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5th SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 06 May	5.30 pm	St George's	Mrs Maria McIntyre RIP
Sun 07 May	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Priest's own intention
	6.00 pm	St George's	For our 1 st Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates
Mon 08 May	9.30 am	St George's	Deceased clergy
Tue 09 May	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Wed 10 May	9.30 am	St George's	Marie Davis RIP in Ireland
Thu 11 May	9.30 am	St George's	Maureen & Kathleen Dunkerley RIP and Gordon Addison RIP
Fri 12 May	9.30 am	St George's	Donor's intention, St Anthony
Sat 13 May	9.30 pm	St George's	Victims of violence, especially of knife crime and domestic abuse
	5.30 pm	St George's	The Donovan family
Sun 14 May	9.30 am	St George's	Mass in thanksgiving and for grandchildren and protection (Florence)
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Holy Souls and Donor's intention
	6.00 pm	St George's	People of the Parish

GOSPEL REFLECTION: John 14:2-12

The disciples were desolate at the prospect of Jesus leaving them. To alleviate their sorrow he told them. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me' (v.1). By believing in him their hearts would find peace because they would then come to the Father: 'No one comes to the Father except through me' (v.6): they would know him: 'If you know me, you will know my Father also' (v.7): and they would see him: 'Whoever has seen me has seen the Father' (v9).

The disciples had to make a choice. Would they believe in Jesus and find their peace, or would they remain with troubled hearts? Like the disciples, we often live troubled lives. We're so absorbed by everything we have to do or cope with that we often forget the truth that our destiny is heaven. This should be the true source of our joy. We were created by the Father to be his children. Our first sin took us out of God's plan designed for our good and blessing. Out of love for us, Jesus came to take us back to the Father.

By his life, suffering, death and resurrection Jesus reconciled us to the Father. He took away the sins that separated us from him. He opened up the gates of heaven, closed against us by our sin, so that we could enter into heaven itself. As Pope St John Paul II said, 'The whole of the Christian life is like a great pilgrimage to the house of the Father' (*Tertio millennio adveniente* 49).

In faith we should keep our eyes fixed on heaven, longing and thirsting for it. Christ has promised to come back to take us there. He has prepared a place for us in his Father's house (v.2). This hope can overcome all the troubles that burden our hearts and fill them with confidence, joy and peace.

Father, thank you for creating me to live forever in your presence. In Jesus I can come to you freely, I can know you as my Father and see you face to face. Teach us to put my faith in the truth of the Gospel and the hope and life it brings.

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: Sincere thanks for your donation which came to £352.50 for the Clergy Formation Fund.

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Thurs 11th May: SS John Houghton & Robert Lawrence & Martyrs of Nottinghamshire

Sat 13th May: Our Lady of Fatima

CONFIRMATION: We will be contacting the candidates and their families as preparation lessons are being got ready.

Expect to hear from us soon.

Confirmation is on July 2nd at 11 am at English Martyrs Church, Derby.

Conflict Resolution

... the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews.... Acts 6:1

The Acts of the Apostles is so realistic, so human, in its stories. People fall asleep during preaching. People try to fool the Apostles. People argue over getting a fair share of the food. Acts is filled with people like us! Shortly before this reading we are told that the early Christians shared with each other and lived in harmony. That didn't last long! Human nature exerts itself, and the Apostles find themselves having to settle a squabble between two groups of followers.

They did so in a way that could be called 'synodal.' They brought the community together to listen and then had them pick those who would be tasked with distributing supplies equitably. Those selected became the first deacons, and the conflict was resolved. The lesson for us is this: We are all sinners, but under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can solve our conflicts and grow in faith.

Holy Spirit, guide us past our fears and resentments to greater love for each other.

Greg Erlandson

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15th – 20th July 2023

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NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES 2023

Sat. 29th April **Melwood**

Sun. 9th July

Padley

Sat 17th June* **Walsingham**

1-6th August

WYD Lisbon

*young adults: 16-18 June