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6th SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 11 Feb	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
Mon 13 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	In thanksgiving, St Anthony
Tue 14 Feb	8.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
	9.30 am	St George's	Requiem, James Joseph Boylan RIP
Wed 15 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	William Johnson RIP
Thu 16 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Deceased clergy as requested
Fri 17 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Private intention
Sat 18 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	5.30 pm	St George's	The deceased of the Torsusen and Goodman families
Sun 19 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	.Nuala O'Riordan RIP
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Marian Worthington RIP
	6.00 pm	St George's	For Pope Francis & church leaders

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Newspapers and online news platforms feed on anger. Their headlines often carry the words 'rage', 'fury' or 'incandescent'. There are many things that make us angry: various situations, other people, even ourselves. Often we justify our anger and blame others. Sometimes we admit (after cooling down) that we may have misspoken or misjudged.

Anger isn't a pretty emotion and YouTube is replete with videos of angry priests or bishops who've let their guard down only for it to be recorded and uploaded for posterity. Jesus teaches that, '.....if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement...and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire' (v.22). For Jesus, anger is the root of murder. Angry feelings, if they're nursed and not dealt with, become hatred. The fruit of hatred can sometimes be actual murder. Jesus warns us to avoid the possibility of such appalling fruit by dealing ruthlessly with the initial feelings of anger.

We feel we have the right to be angry if we're exploited, let down, hurt, used or rejected. It's indeed a natural and proper reaction to such things. Jesus doesn't say that we cannot feel anger. What he says is that we don't have the right, in normal circumstances, to hang on to it and express it. Instead, we need to let it go so that we can imitate him better.

There were, of course, occasions when Jesus himself experienced righteous anger and expressed it, but his anger never led him to sin. When he was betrayed, insulted, ridiculed, tortured and crucified, he had full right to feel angry. If he did have any such feelings he must have let go of them for he says of his oppressors 'Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing' (Luke 23:34). Jesus shows us a new way of living. As his disciples we must emulate him.

Therefore, whenever we're angry, we must acknowledge our anger, then let go of it by calling on the Lord's grace. The Holy Spirit will give us the power to fulfil his commandment to live as he did.

Father, with your grace help me to let my anger go and live in peace.

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:

Tues 14 Feb: Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe

Sat 18th Feb: Saturday Mass of Our Lady

NB: The feast day Mass for SS Cyril and Methodius on Tuesday, 14th February, will take place at 8.30 am to facilitate the 9.30 am funeral for James Joseph Boylan.

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.*

A More Peaceful Way

Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court.

Matthew 5:25

Soon after Jesus began public preaching, he gave his famous Sermon on the Mount. He spoke about prayer, love, healing, discipleship and the law. In a very specific manner, he told his followers to settle their disputes with each other without having to go to court. He warned them the court and judge may give a strict judgment, a prison sentence and a severe fine.

Later, Jesus repeated this teaching saying that brothers should be able to resolve their disagreements or quarrels between the two of them. (See Matthew 18:15). If they would need further help, they could invite a friend or someone from the church to listen and offer a solution. Numerous lawsuits abound today: yet the wisdom of Jesus remains viable to challenge us to pursue a more peaceful and lasting solution to our disputes. Controversies are to be expected; charity is expected to settle down.

Fr James McKarns

THE TURKISH & SYRIA EARTHQUAKES

In prayerful solidarity with our Muslim brothers and sisters, we pray for God's acceptance in heaven and mercy for the great numbers of those who have died. We pray for the recovery of the massive numbers of those who have been injured, so many so seriously. We pray also for all involved in the care of the survivors and for the ongoing recovery of those still missing. May much help and aid get through quickly.

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