SAVE THE KING, a musical celebration of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.

Book: dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/coronation or by calling The Cathedral Office on 0115 953 9839

NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

15th – 20th July 2023

Bookings now open: dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes2023 or call 01732 886666

NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES 2023

Sun. 30 th April	Beauvale	Sun. 25 th June	Rodsley
Sat. 29 th April	Melwood	Sun. 9 th July	Padley
Sat 17 th June*	Walsingham	1-6 th August	WYD Lisbon

*young adults: 16-18 June