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3rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 13 Apr	5.30 pm	SG	The Cannon sisters
Sun 14 Apr	9.00 am	EM	
	9.30 am	SG	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	EM	
	11.15 am	HS	The Clarke Family
Mon 15 Apr	9.30 am	SG	Private Intention, living and dead of the Burbidge family
	12 noon	EM	
Tue 16 Apr	9.30 am	SG	
Wed 17 Apr	9.30 am	SG	In thanksgiving, St Anthony of Padua
Thu 18 Apr	9.30 am	SG	Fr John Daly RIP
Fri 19 Apr	9.30 am	SG	Canon Anthony Dolan RIP
	12 noon	EM	
Sat 20 Apr	9.30 am	SG	Private intention, Addison.
	5.30 pm	SG	In thanksgiving, Infant Jesus of Prague ET
Sun 21 Apr	9.00 am	EM	
	9.30 am	SG	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	EM	
	11.15 am	HS	Patricia Brown RIP

EM English Martyrs SG St George's HS Holy Spirit

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

The story of the encounter on the road to Emmaus is unique to Luke's Gospel. In fact, it contains the fullest post-resurrection account of Jesus' encounter with the disciples of all four Gospels. For Luke faith is a form of sight: seeing with fresh spiritual eyes (cf. Luke 9:45). This gift of new sight reaches its pinnacle when Jesus opens their eyes to understand the Scriptures which had spoken about him.

Bear in mind, of course, that these Scriptures were from the Old Testament. Luke writes: 'And their eyes were opened and they recognised him.... They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?"' (vv.31-32).

We are called, if you like, to be contemplatives: men and women who treasure and cherish the Word of God. For this is where God speaks to us in the most powerful way. Pope Gregory the Great said, 'The Bible is a letter from Almighty God to his creatures.' Therefore, if we want to find out the mind of God, we must read the Bible and become increasingly familiar with the sacred text. Think of it this way: just as the Holy Spirit made the disciples' hearts burn, so too he will make ours burn with the light and flames of God's love. Because reading the Bible without love is simply a chore.

The bishops of the Second Vatican Council had hearts that burned with love for God's Word, and out of that love they recorded these compelling words which are still deeply relevant to the Church today. 'The Church has always venerated the divine scriptures just as it venerates the Body of the Lord, since from the table both of the Word of God and of the Body of Christ it unceasingly receives and offers to the faithful the Bread of Life. It has always regarded the scriptures together with the sacred tradition as the supreme rule of faith, and will ever do so' (Dei verbum 21).

Lord, make my heart burn with the love of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

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.

By His Wounds

Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have. Luke 24:39

We can appreciate that in the days immediately following his Resurrection, Jesus needs to find tangible evidence to assure his frightened disciples that it is indeed himself risen and among them. The disciples have already heard an astonishing story from the two travellers who unknowingly accompanied Jesus to Emmaus. Now he stands before them.

Perhaps especially moving about this account is the way Jesus chooses to prove his presence: by showing his wounds. By the marks of the nails driven through his hands and feet. By the gash on his side where he had been pierced by a soldier's sword. Draw near, look and touch, Jesus invites.

Draw near, look and touch, Jesus says to each of us today. May we never hesitate, never fear to draw close to his loving compassionate heart.

Sr Chris Koellhoffer. I.H.M.

RECENT DEATHS: Please pray for Cynthia Clayton of Oriol Court and Kevin Mullarkey of Sinfen, who have died recently. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.*

The Requiem Mass for Cynthia Clayton will take place at St George's on Monday, 22nd April 2024, at 11.30 am.

The funeral details for Kevin Mullarkey are not made at present.

NEW PARISH AND MASS ARRANGEMENTS: In consultation with Fr Mark Brentnall we have to have provisional arrangements for Masses and other activities because of the severe injury to Fr Neil Peoples, Parish Priest of Burton-on-Trent (that area that is in Nottingham diocese) and Swadlincote. Fr Mark is helping to cover the parish while Fr Neil recovers his mobility, his leg being severely broken following his fall at the Cathedral on the Wednesday of Holy Week.

Please keep Fr Neil in your prayers that he can make a full recovery. The newsletter will keep you informed of Mass times.

DECEASED PRIESTS: Please pray for Canon Anthony Dolan and Fr John Daly, retired priests, who have died recently. Both gave long service to our Diocese of Nottingham in several parishes. May God bless them with heavenly joy and love and peace following their fruitful labour in the vineyard of the Lord.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS:

Eternal Father I offer you the body and blood, soul and divinity of your dearly beloved son, our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

and

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and the whole world.

and

Holy God, Holy Almighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.