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21st WEEK OF THE CHURCH YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 26 Aug	5.30 pm	St George's	Leonard Raymond Heath RIP (parish benefactor)
Sun 27 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	The Clayton Family RIP
	6.00 pm	St George's	Special intention for all travellers especially with illnesses
Mon 28 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	Alappatt Joseph RIP
Tue 29 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	Lourde Watters RIP
Wed 30 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	Cynthia Augustus RIP (Anniv. time)
Thu 31 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	Doris McGlinchey RIP, Anniversary Mother of Maureen Lawson
Fri 01 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	In thanksgiving for prayers answered and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat 02 Sept	9.30 pm	St George's	People of the Parish
	5.30 pm	St George's	Sp. Intentions, Cath Crosbie & Family
Sun 03 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Albert Woodcock RIP
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Mrs Callaghan RIP, birthday memorial (Mary Callaghan & family)
	2.00 pm	St George's	African Mass with Good-byes for Fr Jude
	6.00 pm	St George's	Traveller Jimmy's intentions for the Pope and the Church and for travellers

GOSPEL REFLECTION: There are many important questions: what should I do with my life? What career path should I pursue? Should I marry or enter the religious life? What's the meaning of life? What happens after death? However, there's one question that's more important than every other, that sets the course of our life and needs to be answered daily: who do you say Jesus of Nazareth is? This was the question put to the disciples by Jesus and which Peter answered so decisively and clearly: the fruit, we learn, of the blessing and grace of the Holy Spirit (vv.13, 16-17)

Jesus was the child of a peasant woman. He was born in an obscure village and grew up in another village, where he worked as a carpenter until he was 30. Then for three years he became a wandering preacher. He never went to college, held office, had a family, led an army or even travelled 200 miles from his birthplace. He did none of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

While still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied him. Another turned traitor. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for the only thing he owned on this earth – his clothing. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend and rose again on the third day. Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he's the central figure of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

It's true when we say that even put all together, all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned haven't affected the life of humanity as much as that one solitary life, the life of Jesus of Nazareth. Who do you say this man was?

You, O Lord, are the Christ, the Son of the living God, God-made-man, who humbled himself, even unto death on a cross, and rose again in victory on the third day as the Risen Lord.

VISIT OF THE RELICS of ST COLUMBA, ST MARGARET of SCOTLAND AND THE

APOSTLE ANDREW at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Mickleover

Tuesday, 29 August. Church opens 9am and closes 9pm

9 am	Lauds (Morning Prayer) with reception of the Relics
Midday	Rosary
5 pm	Vespers (Evening Prayer) followed by Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, and Solemn Benediction
6 pm	Votive Mass of St Columba followed by Confessions until 7.30pm
9 pm	Compline (Night Prayer)

Wednesday, 30 August Church opens at 8.30am and closes 6pm

8.30 am	Eucharistic Adoration
9.10 am	Rosary
9.30 am	Votive Mass for the Evangelisation of Peoples followed by final veneration and departure of the Relics after which tea and coffee will be served in the parish centre.

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 28th Aug: St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Tues 29th Aug: The Passion of John the Baptist

Wed 30th Aug: The Dedication of our St Barnabas Cathedral

Sat 2nd Sept: Saturday Mass of Our Lady

2ND COLLECTION: Please place your envelope in the 2nd collection towards Fr Jude's leaving gift.

Jesus is My Compass

[Jesus] said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Matthew 16:15

During my first year of college, I had gotten used to staying at arm's length from Jesus. I stopped struggling to get his attention and had put prayer aside. One day Jesus saw me sitting by myself and asked if it would be okay to sit with me. Surprisingly, Jesus said, "Finally, I get to spend some quiet time with you."

These days, depending on where I am and what is going on in my life at that moment Jesus is a supportive friend who tells me of God's love when I am broken-hearted. Jesus is my big brother who knows me better than anyone else and keeps my secrets. Jesus is my compass when I am lost in the wilderness of my life. Jesus takes my hand and dances with me when no one wants to dance with me. So, how would you answer Jesus' question in today's Gospel? *Lord, you are the one who helps me to see and know God. Please never leave my side.*

Vivian Amu

A RECENT DEATH: It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of Lourde Watters, Phil's wife, at the Royal Derby Hospital, recently. Lourde attended Mass regularly at 5.30 pm at St George's Church and was a long-time supporter of our parish. She will be so sadly missed by her family, and extended family and many friends. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

Funeral details not yet with us at the time of producing the newsletter.

Fr JUDE'S DEPARTURE AND THE FUTURE FOR ST GEORGE'S AND HOLY SPIRIT

Fr Jude, as we have reported, will be leaving to take up his new post in Syston with St Patrick's, Leicester, for the weekend of the 10th September 2023. His last Sunday Mass will be on 3rd September at 9.30 am followed by a celebration gathering and presentation to which all are invited. Our Bishop Patrick, who makes his decisions after consultation with his Council of Priests and Vicars General and Parish Priests has moved Fr Jude and advised Canon Alan to reduce the Masses at St George's and Holy Spirit by one. Canon Alan has accepted this and therefore, as announced at St George's last Sunday at the 6 pm Mass, this Sunday evening Mass will be discontinued. The 6 pm Mass is the smallest congregation of our weekend Masses and it is therefore logical that it is the one to lose. Our three other Masses in the parish, 5.30 pm Saturday, 9.30 am Sunday at St George's and 11.15 am at Holy Spirit are each quite well attended and will continue into the future.

With the continuing shortage of priests and an ever increasing age profile, St George's and Holy Spirit will be combined with English Martyrs, Alvaston, and will be served by one resident priest in the near future.

I take this opportunity to thank Fr. Peter Peterken for his continuing care of Holy Spirit church each Sunday and Holy Day.

All men and women of good will are invited to join African Catholic Communities in Nottingham Diocese, at the Eucharistic Celebration for the send-off of Fr. Jude. African Catholic Community Music Groups in Derby and Nottingham will grace the occasion with their entertaining liturgical melodies. Get-together and shared table will follow after Mass. Come and be happy with us on Sunday, 3rd September, 2023 at 2pm at St. George's Catholic Church. 40 Village Street Derby. DE23 8SZ. (For further details: Barbara 07447 462886)