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22nd October 2023

29th Sunday of the Year

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 21 Oct	5.30 pm	St George's	Mark Crosbie RIP
Sun 22 Oct	9.30 am	St George's	Jimmy Devlin for good health
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	People of the Parish
Mon 23 Oct	9.30 am	St George's	For victims of domestic abuse and violence
Tue 24 Oct	9.30 am	St George's	Holy Souls in Purgatory & friends of suffering souls
Wed 25 Oct	9.30 am	St George's	Sp. Intention for the Hannifin Family
Thu 26 Oct	9.30 am	St George's	For deceased clergy
	1.00 pm	St George's	Requiem for Mark Crosbie RIP
Fri 27 Oct	9.30 am	St George	For peace in Israel/Gaza and the Ukraine
Sat 28 Oct	9.30 pm	St George's	Donor's intention in thanksgiving, St Anthony
	5.30 pm	St George's	Alappatt Joseph RIP
Sun 29 Oct	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Priest's own intention

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Jesus is confronted by an unholy alliance between devout legalists and wealthy royalists who share a hostility towards him. It just goes to show how determined their opposition to Jesus was, as they sank their many differences to attack him.

On the question of taxation, however, the two groups were worlds apart. The Pharisees resented paying taxes to a foreign government. They felt that to do so cast into doubt the supreme Lordship of God over his people Israel. The Herodians, on the other hand, were friends and supporters of Herod Antipas, whom the Romans allowed to rule under them. They had no objection to paying Roman taxes.

What they wanted from Jesus was some rash statement either in favour of Roman rule or in total rejection of it. What they hoped for was that he would offend either the religious nationalists or the Roman authorities. What they got instead was an invitation to work out for themselves the proper interplay of religious and political loyalties.

In the ancient world coins were regarded as the private property of a ruler. Jesus argues that if you use a coin of a certain ruler you've put yourself under an obligation to him. It's interesting to note that Jesus doesn't have a coin himself, but has to ask for one to be shown. If the coin bears the image of Caesar, it belongs to him and must be given back to him. In the same way, we were made in God's image and our first obligation is to him. So Jesus challenges his opponents to be as observant in paying their debts to God as they are in paying their dues to the emperor.

We have dual citizenship. We must render to both God and Caesar. Our duties as Christians, range from casting our vote to caring about our environment, from upholding the law to loving our neighbour. These obligations are part of our duty to God's people, as God's will is for peace and justice in this world. Above all, though, our duty is to give God what belongs to him – ourselves.

Lord, help me to live as a faithful citizen of your kingdom. Enable me truly to live as a person made in your image.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, DONATIONS: On behalf of those who will benefit we extend sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the Morocco and Libya appeal and to CAFOD for Harvest Fast Day. The collection for Morocco/Libya came to £350.

The CAFOD collection came to £751.00 being £475.50 from St George's Church and £275.50 from Holy Spirit Church.

Also, at Holy Spirit Church the coffee and cake sale raised a further £130.00. Altogether for CAFOD therefore we raised a total of £881 at the weekend.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH/LITURGY continues each Sunday at St George's and Holy Spirit, 9.30 Mass and 11.15 Mass. Also, take your free copy of Catholic News & Catholic Post, still available for October.

HARVEST GOODS DONATIONS: Many thanks on behalf of our local foodbank for all the foodstuffs generously brought into Holy Spirit Church and St George's Church to support those who use the services of the foodbank. The needs are very ongoing for a lot of families and we thank those who bring food items on a regular basis. We pray that our economy can improve and that people's incomes will grow in the future so that food banks will no longer be needed as much as they are at the present time.

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 for World Mission Sunday this weekend.

SAINTS THIS WEEK: Mon 23 Oct: St John Paul II, Pope

Tues 24 Oct: St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Thurs 26 Oct: Sts Chad & Cedd, Bishops

Sat 28 Oct: Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles

Truth, a Holy Word

Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man.....Matthew 22:26

We are truly blessed to have such an outstanding teacher as Jesus. It is a unique privilege to be able to walk, talk, think and live according to his way of life, recorded for us in Sacred Scripture. Our teacher possesses many impressive and superior qualities, one of which is he faithfully proclaims to the world the consistent, honest and universal truth.

Truth should be considered a holy word because it is the basis of all our understanding, communicating and survival. Truth is reality; it has veracity and integrity. It is not distortion; it is not deception; it is not falsehood. Truth does not rejoice over telling lies; it rejoices in loving others. Sometimes we may act in a very immature manner, but the truth that lives within the soul will hopefully inspire a person to put aside foolish things to become a truthful adult. When the student is ready, the teacher will be waiting. Fr Jame McKams

FUNERAL DETAILS FOR MARK CROSBIE RIP:

Requiem Mass at St George's Church on Thursday, 26th October, at 1 pm. Reception into St George's Church at 6 pm on Wednesday, 25th October. *Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him, may he rest in peace. Amen.*

PROJECT ARUSHA - We are a registered charity based here in Derby with links to the Diocese of Arusha Tanzania. We have an exciting opportunity to offer you if you are in Year 13 and considering a gap year. We would like to offer you the chance to go and teach in our three associated schools in Arusha in January-March 2025. As well as your time in the classroom, you would also get the chance to live in a very different culture, go on safari and live within the Maasai tribe for a weekend. It truly is a once in a life time opportunity. Full preparation sessions and help with funding are offered. For more info email us at ectarusha2004@gmail.com

FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD: We must all continue to pray hard for peace in our troubled world. We are only a small planet in a mighty universe and as yet despite our modern telescopes scouring the billions of galaxies we have found no real evidence of other beings like ourselves. There is a lot of debate about UFOs but the jury is still out on the evidence. Despite talk of space travel and colonising other bodies in the local galaxy, the reality is still a long way off. We have to really take more care of our lovely little world homeland, its environment, its atmosphere and especially its life forms, above all its human beings. The enormous savagery inflicted by human beings on each other is beyond belief, especially in so called civilised times and communities. Alfred Nobel was perturbed by what he had invented, an explosive more deadly than gunpowder and the power of the weapons using it has robbed millions and millions of ordinary men, women and children of their lives and still is doing so, especially in Gaza and Israel and the Ukraine and quite a few other places.

We must pray hard for peace especially using our Rosaries in this month of October, a month of devotions. Before all 9.30 morning Masses there is a time of prayer and the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament. *Our Lady, Queen of Peace pray for us and our troubled world.* **NOTE:** Alfred Bernhard Nobel (1833-96) was a Swedish inventor and philanthropist. He discovered dynamite and amassed a fortune from the manufacture of explosives. He bequeathed a fund for annual prizes in the fields of peace, physics, chemistry, medicine and literature.