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14th WEEK OF THE CHURCH YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 08 July	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
Mon 10 July	9.30 am	St George's	Andre Dussroth RIP
Tue 11 July	9.30 am	St George's	Fintan Callaghan RIP
Wed 12 July	9.30 am	St George's	In thanksgiving, St Anthony
Thu 13 July	9.30 am	St George's	Holy Souls and deceased members of F.O.S.S.
Fri 14 July	9.30 am	St George's	Anna Henchcliffe RIP
Sat 15 July	9.30 pm	St George's	James Devine, for good health
	5.30 pm	St George's	Mary O'Riordan RIP, Anniversary
Sun 16 July	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Mary Pauline Negy RIP, Anniversary and birthday memorial
	6.00 pm	St George's	Margaret Fortune RIP

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Today's Gospel reveals a wonderful truth about God, expressed in a way that no mere human mind could express, which emphasises that these words of Jesus come straight from God's own heart. It's as if he's speaking them directly into our own hearts. We can divide these five verses into three categories: the Father's delight (vv.25-26); the relationship between the Father and the Son (v.27); and the grace of revelation (vv.28-30). Jesus teaches us that God the Father delights in pouring out a gift of revelation upon his children. "Revelation" in this context is all about us having the grace to enter more deeply into the mystery of God. In the Christian faith there are no new truths, simply the ancient revelation of Scripture, the Creed and the teaching of the Church, and it's in these truths that we immerse our minds and hearts. As we do so, the Holy Spirit opens up our minds and hearts to see the hidden depths, new meanings and fresh interpretations, all of which touch us deeply and move us to love and worship God. This is a birth right which we all received at our baptism and we're therefore a people who receive light and revelation from God. However, this 'grace of revelation' comes to us as we decide to carve out time and space to pray, study the Scriptures and be still before the Lord. In a way, a prayer can be understood as a time set aside to invest in this grace of revelation which is the desire of the Father's heart. In response he opens up his mystery to us. The more rooted our lives are in receiving revelation and insight from God, the more we know his joy, and the more we rejoice in his plan of salvation and his work in this world. Today we have an opportunity to experience the delight of our heavenly Father as we penetrate the mystery of his Son and receive the grace of revelation that brings us peace, joy and happiness. *Praise the Father, the good and Holy Creator who blesses his children with the grace of revelation and the gift of deep and lasting joy.*

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.

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.

LIVING FAITH: Copies at church for July, August, September.

Three months of daily devotions based on a bible passage for the day's Mass. A team of writers produce these very inspirational thoughts to help us in our daily prayers.

Please get your copy and leave a donation of £1 to help cover the cost of supply.

CATHOLIC NEWS: Lots of news about activities in our diocese including a picture and thoughts of Fr Peter on his 70th anniversary of priestly ordination. Get your free copy.

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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.-

SECOND COLLECTION for Stella Maris to be taken next weekend at all Masses. Stella Maris is the mission to seafarers via port chaplaincies and provision of chapels and care.

SAINTS THIS WEEK: Tues 11 July: St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe. **Sat 15 July:** St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Weighty Matters

Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

When you leave St Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan, the first thing you see out the front door is an image of someone literally carrying the weight of the world: It's a massive statue of the god Atlas, earth balanced on his shoulders. Coming out of the cathedral, it's a shock. Suddenly, you're reminded of life's burdens, all the things you've been praying about – a world of demands and deadlines, things you'd rather forget. Yet, Jesus assures us: If you feel crushed by life, come to me. He promises relief, respite, rest. All that is weighing us down – anxiety, fear, worry, doubt- we don't have to carry it alone Jesus is waiting.

When you see Atlas outside St Pat's, you realise he looks like he's walking toward the door of the cathedral. Even Atlas, with the world on his shoulders, knows where to go when he is burdened.

A RECENT DEATH: Please pray for David Patrick Shepard of Magee Court, Derby, who has died recently. We extend our sincere sympathies and prayers to his family and friends.

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

The funeral service will take place at Trent Valley Crematorium on Friday, 14th July, at 4.30 pm.

THE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Please keep the Bishop and all the Lourdes pilgrims in your prayers as they go to Lourdes from the 16th – 21st July. We can join them in spirit as we pray our rosaries and visit Our Lady Chapel to pray and light a candle. *Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.*

CONFIRMATION THANKS: We had a lovely Confirmation Mass with our Bishop Patrick McKinney last Sunday afternoon. Our 13 candidates did very well and were all smiles as they were prayed over and signed on the forehead with the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit. We pray that strengthened by those special gifts of the Holy Spirit they will stay strong in faith and good deeds of love, caring and kindness. The prayer before anointing said by the Bishop was: *All powerful God Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Sincere and grateful thanks to Barbara Anne and Barbara our Catechists and to all who helped in any way, especially the family members.

THE PADLEY MARTYRS Nicholas Garlick and Robert Ludlam were captured at Padley Manor in North Derbyshire in 1588, the home of the Fitzherbert family, devout Catholics. They were brought to Derby and together with another priest, Richard Simpson, already in prison were tried, convicted and executed for their faith as catholic priests. This was during the reign of Elizabeth I when there was a lot of anti-Catholic feeling and the fear of invasion by Spain. Catholic priests and other martyrs died professing their loyalty to Queen and country but not denying their catholic faith or priesthood.