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ST GEORGE'S - STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LENT- FRIDAYS 7pm

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 04 Mar	5.30 pm	St George's	People of the Parish
Sun 05 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	Peter Judson RIP, 11th anniversary
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Chris and Tom Govan, 45th Wedding Anniversary
	6.00 pm	St George's	India Smith, for good health
Mon 06 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Tue 07 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	Bridie Rooney RIP (in Ireland)
Wed 08 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	Mrs Rita McConnell RIP
Thu 09 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	Donor's Intention, St Anthony
Fri 10 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	For the dead and injured of Turkey/Syria earthquake
Sat 11 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	For all in the parish not well
	5.30 pm	St George's	Mr Wayne Ginnivan RIP, 1st Anniv.
Sun 12 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Elizabeth Callaghan RIP, Anniv
	6.00 pm	St George's	Holy Souls, especially those who have no-one to pray for them.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Have you ever been so frightened or overwhelmed that you accidentally say something that's complete rubbish? If you have, then you're in good company because this is just what happened to Peter. Mark makes it perfectly clear that Peter, James and John were scared out of their minds when Jesus transfigured before them, recording that, '(They) did not know what to say, for they were terrified' (Mark 9:6). Jesus' human body was suffused with such heavenly glory that the three onlookers became overwhelmed by the dazzling sight.

What was happening? What is the meaning of the Transfiguration? How are we to interpret it? These are the kind of questions the Holy Spirit is always urging us to ask. Curiosity is the preserve and prerogative of those who are seeking to grow and mature in faith. What was happening was that the three chosen disciples were given a foretaste of the heavenly glory, both of Jesus and of those who belong to him. Peter's experience up the mountain was so profound and formative that it permeates his preaching. In his Second Letter he writes, 'For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We...heard this voice.... While we were with him on the holy mountain' (1:16-18).

In Jesus' Transfiguration we're invited to see an image of our humanity when it's completely suffused by the knowledge of God's love. As the Second Person of the Trinity Christ has always radiated with glory. But now, as man, Jesus shows how our humanity will also be glorified. As we, in faith, embrace Jesus as the manifestation of God's loving plan of salvation, a wonderful transformation takes place in us all. '...Jesus...though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself...and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.' (Phil. 2:5-8)

EARTHQUAKE - TURKEY - SYRIA: Sincere thanks on behalf of CAFOD and The Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal for your most generous donations to support this most urgent appeal. A total of £1501.00 has been collected to date. Cheques to the total of £2000.00 have been sent to CAFOD, which includes the above amount and donations from the clergy and parish funds. Again thanks for your most generous support.

CONFIRMATION will take place for St George's candidates in July. Please take an application form if you are a candidate for Confirmation. Young people should be of secondary school age or upwards if not yet confirmed.

CALLING CATHOLIC TEACHERS: If you are a Catholic teacher currently working outside of Catholic education and would like to find out more about the joys of working in a Catholic school within the Diocese of Nottingham, a virtual information session will take place on Wednesday 29 March from 7.00pm - 8.30pm. Please see the poster on the parish notice board. For further information, please contact: Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan Education Service (julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk).

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY ONLY: 10:15 - 10:45

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Tues 7 Mar: Sts Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs.

Wed 8 Mar: St John of God, Religious.

Thurs 9 Mar: St Frances of Rome, Religious

2ND COLLECTION TODAY is to give in your CAFOD Lent Fast Day Envelopes or to make your gift to CAFOD

Psalm 32(33):4-5, 18-22

'May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.'

Psalm 130 is called the De Profundis ('Out of the Depths'). It is a truly beautiful prayer flowing from the depths of the Psalmist's very being. To recite it is a grace, to put it to memory a blessing. 'Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness therefore you are feared' (Psalm 130:1-4). Jesus' teaching on forgiveness 'falls like rain, descends like dew, like showers on new grass, like rain on tender plants' (Deuteronomy 32:1-2). It refreshes, restores and renews. God has forgiven us; we in turn receive the grace to forgive others.

Lord, show me that in forgiving I am forgiven; in showing mercy I receive mercy and in loving I am loved in return.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 10th JUNE 2023

The series of preparation classes based on the lovely workbook "I Belong, preparing for my First Holy Communion", will begin on Sunday 12th March in the social centre. We will begin at 9 am with parents and children together. At 9.30 am parents will go into St George's church for Mass. The children will continue their class with their work books until 10 am when they will come into Mass at the Offertory. It is important that the children attend all the sessions so that they can have a good grasp, for their age, of the meaning and importance of their faith and especially of the Eucharist and Holy Communion. "I am the bread of life" says the Lord Jesus, "those who eat of this bread will never go hungry". May the Lord bless all our efforts as we try to do the best for these children.

First Holy Communion in St George's parish is for children and young people of school age Year 3 and upwards and for older young people who have not yet made their First Holy Communion. *Information and dates regarding First Holy Communion now available on the parish website. Please email Sacrament Derby <sacramentsstgeorgesrcderby@gmail.com> for further information.*

Young Adults (18-35) Retreat: Saturday 11 March, at Our Lady of Lourdes Mickleover. Given by Jack Valero (Founder of Catholic Voices) focusing on how we live our faith out in the challenges of our daily life. This retreat is free, including lunch. For more information/to sign up visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/youngadults

'Christus Vivit,' An Evening for Young Adults: 6.15pm Thursday 16 March, St Mary's Church. Every third Thursday of the month young adults aged 18-35 from across Derby gather for an evening of prayer, formation and fellowship. The evening begins with a time of Adoration & personal prayer with confession available, Canon John Cahill will then be speaking to us about the Season of Lent, after we will go for some social time at the Dolphin pub.

ST PATRICK'S CELEBRATION MASS: Saturday March 11th at 12 o'clock. The Birmingham Irish Pipe Band will lead parade after Mass from St Mary's Church to Derby Irish Centre for entertainment. Food will be served and Shamrock will be available on the day