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13th WEEK OF THE CHURCH YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 01 July	5.30 pm	St George's	Marie & Margaret Doolan RIP
Sun 02 July	9.30 am	St George's	Kathleen and Tom Connolly RIP
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	In thanksgiving for Fr Peter Peterken, 70 years of Ministry
	3.00 pm	St George's	Confirmation Mass with Bishop Patrick
	6.00 pm	St George's	People of the Parish
Mon 03 July	9.30 am	St George's	Eileen Burton, 80th birthday thanksgiving
Tue 04 July	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Wed 05 July	9.30 am	St George's	In thanksgiving, St Anthony
Thu 06 July	9.30 am	St George's	Holy Souls and donor's intention GDF
Fri 07 July	9.30 am	St George's	In memory of V J Varkey RIP
Sat 08 July	9.30 pm	St George's	Donor's intention, St Anthony
	5.30 pm	St George's	Joy Rath RIP
Sun 09 July	9.30 am	St George's	People of the parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Stanley Brown RIP
	6.00 pm	St George's	Deceased clergy

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Familial relationships are the deepest human relationships. The love we have for our parents, children and spouses is sacrosanct and profound. Everyone understands this, and this is why Jesus' teaching today can make us uncomfortable and uneasy: 'Anyone who loves their father or mother...son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me' (v.37). Indeed honouring our parents is so cherished and revered that it is the fourth of the Ten Commandments. Jesus came to fulfil the law not abolish it, so what can this mean? We need to dig more deeply and ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten us, to give us a grace of revelation. Our parents are God's wonderful gift to us, as we are to them, but they're not the ones who can 'put us right with God' (see Rom. 3:22). Jesus is the One who came to reconcile us with the Father. Our parents gave us life but only Jesus can give us eternal life. When Jesus stood before Pontius Pilate at his trial, he made it clear that his 'kingdom is not of this world' (John 18:36 NIV). This didn't mean that his kingdom was not in this world! It certainly is, but it's a kingdom the world hasn't known before.

What kind of king becomes king through the sacrifice of his own life? What kind of king takes upon himself the sin and guilt of all his subjects? And, indeed, what kind of king requires those who belong to his kingdom 'to take up their cross' to follow him (Matt. 16:24)? It was precisely by taking on himself our sin, and by sacrificing his life in loving obedience to the Father, that Jesus has truly put us 'right'. But we're 'put right' in the most radical of ways. Jesus makes of us 'a new creation' (2 Cor.5:17). In Jesus, the old creation completely passes away. The new creation is 'dead to sin and alive to God in Christ' (Rom. 6:11). But to become a new creation in Christ it's necessary to 'take up our cross': to let the old 'self' life be put to death in Jesus.

'Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, Lord.' (Ps.89:15 NIV).

PARISHIONERS WHO ARE NOT WELL: We have a number of parishioners who are not well, either at home or in hospital. Please pray for them that they may recover and feel a lot better. Please pray especially for any cancer sufferers that their treatment will be effective.

PILGRIMAGES:

Please pray for all our pilgrims as they journey to the following events:

To Padley on Sunday 9th July in honour of our Derbyshire martyrs, Nicholas Garlick, Robert Ludlam and Richard Simpson.

To Lourdes in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, from 16th-21st July.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Now that First Holy Communion classes are finished. We can commence Children's Liturgy at our Sunday morning Family Mass. If any adult wishes to support Tammie in these classes, please speak to Tammie or Fr Alan for more information. Thank you

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 at all Masses this weekend is for Peter's Pence.

SAINTS THIS WEEK: Mon 3rd July: St Thomas, Apostle.

Tues 4th July: St Elizabeth of Portugal

Thurs 6th July: St Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr

Quiet Piety

At your name they rejoice all the day....Psalm 89:17

I spent a week in gorgeous Guanajuato, Mexico, with its brightly-coloured buildings spilling down into a valley. One day, an older man coming towards me on the street looked to a doorway, doffed his hat and continued past. What was that about? Reaching the spot myself, I say: It was a hotel, and in the entryway hung a huge image of our Lady of Guadalupe.

From that point on, I kept my eyes open for other such acts of visible, yet quiet piety, and I saw plenty. I'd stand outside one of the many, also brightly coloured, churches, and as young and old passed, I observe them. It wasn't everyone, but enough – men tipped their hats, young and old made the Sign of the Cross, some pausing, others not even breaking stride or stopping in their conversations as they acknowledged God's presence in the midst of their busy days. *Lord, thank you for your loving presence today and every day.* Amy Welborn

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EXAMS, G.C.S.E. and A Level: We are asked to remember in our prayers all our young people who have been sitting these very important examinations. Let us pray that they will be successful in the outcome, the results which will very much influence their future careers. It is a stressful time and we pray that these young people will receive all the help and support they need both from families and teachers and universities.

CONFIRMATION, SUNDAY 2ND JULY 3pm: Because of the larger numbers than we expected our Bishop Patrick has agreed to celebrate Mass with Confirmation at St George's at 3 pm today. All our candidates and their families have been informed and we look forward to our Bishop being with us for a lovely celebration of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please continue to pray for our candidates that they will be strengthened and renewed in the Holy Spirit as they continue their Catholic/Christian journey in faith.

YOUNG ADULTS' BBQ AND MASS – Christus Vivit, the diocese's ministry to those aged 18-35, are inviting all Young Adults of the Diocese to join together for a Mass and BBQ on Thursday 13th July at St Barnabas Cathedral in Nottingham. Mass will begin at 6:30pm and followed by a free BBQ and social time together, donations will be taken for CAFOD, to ensure that we can cater for those coming please fill out this form if you intend to come:

<https://forms.office.com/e/hdSCqpXT4i> For more information email: joe.hopkins@dioceseofnottingham.uk