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12th November 2023	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	32nd Sunday of the Year
MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Sat 11 Nov 5.30 pm St George's Mark Crosbie RIP Sun 12 Nov 9.30 am St George's Remembrance Mass for all the dead of war, especially WW1 and WW2. 11.15 am Holy Spirit The People of the Parish Mon 13 Nov 9.30 am St George's Charlie & Maureen McAleavey & Martin McAleavey & all the McAleavey family. Tue 14 Nov 9.30 am St George's For Emma & Pedro Celebar RIP and Sofia Ong & Limas Ong Chuan RIP Wed 15 Nov 9.30 am St George's For all the sick of the parish Thu 16 Nov 9.30 am St George's Holy Souls, especially in the Holy Land and the Ukraine, donor's intentions Fri 17 Nov 9.30 am St George For all those on our dead list and especially the deceased of our families Sat 18 Nov 9.30 pm St George's People of the Parish 5.30 pm St George's Mark Crosbie RIP Sun 19 Nov 9.30 am St George's Joseph Urianie & all the deceased of the family 11.15 am Holy Spirit Priest's own intention		
GOSPEL REFLECTION: We're nearing the end of the Church's year. The final weeks before Advent invite us to look forward to our goal and destiny, when our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ, will come again and bring us into the final blessing of heaven. In his book <i>The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People</i> , one of the habits business consultant Stephen Covey recommends is to, 'Begin with the end in mind.' It's a good principle for any business or organisation, since it ensures that we avoid getting so immersed or overwhelmed in the day-to-day problems that we forget where we're going. In the same way, the Church invites us each year to think about our ultimate destiny. The parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids is also about keeping an eye on the goal. The wise bridesmaids kept oil in their lamps in preparation for the bridegroom's return. The foolish ones were unprepared. Although we're familiar with the parable it can provoke a certain reaction. Many of us, on hearing the parable, think that the wise bridesmaids are really rather selfish and unchristian. After all, aren't we supposed to share what we have? But perhaps this is precisely an example of getting caught up with the problems and of missing the ultimate goal. It's as though we have a tendency to become distracted by something that takes our eyes off the ball. Clearly, the oil in the lamp is a metaphor for being prepared. Actually, the Church sees it more specifically, as a metaphor for the Holy Spirit who keeps alive in us a longing for Christ's Coming and for the joy of heaven. If our preparedness is beginning to wane, or if our lives are lacking the power of the Holy Spirit, there's only one solution and the wise ones knew it: 'Go to the one who provides it' (see V.9). It's Christ himself, present in the Church, and in the liturgy today, who renews the gift of his Spirit within us and reawakens our longing for heaven. <i>The Spirit and the Bride cry, 'Come, Lord Jesus' (Rev. 22:17, 20) and so do we as we set our thoughts on things above, not on things below.</i>		
FOR ALL OUR DEAD: The month of November is a time when we remember all the dead of our family and parish in a special way. We pray for all our departed loved ones that they come safely into Heaven, to live and be happy with our God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We call it the month of the Holy Souls and we offer Masses for family and friends. Please place the names of those you wish to be remembered in the box at church, St George's and Holy Spirit. If you wish to have a Mass offered please write the name of the person on a piece of paper and give it in to Fr Alan or Fr Peter or place the envelope through the letter-box of the presbytery, 40 Village St, together with your Mass offering.		
ST GEORGE'S PRIMARY VOLUNTARY ACADEMY is looking to appoint 2 new school governors as soon as possible. If you are interested in applying please speak to Fr Alan or to the head-teacher at the school.		
HOLY SPIRIT: Time of prayer for peace in the world on Tuesdays from 4.30 – 5.30 pm. The Pope has asked for sincere and regular prayers, especially for peace in Israel and Gaza and many times for peace in the Ukraine.		
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 Sunday for the annual Mission Appeal on behalf of Comboni Missionaries (Verona Fathers), at St George's and Holy Spirit SAINTS THIS WEEK: Wed 15 Nov: St Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church. Fri 17 Nov: St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop, Patron of our diocese. Sat 18 Nov: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles. On Remembrance Sunday we pray for and honour all the dead of war. As we pray and remember and visit the graves and war memorials we intensify our prayers for peace. A RECENT DEATH: Please pray for Helen Christina Maughan of London who has died recently. <i>Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.</i> The family have asked for her funeral Mass here in Derby followed by burial at Nottingham Road Cemetery. Requiem Mass will be at St George's on Tuesday, 14 th November at 12 noon.		
The Kingdom of Heaven ...for you know neither the day nor the hour. Matthew 25:13 I have always been bothered by this parable until recently. What unsettled me was the response of the wise virgins. They all fall asleep. But when the announcement is made, "Behold, the bridegroom," only five have oil to light their lamps. Why didn't the wise virgins share their oil with the ones that don't have any? But this time, however, I heard something new. If the oil signifies not only our faith but the good works of our life – our good deeds – then the oil is something we cannot share. As Matthew points out earlier, "by their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7:16). And later in chapter 25, Matthew describes the final judgment as a shepherd separating the sheep from the goats. The measuring stick for entering the Kingdom? The good deeds done for others unable to care for themselves: "I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (v.40). Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda		
CEMETERY VISIT: Fr Alan will lead the Rosary and prayers for our dead at Chellaston Cemetery at 3 pm this Sunday 12 th Nov. All are remembered.		
WAR AND PEACE: The war in the Ukraine has been going on for over a year with many killed and wounded, soldiers and civilians, men, women and children and no end is in sight. Also the violence and war has been going on for more than a month in Israel and Gaza with many killed and wounded, especially civilians, men, women and children, both Israeli and Palestinian with no end in sight. Pope Francis has asked us to pray for peace in both of these terrible conflicts, both of which have their roots deep in history. We do so every day at our public Masses and in our private prayers, especially our Rosary for peace. CARITAS has issued a prayer card for Our Lady's intercession specifically for the Ukraine. The prayer is as follows with my addition of Israel, Gaza. Copies are available also at Church. Prayer for Ukraine, Israel and Gaza <i>Mary, Our Lady of Kiev, Mother of God, we ask you to intercede for the people of Ukraine, for their government, and all who suffer as a result of war and for the people of Israel and Gaza. Be with them as you stood beside your Son, suffering on the Cross at Calvary. Give them strength and courage through faith, hope and justice. May we, in our turn, support them through prayer and generosity that human lives may be saved, that the injured may be healed, that the dead may rest in peace, that there will be peace after war.</i>		