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11th WEEK OF THE CHURCH YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 17 June	5.30 pm	St George's	Trevor McCandless RIP, 12th 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
Mon 19 June	9.30 am	St George's	Donor's intention in thanksgiving, St Anthony of Padua
Tue 20 June	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Wed 21 June	9.30 am	St George's	Sister Attracta RIP
Thu 22 June	9.30 am	St George's	Brendan Daly RIP, 9 th anniv.
Fri 23 June	9.30 am	St George's	Antonia Radzuk RIP
Sat 24 June	9.30 pm	St George's	Holy Souls and donor's intention GF
	5.30 pm	St George's	Joseph Uranie RIP (Mauritius)
Sun 25 June	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Leslie Wright RIP and John McClelland RIP (anniversaries)
	6.00 pm	St George's	For local children with serious illness

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Why does your parish exist? Is it to celebrate the Eucharist? Is it to support CAFOD or the Justice and Peace group? Without a doubt, the aforementioned are crucial to why a parish exists. However, the *raison d'être*, the very reason for parish existence, is to evangelize, which means attracting or winning others to the Gospel and the way of Christ.

Now, many protest that they don't want to force their faith down anyone's throat or be overly enthusiastic, as this can be rather off-putting. Indeed, proselytizing (attempting to convert someone from one religion to another) isn't recommended either. Pope Francis said, 'Never, never bring the Gospel by proselytizing. If someone says they are a disciple of Jesus and comes to you with proselytism, they are not a disciple of Jesus'. So, how do we evangelize? Today's reading sheds light on this because the first thing to understand is that the workers are few but the harvest is plentiful. We're the workers, ordinary believers who live in the harvest field and rub shoulders with our relatives, work colleagues and friends every day. We can win others by the power of witness, the lights we shine, the joy we bring, and the way we share of explain our faith. Pope St John Paul II said, 'Being a Christian has never been easy...Following Christ demands the courage of radical choices, which often means going against the stream. "We are Christ!" St Augustine exclaimed. The martyrs and witnesses of faith yesterday and today, including many lay faithful, show that, if necessary, we must not hesitate to give even our lives for Jesus Christ.'

May our parishes be witnesses of joy. May they overflow with a warm welcome and authentic, joyful worship of God. This is evangelization. 'Dear lay faithful, as witnesses to Christ you are...called to bring the light of the Gospel to the vital nerve centres of society. You are called to be prophets of Christian hope and apostles of the One "who is...who was and who is to come, the Almighty!" (Rev. 1:4).' (Pope St John Paul II)

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 at all Masses this weekend is for Day for Life.

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Tues 20th June: St Alban, Martyr

Wed, 21st June: St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Thurs 22nd June: Saints John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Martyrs

Sat 24th June: The Nativity of St John the Baptist

RECENT DEATHS: Please pray for Maria Mykytiuk of Lewis St, Sister Attracta of St Philomena's Convent, Highfields, and Anna Henschcliffe of Park Hill Drive, who have died recently.

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

Funeral arrangements:

For Sister Attracta, at St Mary's, Derby, on Wed, 21st June at 11 am.

For Maria Mykytiuk on Tues 27th June at St George's at 12 noon.

The funeral of Anna Henschcliffe is being arranged at St George's, no date at present.

Whose Are We?

Know that the Lord is God; he made us; his we are. Psalm 100:3

One of the great challenges of our faith today is hanging on to our Christian hope. It's a challenge because we are exposed to so much bad news from all over the world. If a passenger plane crashes into the ocean, or an earthquake hits, or flood waters inundate a region, or a war erupts in foreign nations, we not only know about it, we also see live coverage of the devastation and countless suffering people.

How do we put into perspective the bad news we encounter in the world and in our personal lives?

These two short lines from today's psalm could help. As believers, we know the Lord is God. And God's love and wisdom far exceed anything we can imagine. The real question to ask: Do we trust in God? Secondly, the psalm says that God made us. We belong to God. Another question to ponder: Whose are we?

Wise and loving God, increase my trust in you. Remind me every day that I belong to you – and so does everyone else.

Sr Melannie Svoboda S.N.D

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We extend sincere thanks from priests and parishioners to all involved in the preparation and celebration of the parish First Holy Communion last Saturday. We were blessed with a wonderful summer day. We particularly extend our thanks to Mrs McNamara and her family for all their preparation of the classes, ably assisted by Barbara. Our school, St George's, staff prepared our booklets and led the music and were with us on the day. Also members of our traveller community guided by Barbara decorated the church and social centre so nicely. Our twenty 1st Holy Communion candidates had a lovely day to remember and we keep them in our prayers as they continue their journey of faith.

Fr PETER sends his thanks to all who joined him for a lovely celebration Mass for his 70th anniversary of priesthood last Wednesday. Also for the party afterwards in the social centre where we enjoyed tea, coffee and celebration cake.