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DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR EDUCATION (EDUCATION SUNDAY)

22nd Sunday of the Year

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 09 Sept 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

THE SUNDAY EVENING MASS IS NOW ENDED

Mon 11 Sept 9.30 am St George's Pat Joe Gilligan (not well in London)
2.30 pm Funeral service for Ollie Dunne at Markeaton

Tue 12 Sept 9.30 am St George's Priest's own intention

Wed 13 Sept 9.30 am St George's Service of The Word with Holy Communion

11.00 am St George's Requiem for Lourdes Watters RIP

Thu 14 Sept 9.30 am St George's Mick Heffernan RIP

Fri 15 Sept 9.30 am St George's For all in the parish who are not well

Sat 16 Sept 9.30 pm St George's In thanksgiving, St Anthony

5.30 pm St George's Ollie Dunne RIP

Sun 17 Sept 9.30 am St George's People of the Parish

11.15 am Holy Spirit The Doherty & Connors Families.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith but it's not the only moment where we can know Jesus' real presence. When a family gathers for a meal and says grace, Jesus is beside them. Whenever we say to someone who's sick, in distress or in trouble, 'Do you mind if I say a prayer for you?', Jesus is right there in our midst. When we make a pilgrimage to Lourdes, Fatima or Rome, Jesus is alongside us. Whenever just two or three of us gather to pray or read the Scriptures, Jesus is right there with us, just as he promised: 'For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with you' (v.20 NIV). This doesn't mean, of course, that Jesus isn't with us when we pray on our own, but when we gather as a Church, as the body of Christ, as believers, he promises that he's there among us. This is very comforting, isn't it? This means that whatever crisis, challenge, tragedy or turmoil we face, when we gather with other believers, Christ himself is there with us.

We can lose sight of God's presence and even take it for granted. When we do this, we can miss out on opportunities of grace and blessing. For example a group of students on a school trip to New York visited St Patrick's Cathedral. Most of them weren't Catholic and hadn't even been inside a Catholic church before. When the group entered the cathedral, they could immediately sense a sweet, peaceful presence, so much so that many of them, non-churchgoers included, wept. This could only have been the presence of Christ in their midst.

We need God's grace to enable us not to forget that Christ is present in our midst when we attend Mass, when we receive Holy Communion and when we gather to pray, read or study the Scriptures.

I would like the angels of heaven to be among us. I would like an abundance of peace. I would like full vessels of charity. I would like rich treasures of mercy. I would like cheerfulness to preside over all. I would like Jesus to be present.'
(St Brigid of Kildare)

Fr. JUDE'S DEPARTURE AND NEW APPOINTMENT

Sincere and grateful thanks on behalf of Fr Jude for the lovely celebrations of Mass and gatherings last weekend. Thanks to all who provided food and drinks and who served the refreshments. There was great parish teamwork. Thanks also to all who gave so generously to Fr Jude's parting gift and for the cards and lovely flowers.

May all go well in his new ministry to the Infant of Prague, Syston, with St Patrick's, Leicester. Fr Jude left us on Thursday, 7th September.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS: A warm welcome to students new to Derby, and a welcome back to those returning to continue your studies. The Catholic Chaplaincy to the University of Derby organises regular Masses, socials, talks & discussions, prayer opportunities, retreats, and pilgrimages for you. Visit www.derbycatholic.co.uk to find out more, and do come and say hello to Fr Jonathan, Sr Sneha, and the Union of Students CathSoc, at Freshers' Fair.

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 Evangelii Gaudium Sunday, formerly Home Mission Sunday.

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Wed 13 Sept: St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor

Thurs 14 Sept: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)

Fri 15 Sept: Our Lady of Sorrows

Sat 16 Sept: St Cornelius Pope, and Cyprian Bishop, Martyrs

Confrontation With Intercession

...if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray... Matthew 18:19

Today's readings are difficult for me because confrontation is not my thing. I'm just not good at it! It's as if I were passed over when God was giving out the skills you need – those that help the other person's ears and heart remain open to our needed conversation and not slam shut, resulting in that person never speaking to me again.

I do know Someone who is excellent at it. I do my part by praying to him on the person's behalf. If God can move mountains, he can change hearts and redeem actions. Knowing each one of us intimately, God uses the exact approach that inspires a realignment when we've gone astray.

If and when someone is in dire need of correction, I step up and ask others to join me in my petitions. Jesus himself says that when two or more pray together for any cause, it shall be granted.

Mighty Redeemer, motivate us to return to the path that leads directly to you.
Clare McGarry

BACK TO SCHOOL

Please continue to keep in your prayers all the staff and pupils of our St George's and St Benedict schools and all our Catholic schools of Derby and of our Multi Academy Trust (MAT) of which there are 26 schools. One of our schools at Swadlincote has this concrete problem that has been so widely reported on the news.

We pray that the school will be passed as safe with whatever needs to be put right.

Pray especially for all pupils and their families whether just starting school or beginning their secondary education.

St Mary's new school is nearly ready and staff and pupils should be in their excellent new building by Advent. It has taken quite a long time to rebuild after the arson attack destroyed the not so old St Mary's Primary Academy.

PRAYERS FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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Irish Country and Western Duo. On tour from Ireland.

Ally Harron and Marian Curry.

Playing at Derby Irish Centre on Friday 15th September.

ADM £5. 8 Till Late.