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6th SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 13 May	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
Mon 15 May	9.30 am	St George's	Maureen Kearns RIP (in Ireland)
Tue 16 May	9.30 am	St George's	Holy Communion Service
Wed 17 May	9.30 am	St George's	Holy Communion Service
Thu 18 May	9.30 am	St George's	The Ascension of the Lord, Priest's intention
	7.00 pm	Holy Spirit	The Ascension of the Lord, Priest's intention
Fri 19 May	9.30 am	St George's	In thanksgiving, St Anthony
Sat 20 May	9.30 pm	St George's	For the recently dead of war, especially in the Sudan and the Ukraine.
	5.30 pm	St George's	Rosie Stanton RIP
Sun 21 May	9.30 am	St George's	People of the parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	The McCartney & Brogan family
	6.00 pm	St George's	Donor's intention, St Anthony

GOSPEL REFLECTION John 14:15-21

Before his ascension into heaven, Jesus told his disciples that he would ask the Father to give them another Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to be with them forever (v.16) They wouldn't be left without someone to love, care for and guide them: 'I will not leave you orphaned: I am coming to you' (v.18). He also told them that the Spirit would live in them: '... because he abides with you, and he will be in you' (v.17). The Spirit would dwell in their innermost being and transform them to become children of God.

Like Jesus, who, through the gift of the same Spirit, would be revealed as the Son of God, so the disciples, by the gift of the same Spirit, would be revealed as God's children. The Spirit would pray in them as he prayed in Jesus. Like Jesus they would be able to say, 'Abba Father', for they would be the sons and daughters of God (Rom. 8:15-16). What an extraordinary gift has been given to us in the Holy Spirit!

Every moment of our lives we have the right and the privilege to turn to the Holy Spirit living within us. He's waiting for us to turn to him. He wishes to reveal to us how much God loves us. When we're perplexed about what we should do or say, he will guide us and give us wisdom. When we're fearful, he will give us courage. He longs to strengthen our faith and overcome doubts. He desires to set our hearts on fire with love for both God and our neighbour. He will give us the power we need to live out our faith and do what we know to be right.

As God's children, we can always call upon the Spirit, pray to Him, and seek wisdom and counsel from him. All too often the Spirit remains the forgotten person of the Blessed Trinity. Yet he is the Spirit of power, life, wisdom, understanding and truth. Turn to the Spirit, speak to him, consult him and, above all, love him!

'Holy Spirit, you are always with me. You live within me...Impart to me the desire to turn to you frequently throughout the day.' (Common prayer to the Holy Spirit).

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: Next weekend for World Communication Day.

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Fri 19th May: St Dunstan, Bishop

Sat 20th May: St Bernadine of Siena, Priest

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, THURSDAY 18TH MAY

Mass at 9.30 am at St George's and at 7 pm at Holy Spirit

We Become Witnesses

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy. Psalm 46:6

Often in the eulogy of a loved one, we hear it said that the best way to honour the deceased is by embodying in our own lives the love and generosity they have shown to us. The loss, grievously felt, is at the same time a remembrance lived out in action.

The Ascension of the Lord is all of that, and much more.

The mission is clear: Go and make disciples of all nations. Continue the work of Jesus in the world. But the omission is given not to keep alive a memory but for us to become full participants in the accomplishment of Jesus' mission. Made bold by the coming of the Holy Spirit, we become witnesses to a love beyond telling, to life without end. Fr Dennis Gallagher A.A.

Bringing Joy

With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice came out of many possessed people, and many paralysed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city. Acts 8. 6-8

What sparse joy exists in many cities today. Natural disasters take a toll. Alongside their personal troubles, devastating shootings and political divisiveness adds to people's distress. What are we to do? We learn how to enliven joy by observing Philip's actions. He benefitted from his spiritual kinship with other disciples and carried the strength of the Spirit within himself. Haven't we witnessed this – how people respond compassionately to lend wounded strangers, feed the hungry, rebuild homes and stand alongside marginalised groups? When I see these kindnesses, I am deeply moved and long to join in the effort to bring joy to a city. Sr Joyce Rupp, O.S.M.

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15th – 20th July 2023

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Sat. 29th April **Melwood**

Sun. 9th July

Padley

Sat 17th June* **Walsingham**

1-6th August

WYD Lisbon

*young adults: 16-18 June