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DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

5th SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 04 Feb	5.30 pm	St George's	Mark Walsh RIP in Eire
Sun 05 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Alan Mullarkey RIP
	6.00 pm	St George's	The living and dead of the Burbidge and Howe families
Mon 06 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Tue 07 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	William Johnson RIP
Wed 08 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	For Holy Souls
	10.30 am	St George's	Requiem, Thomas Grogan RIP
Thu 09 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Win Woodcock in thanksgiving, 91st birthday
Fri 10 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Donor's intention, St Anthony
Sat 11 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	For all who are not well, especially parishioners and families.
	5.30 pm	St George's	Nuala O'Riordan RIP
Sun 12 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	For Mr & Mrs G Dussroth in thanksgiving, Wedding Anniversary
	6.00 pm	St George's	For travellers and families.

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

'Oh she's the salt of the earth,' we often say when we're referring to someone who's straightforward, honest and without guile. In other words, what you see is what you get. Jesus' description of his disciples as 'the salt of the earth' (v.13) would've struck a chord. In Jesus' day salt was a valuable commodity. To preserve food from decay salt was applied as a preservative. It also served to enhance the flavour of the food. Furthermore, the ancient tradition of salting the sacrificial offerings (Ezek, 43:24) denoted a purifying function: it was perhaps for this reason that newborn babies were rubbed with salt to indicate the purification of the addition to God's people and as a reminder of the covenant. Those who heard Jesus speak would've understood the meaning and tradition behind the idea of being 'salt of the earth'. In the same way as salt prevents decay and corruption, so too the witness of Christians who live a life in the power of the Holy Spirit protects the world and society from decay and corruption. It also adds much-needed flavour to society. Too much salt in our food can make us thirsty. St Augustine once wrote, 'O Heavenly Father, you have put salt in our mouths so that we may thirst for you'. The work of the Holy Spirit is to create within us a thirst for the things of God, for union with him, for communion with him, and for the grace to live a life which is holy and pleasing to him. Jesus also calls us to be 'the light of the world' (v.14). In this way, we're to be like our Master, for in John 8:12 Jesus describes himself as 'the light of the world'. We're called to be countercultural, signs of contradiction, heralds of the Gospel of life in a world which, in so many respects, has lost its way.

'For what can the rays of the sun bestow on me that is comparable to your love? The sun's light is useful in my earthly life, but your love is fashioning a crown for me in the life to come'. (St John Chrysostom).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 10TH JUNE 2023

First Holy Communion classes start end of February

Information and dates regarding First Holy Communion now available on the parish website. Please email Sacrament Derby <sacramentsstgeorgesrcderby@gmail.com> for further information.

DROP IN COFFEE MORNING

Friday 10.30 - 12 midday St George's Social Centre
Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served.
Everyone welcome to drop in for a warm drink and a chat.

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY ONLY: 10:15 - 10:45

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon 6th Feb: Saint Paul Miki & Companions, martyrs of Japan

Fri 10th Feb: Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Sat 11th Feb: Our Lady of Lourdes

RECENT DEATHS: The funeral of James Joseph Boylan will take place on Tuesday, 14th February, at 9.30 am at St George's.

Please remember in your prayers the Carl family as they mourn the loss of their son David aged 11 years.

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

STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE: Revised 29th August 2020.

By order of the Bishop the following statement is to be published on the weekends in February and October each year.

Marriage is a lifelong vocation of a man and a woman to a community of life and love open to children, and, between the baptized, it is a Sacrament. Aware of the many pressures today which can endanger family life, the Church is constantly concerned to make sure that those of you planning to marry are prepared as well as possible. We would like to remind those who wish to marry of the following:

1. It is important that a couple go to see their priest in good time before their wedding. Normally, at least six months' notice should be given.
2. Marriage preparation is carried out by the priest, often assisted by a group from the parish. Courses arranged on a Deanery basis are recommended.
3. Catholics are reminded of their obligation to preserve their faith and to do all they can within the unity of their partnership to have all their children baptised and brought up in the faith and practice of the Catholic Church.
4. Non-Catholic partners will be informed of this promise, but they are not asked to make this or any similar promise.
5. Dispensation of a marriage between a Catholic and a non-Catholic to take place in a non-Catholic church can be granted only for a serious reason. Couples who wish to marry in a non-Catholic church should discuss the matter with their priest in good time before their wedding day to see whether a dispensation could be granted.

All couples marrying these days need the support of the local Church. In this way they will be strengthened in their preparation for marriage, in celebrating their marriage, and in living out their covenant with one another.

We wish to thank all those married people who show such constancy and fidelity to their vocation of marriage. May their example inspire those planning to marry in the Church.

Right Reverend Patrick McKinney, Bishop of Nottingham.

JOB VACANCY

Youth Formation Lead at Our Lady of Lourdes, Mickleover

We are looking for a committed practicing Catholic with experience of working with young people in a Catholic context, who has a passion for parish based youth ministry. The successful applicant will work part-time to build, coordinate and resource a team of volunteers to provide a variety of opportunities for those aged 8 to 18 in the parish. Closing date, 24 February 2023. For more details please visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers/youth-formation-lead