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CORPUS CHRISTI

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 10 June	5.30 pm	St George's	Sp. Intention, Hilary Crosbie
Sun 11 June	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Michael Cunningham RIP, WB and family
	6.00 pm	St George's	For deceased families and souls in purgatory, donor's intentions and for all travellers
Mon 12 June	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intentions
Tue 13 June	9.30 am	St George's	In thanksgiving, St Anthony of Padua
Wed 14 June	9.30 am	St George's	Mrs Barbara Walsh RIP (in Eire)
Thu 15 June	9.30 am	St George's	Jim Donaghy RIP and brother RIP
Fri 16 June	9.30 am	St George's	Holy Souls and donor's intention G.F.
	7.00 pm	Holy Spirit	Gilbert Sparham RIP
		FEAST OF SACRED HEART	
Sat 17 June	9.30 pm	St George's	Deceased soul of Joseph Laka RIP
	5.30 pm	St George's	Trevor McCandless RIP, 12 th Anniv.
Sun 18 June	9.30 am	St George's	Ada and James Delaney RIP (Win Woodcock's parents)
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Trevor & Mary Savage RIP (anniversary time)
	6.00 pm	St George's	People of the Parish

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Not many have reached the summit of Everest but it's the summit all mountaineers want to conquer. It represents the pinnacle of mountaineering feats. The Eucharist is also a summit – not of earthly or worldly achievements but of the Christian life, for in it is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself. As St Irenaeus said, "Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking." We tend to think in terms of earning or winning grace, not just receiving it as a free, unmerited gift. There's a strong focus today on what we do and achieve, and how good and righteous we are, and so on. St Augustine taught that our faith is rooted in the simple idea that we can't save ourselves; no matter how good and holy we are it's impossible, and we can only be saved by God's grace. In the Eucharist, as we contemplate what Jesus has won for us by his death on the cross, we feed on Jesus. When we feed on Jesus, we draw on God's life (v.53). This life comes from the Father and this is what we receive when we celebrate the Eucharist. Today, we worship and adore Christ really and truly present in the Eucharist. As Pope St John Paul II taught, "[We] have a great need for Eucharistic worship, Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him to adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends... Let our adoration never cease." In the Eucharist Jesus enters us and we enter him: we consume him and he consumes us. The Eucharist is food, both for this life and the next. Unlike mountaineers who strive with every fibre of their being to reach the summit of towering peaks, we simply receive the Eucharist as a gift. We can't earn it and we don't deserve it, but it's God's greatest gift to us. 'We break the one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us life for ever in Jesus Christ.' (St Ignatius of Antioch)

ST PHILOMENA'S CONVENT, DERBY, require a cook Friday and Saturday 09.00 - 14.30. (£13.06 p/h Friday & £17.40 p/h Saturday). For further information please phone Tracey Rogers-Thomas: Tel: 07733 104966. Email tracey.rogers-thomas@iolmercy.co.uk

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

To Rodsley, the local Derbyshire pilgrimage in honour of St Ralph Sherwin on Sunday, 25 June at 3 pm.

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.

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 next weekend at all Masses for the Day for Life.

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon 12 June: St Barnabas, Apostle, Patron of our Cathedral

Tues 13 June: St Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Fri 16 June: The Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sat 17 June: The Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is on Friday 16 June. It is a good day to attend Mass at 9.30 am at St George's and also at 7 pm at Holy Spirit.

RECENT DEATHS: Please pray for Antonina Radczuk of Breedon Avenue and Maria Mykytiuk of Lewis Street who have died recently. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

The Requiem for Antonina has taken place at St George's. The Requiem for Maria will take place on Tues., 27 June at 12 noon. We extend our sincere sympathies to the families and will pray for Antonina and Maria that they come safely to the love and peace of the home of Our Heavenly Father with Jesus and the Saints to live the new life of the Resurrection for all eternity.

Please pray for Sister Attracta of the Mercy Convent, Highfields, who died recently. For many years Sr Attracta cared for patients at St Mary's Nursing Home at Ednaston nr. Ashbourne. More recently she has lived at the convent locally. Requiem Mass at St Mary's, Derby, on Wednesday, 21st June at 11 am. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. RIP.*

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

NOURISHED BY JESUS

For my flesh is free food, and my blood is free drink John 6:55

One of the most wonderful parts of the celebration of this feast, worldwide, is the procession. A few years ago, I witnessed the huge, elaborate Corpus Christi procession in Seville, Spain. It took hours and featured hundreds of women, men and children, large floats, statues of saints, and of, course, the Blessed Sacrament, taken through the city streets strewn with rosemary.

I've witnessed smaller processions, as well, around the block of my home parish or around the grounds of a school or convent. No matter how large or small, the message is the same and very important, I think. In the Eucharist, Jesus nourishes us with himself. Our bodily nourishment has a purpose: to strengthen us to love and serve in this world. So it is with this spiritual nourishment, given to us not to stay inside but to take and share it with that earthly city in whatever way we can. *Jesus, nourish and strengthen me so that I might share your love.* Amy Welborn

CONGRATULATIONS to Fr Peter Peterkin as he celebrates 70 years of priestly ministry. We wish him every blessing and good health for the future.