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DAY OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE HARVEST AND THE FRUITS OF HUMAN WORK

25TH Sunday of the Year

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 23 Sept	5.30 pm	St George's	People of the Parish
Sun 24 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Jimmy Mooney RIP
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Holy Souls and donor's intentions G.F. and D.F.
Mon 25 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	The deceased members of the Brown family (Mkt Harborough)
Tue 26 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Irene Otter RIP
	11.30 am	Trent Valley	Funeral service for Irene Otter RIP
Wed 27 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	For the many victims of the Morocco and Libya disasters. May they rest in peace.
Thu 28 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Alappatt Joseph RIP
Fri 29 Sept	9.30 am	St George's	Donor's intention, St Anthony
		Archangels Feast Day	
Sat 30 Sept	9.30 pm	St George's	Deceased clergy
	5.30 pm	St George's	Billy Ryan RIP
Sun 01 Oct	9.30 am	St George's	Fiona McGonagle RIP
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	People of the Parish

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Whenever something Jesus has said jars or grates with you, or you find yourself resisting his message, know that this is the effect it's supposed to have. Sometimes Jesus' teaching creates a negative response, of indignation protest and complaint! Just as life isn't fair, sometimes the Gospel isn't either. The Gospel message is scandalous, insulting and outrageous, because in the Gospel we encounter the lavish, generous and wanton pouring out of God's grace on all of humankind, righteous and unrighteous alike. If we haven't touched something of the 'scandal of grace', then we haven't understood the 'Gospel of grace'.

Jesus caused quite a stir through his association with so-called public sinners: tax collectors, prostitutes, the poor, those with leprosy, and other people on the margins of society. The Pharisees were indignant and horrified because they reasoned that God loves the righteous and despises the unrighteous. However, Jesus revealed that God's love shines on both the righteous and the unrighteous, and the precise reason he was sent to this earth by the Father was to save the sinners, the poor, the outcasts, those far from God, those who would never even set foot in a synagogue or indeed a church! Where sin, darkness, evil and death abound, God's love, grace, goodness and mercy superabound! This holier-than-thou attitude has continued throughout the ages and was particularly devastating in its effect in Ireland in the last century when unmarried women who fell pregnant were treated abysmally by their families and Church authorities. Considered fallen women and unfit mothers, they were sent to institutions run by religious sisters who treated them harshly. Many were forcibly separated from their children and never saw them again. What these religious people failed to understand is that we're all 'fallen', we're all beggars before God's grace and mercy, and we're all sinners in desperate need of God's grace. Jesus heralded a revolution of love and grace and we're all freedom fighters, activists and soldiers of this revolution. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us with this mission.

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.

UNIVERSITY OF DERBY – What's on for Catholics?

Christus Vivit:

6.15 pm, 3rd Thursday of the month in St Joseph's (Burton Rd DE1 1TJ). A young adults group (19-35) meeting for prayer, formation, fellowship and fun!

Masses:

11 am in St Joseph's (Burton Rd DE1 1TJ) is popular with students

1.15 pm Tuesday in the Multi-Faith Centre on Kedleston Rd Campus

6 pm, 1st Thursday of the month in St Joseph's, a Mass just for students, followed by a shared meal.

Find out more – www.derbycatholic.co.uk

The Mass Count continues this weekend. We take the count for 4 consecutive Sundays.

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 Saturday and Sunday for the victims of the Morocco earthquake and the Libya floods.

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Tues 26 Sept: Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

Wed 27 Sept: St Vincent de Paul, Priest

Fri 29 Sept: Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

Sat 30 Sept: Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor

Learning God's Perspective

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. Isaiah 55:8

My children often don't understand the rules, decisions and traditions that my wife and I have established for our home. This isn't unusual; children must grow in knowledge and wisdom before they appreciate the scope of vision adults see and must attend to. As parents, we help them by teaching and reinforcing the lessons we wish them to learn.

We, too, must grow in wisdom and knowledge to understand the commandments and teachings of Jesus. His perspective is vastly more expansive than ours! By regularly reading the sacred Scriptures, participating in the sacraments (especially confession and the Eucharist) and spending time in prayer, we can come to know the heart and mind of God.

Jesus, help me to understand your thoughts and ways a little more today
Jonathan F Sullivan.

REFLECTION ON THE ANGELS: St Bridget of Sweden said, 'If we saw an angel clearly, we should die of pleasure.' Mind you, she was a saint – if we saw an angel we'd probably die of fright! We don't tend to think too much about angels nowadays, but we really should, because one of the articles of our faith is that angels exist and we should believe in them.

Today we celebrate the feast day of the Church's three great archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Jesus' encounter with Nathanael in today's Gospel gives us a glimpse into the nature of the angelic realm. The Lord, referring to Jacob's dream in Genesis 28:12-17, affirms the existence of angels (v.510).

Our belief in angels is firmly rooted in the scriptures and the tradition of the Church. Each of the three archangels played a key role in our salvation history. Michael fought against Satan in a battle which resulted in Satan's expulsion from heaven (Luke 10:18: Rev. 12:7-8). Gabriel is used by God as a messenger. In the Old Testament he helps Daniel interpret his dreams (8:16-26: 9:21-27). In the New Testament, God sent Gabriel to announce the births of John the Baptist and Jesus (Luke 1:11-20, 26-38). Raphael is sent by God to minister to Tobit (5: 4-6).

G K Chesterton said, 'Angels can fly because they can take themselves lightly.' We fly with them on eagle's wings as we turn to them for their intercession and guidance. One day we will join them in worship, adoration and praise by God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. They, like us, were created to worship the Father in spirit and truth, and the Spirit and the truth point to Jesus as Lord and King. We, like them, are messengers, heralds of the Gospel, ambassadors of the King and witnesses of God's love and mercy.

'St Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defence against the wickedness and snare of the devil. May God rebuke him... and (may you), O Prince of the heavenly hosts...thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.' (Prayer for today's feast)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH has re-commenced Sunday mornings at 09:30 am. Every child is welcome. If your child is under 5 they will need to be accompanied by an adult. Please speak to Fr Alan or Mrs McNamara for more details.

Christ the King Catholic Voluntary, Arnold, is looking to recruit a Head of Maths and a Head of History as well as other exciting support roles such as Maths Mentor and School Counsellor. Details of these roles and others available can be found on the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust vacancies page <https://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/work-with-us/> If you wish to have an informal discussion about any of the roles and the school please contact the school office on 0115 9155762