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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE. Also, WORLD YOUTH DAY

34th Sunday of the Year

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 25 Nov	5.30 pm	St George's	For the Toryusen family, deceased
Sun 26 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	Philip McHugh RIP
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	The People of the Parish
Mon 27 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	The Gillen family & all the Bolston family & all the Gallagher family.
Tue 28 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	For Molly Owen, seriously ill.
Wed 29 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	Tom Connally RIP 18 th Anniv. & Kathleen Connally RIP 6 th Anniv.
Thu 30 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	For Sr Marion Finnegan RIP
Fri 01 Dec	9.00 am	School	Mass in school, St Ralph Sherwin memorial
	9.30 am	St George's	Eucharistic Service
Sat 02 Dec	9.30 pm	St George's	Philip McHugh RIP
	5.30 pm	St George's	Chris Lynch RIP, 17 th Anniv.
Sun 03 Dec	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Holy Souls and donor's intentions.

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

'Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in' (Ps. 24:7). In a processional hymn which celebrates the ark of the covenant entering its sanctuary in the temple at Jerusalem, the Psalmist leads us in joyful prayer and praise. For the Jewish people the ark was the respected seat of God and was where the Lord, the great king, dwelt. The worshippers call for the temple to open its gates so that the Lord of Hosts can come in (see Ps.24:10).

Echoing this, on today's Feast of Christ the King, we who worship God in Spirit and truth acknowledge Jesus' rightful place seated on the throne of glory, at the right hand of his Father. Jesus is the Son, the King, the Lord, the Alpha and the Omega, the One who has overcome our deadliest foes: sin, Satan and death.

In the Book of Revelation John records the eternal hymn of praise of the four living creatures, capturing the glory, honour, worship and praise which is due to Jesus, the Servant King, because he laid down his life only to take it up again. 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God Almighty' (4:8). Our faith teaches us that Jesus is truly enthroned as King as we await and long for the full unveiling and realisation of the kingdom. 'For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death'. (1 Cor. 15:25-26).

We're living in the age of the Church: the end times have been a reality since Jesus ascended into heaven. When he comes again in glory, sin, death and corruption will be completely overthrown. Jesus' Kingship and Lordship underpin our faith. Today, as the liturgical year draws to a close, we prepare to celebrate once more the Coming of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, who laid aside his majesty and glory to humble himself by being born not in regal comfort but in a humble stable.

Open the gates of your heart. Let the King of Glory enter in and take up residence there as the Lord and King of your life.

CAFOD's WORLD GIFTS 2023-24

Copies of the above Christmas catalogue are available at St George's and Holy Spirit. Take a look, you're sure to find something for everyone. From people living on the front lines of the climate crisis, through refugees fleeing conflict, to families who live on one meal a day, every gift bought through CAFOD's World Gifts helps real people and makes a massive positive difference.

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.

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Thurs 30 Nov: St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland
Fri 01 Dec: St Ralph Sherwin, Blessed Christopher Buxton and companions, martyrs of Derbyshire
Sat 2nd Dec: Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

CLAIMING OUR PLACE

.....he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive. Luke 20:38

Some people are quite skilled at putting a puzzle together. Starting with the border and then moving on to the less obvious places to fit a piece, they try to focus on what is essential: seeing each piece in relationship to all the others while never losing sight of the whole. In today's Gospel, we listen to what appears to be a rather complicated puzzle. Each of seven brothers at different times married the same woman and then died, and finally, the wife herself died. Jesus' response shows that he is not about solving a puzzle but about issues of belonging and kinship. When we claim our place as children of God and live lives that reflect that relationship, we are fully alive in God.

Sr Chris Koelhoeffer, I.H.M.

RECENT DEATHS OF PARISHIONERS AND OTHERS

Please pray for the following people who have died recently.

For Raymond Wasikowski whose funeral will be at St George's on Thurs, 7th December, at 11.30 am.

For Bernard Baines of Penryn Avenue, whose funeral will be at Markeaton Crematorium on Monday, 11th Dec. at 1.30 pm.

For Peter Grant of Sackville Street (no funeral details as yet).

For Philip McHugh, husband of Martina McHugh, and brother in law of our regular altar server and Eucharistic Minister, David Murphy, and members of the Murphy family. The funeral will be at St Mary's, Derby, on 30th November at 1 pm.

For Sister Marion Finnegan of the Sisters of Mercy (no funeral details as yet)

For Gordon Perry, brother of Dave Perry of

Holy Spirit & St George's.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

FOR ALL OUR DEAD:

During November we have been praying hard for all the deceased members of our parish and our families and for all the dead of war and violence. Masses have been offered and many prayers and Rosaries said.

May God in his great love and compassion have mercy on them all. Saints of God come to their aid, hasten to meet them. Angels of the Lord, receive their souls and present them to God the Most High. May Christ who called them, take them to himself, may angels lead them into the homeland of Abraham. Amen.