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4th SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 28 Jan	5.30 pm	St George's	Annie McCandless RIP, 100th birthday memories
Sun 29 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Des Murphy RIP, 13th anniv.
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	St George's	Michael Donovan RIP, 2nd anniv.
Mon 30 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Josie Radford RIP
Tue 31 Jan	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Wed 01 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	In thanksgiving, St Anthony
Thu 02 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Nuala O'Riordan RIP
Fri 03 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	The recently dead of the parish
Sat 04 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	Donor's intention, St Anthony
	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

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

The Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes fulfil and surpass the Ten Commandments. They are the Magna Carta, the New Law, not etched on stone but written on our hearts.

The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' teaching. They are the fulfilment of the teaching of the Torah, the most beautiful manifesto of what it means to live on earth as a new creation. They reveal that the kingdom of heaven isn't about power, strength, land, wealth or possession but rather about what's within us. The kingdom of heaven is an attitude, a way of the heart and of thinking and acting which is shocking, radical and life-changing. The Beatitudes are said to reveal the face of Christ because he lived them perfectly. They are the pathway to happiness and true human fulfilment.

Do you want to live a happy life? If you do, and God knows we all do, there's only one way to do this and that's to live out the Beatitudes. They show us the goal of human existence, the ultimate end of every human act. We're called to beatitude by living the Beatitudes and one day beholding the beatific vision. As St Augustine so beautifully and eloquently expressed it, "There we shall rest and see, we shall see and love, we shall love and praise. Behold what will be at the end without end. For what other end do we have, if not to reach the kingdom which as no end?"

We're put in this world to know, love and serve God, and at the end of our lives enter the joy of eternal life. Death is not the end, but the beginning of a new life. When we put the Beatitudes into practice we begin to taste the eternal life to which we're called. For in the kingdom of heaven we encounter the poor in spirit, those who mourned but now know the joy of Christ, the meek the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and those who whilst on earth hungered and thirsted for righteousness.

"God alone can satisfy the will of a human being." (St Thomas Aquinas)

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.

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY ONLY: 10:15 – 10:45

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Tues 31 Jan: St John Bosco, Priest

Thurs 02 Feb: The Presentation of the Lord. Candlemas, with the blessing of candles

Fri 03 Feb: St Blaise, Bishop 7 Martyr with blessing of throats

Sat 04 Feb: St Gilbert of Sempringham, Religious

RECENT DEATHS:

Please pray for Thomas Grogan and James Joseph Boylan who have died recently. We extend our sincere sympathies and prayers to their families.

The funeral of Thomas Grogan RIP will take place at St George's on Wednesday, 8th February at 10.30 am.

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

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

The Least of These

....God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong....

1 Corinthians 1:27

The world's priorities are completely upside down from what disciples of Jesus value. It's as true today as when our Lord gave his famous Sermon on the Mount. When my faith runs counter to the values of my party, family, tribe or culture, how do I put God first?

What is this radical world view that offends the powers that be? It runs through all of Scripture: God stands on the side of losers everywhere.

Jesus pronounces God's blessing and favour on a special group, who in the Old Testament were known by a Hebrew term laden with meaning and often written in English as the "anawim". They were the poor, the meek, the downtrodden and forsaken. The anawim are not just those on the margins of society but those overwhelmed by need who can only turn to God.

What is our lesson here? First, like the anawim, may we embrace our own absolute dependence on God. Second, in imitating Jesus, may our greatest concern go to those in most need.

Steve Pable

DROP IN COFFEE MORNING

Friday 10.30 - 12 midday St George's Social Centre