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22nd week of Ordinary Time

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 02 Sept	5.30 pm	St George's	Sp. Intentions, Cath Crosbie & Family
Sun 03 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Albert Woodcock RIP
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Mrs Callaghan RIP, birthday memorial (Mary Callaghan & family)
	2.00 pm	St George's	African Mass with good-byes for Fr Jude
	6.00 pm	St George's	Traveller Jimmy's intentions for the Pope and the Church and for travellers
Mon 04 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Moses Pereira RIP, 1st anniversary of death
Tue 05 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Birthday thanksgiving for Guy Dussroth
Wed 06 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Mary Poulouse RIP & Mary Anthony RIP
Thu 07 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Pat & Ursula White RIP
Fri 08 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Mass for the glory of God the Father
Sat 09 Sept	9.30 pm	St George's	For the deceased clergy list
	5.30 pm	St George's	Mass for Kris & Avalon and their family on the occasion of their marriage
Sun 10 Sept	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	The Doherty & Connors families

GOSPEL REFLECTION: It often costs us to do God's will. Jeremiah, called by God, felt impelled to carry out his commission: '... you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed' (Jer: 20:7). Nevertheless, in doing so he discovered that preaching God's Word brought him not acceptance and adulation, but rather reproach, insult and derision (20:8). However, God's gift of fire burning in his heart (20:9) gave him the strength to proclaim God's Word despite the cost. Jesus, in order to save us and reconcile us with the Father, desired to give his life for us as a sacrifice on the cross: 'Jesus...who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame...' (Heb: 12:2). He knew that carrying out his Father's will would inevitably bring him suffering and death: '...the Son of man will be delivered...to the Gentiles to be mocked...flogged and crucified' (Matt. 20:18-19 NIV). That's why when Peter attempted to persuade him not to do God's will to avoid suffering and death, Jesus sternly rebuked him: 'You are a [hindrance] to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things, but on human things' (v.23). Jesus was willing to pay the full cost; in the courage and power of the Spirit he endured all his sufferings 'with loud cries and tears' (Heb.5:7).

Jesus knows that following him will inevitably cause us suffering: 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me' (v.24). We have to subdue our independence and self-will in order to do God's will. This is costly because it means letting go of what we would prefer to do. If we do God's will, then Jesus promises to reward us: '...he will repay everyone for what has been done' (v.27). This hope gives us the grace and strength not to count the cost. It also sustains us.

'Teach us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do thy will.'

(St Ignatius of Loyola).

BACK TO SHOOOL: After the long summer holidays, St George's Primary academy and St Benedict's Secondary academy will be reopening this week. May all staff and pupils do well in all aspects of school life and we offer our prayers that all will go well for the new term and the new school year.

All men and women of good will are invited to join African Catholic Communities in Nottingham Diocese, at the Eucharistic Celebration for the send-off of Fr. Jude. African Catholic Community Music Groups in Derby and Nottingham will grace the occasion with their entertaining liturgical melodies. Get-together and shared table will follow after Mass. Come and be happy with us on Sunday, 3rd Sept, 2023 at 2pm at St. George's Catholic Church, 40 Village Street Derby. DE23 8SZ. (For further details: Barbara 07447 462886)

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: Again today there will be an opportunity in the 2nd collection to give a donation towards Fr Jude's leaving gift.

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Fri 8th Sept: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat 9th Sept: A Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

RECENT DEATHS AND FUNERALS:

Please pray for the recently dead of our parish and families.

For Roland Bond of Littleover Nursing Home, Stenson Rd, whose funeral will take place at Markeaton Crematorium Round Chapel on Thursday, 7th September 2023 at 1 pm.

For Ollie Dunne whose funeral will take place at Markeaton Crematorium on Monday 11th September at 2.30 pm.

For Lourdes Watters whose funeral will take place at St George's Church on Wednesday, 23rd September at 11 am. Also coming into St George's Church on Tuesday, 12th September at 6 pm.

We extend our sincere condolences and prayers to all their family members.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life, those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live." And eternal life is this, to know you the one true God and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. And to his disciples "Trust in God still and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house...and I am going now to prepare a place for you...I shall return to take you with me...so that where I am you may be too" and I am the Way the Truth and the Life.

A Graced Suffering

You are thinking not as God does....Matthew 16:23

Watching a loved one suffer can be worse than suffering the pain oneself. We often wish we ourselves could take on their suffering to ease their pain. If we could find a way to stop the suffering, we would gladly do so.

In today's gospel, Jesus told the Apostles of his impending suffering and death. Peter was greatly distressed and said to Jesus "God forbid" (verse 22). No doubt he was surprised when Jesus then called him "Satan" and said Peter was tempting him as Satan would (verse 23). Sometimes the sufferings of our loved ones are unavoidable. When endured in faith, sufferings can be a graced participation in the Cross of Jesus. During these moments, our best response is often to support them as they go through their own crucifixion. And as we suffer with them, these trials can be a grace for us as well.

Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti

Fr. JUDE'S DEPARTURE AND NEW APPOINTMENT

Fr Jude's last Sunday Masses will be taking place this weekend as announced at 9.30am and 2 pm at St George's. They will be followed by gatherings in the social centre with a presentation gift. Sincere thanks to all who have contributed so generously to date. Further donations may be given in at the second collection at this weekend's Masses.

We wish Fr Jude joy and peace in his new ministry at Syston and St Patrick's, Leicester. He will be working as a priest with the parish priest of the combined parishes Fr Raphael Imoni, a native of Nigeria, who is also the Dean of Leicester Deanery. His priestly duties, as you well know, will be the regular daily Masses and weekend Masses. There will be funerals, and baptisms and even the occasional wedding. There is a primary academy in Syston, Bishop Ellis School, and St Patrick's has St Patrick's Primary School and older pupils attend the English Martyrs Comprehensive School. The usual round of visiting the sick and housebound and hospital visits for a large combined parish area of St Patrick's Leicester with Infant of Prague, Syston, will mean Fr Jude is going into a very busy ministry. We wish him good health and every blessing as he gets to know his new parishioners and new parish area.