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18th WEEK OF CHURCH YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 03 Aug	5.30 pm	SG	Michael Donovan RIP
Sun 04 Aug	9.30 am	SG	Karan O'Connor RIP, 2 nd Anniversary
	11.15 am	HS	Jennie Merrin RIP
Mon 05 Aug	9.30 am	SG	Fr John Warnaby RIP
Tues 06 Aug	9.00 am	SG	For peace worldwide, for Holy Souls in Purgatory and for families
Wed 07 Aug	9.30 am	SG	The Joseph family and for wife, Marie RIP
Thu 08 Aug	9.30 am	SG	For the Bacon family, the O'Neill family, The Rolston family
Fri 09 Aug	9.30 am	SG	.NO 9.30 am MASS
	11.30 am	SG	Requiem, Wilfred Irenius Cousins RIP
Sat 10 Aug	9.30 am	SG	For the recently deceased of warfare and violence, especially the children and their families
	5.30 pm	SG	For hungry children and those who help to feed them.
Sun 11 Aug	9.30 am	SG	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	HS	Margaret Hitchcock RIP and Geraldine Hitchcock RIP

SG St George's HS Holy Spirit

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Jesus was in good company when he miraculously fed the five thousand (in fact, it was probably more, as this figure does not include women and children). The prophet Elisha miraculously fed one hundred men with just twenty loaves of bread (2 Kgs, 4:42-44). But, as we know, one greater than Elisha was here and Jesus fed more with less. Clearly the feeding of five thousand people was the mother of all catering challenges and Jesus revealed his glory through it. However, this miracle – like all of Jesus' miracles, but this one to an even greater extent – was a sign pointing to a deeper truth, a deeper revelation. Part of the mystery of the feeding of the five thousand (and also the feeding of the four thousand – see Matt 15:2-38 – is that it leads us to ponder the 'source and summit' of the Christian life – the Eucharist.

The feeding of the multitude anticipates the Last Supper where Jesus will break bread and institute the Eucharist. God sent Jesus to save us – body, soul and spirit – but also to feed and nourish us. God did not just save our souls or our bodies or just the spirit, he saved the whole human person. The Body and Blood of Christ feeds us, strengthens us and brings vitality and life to our whole being. We can feel empty inside, carry a sense of loneliness or lack of meaning and direction. The Eucharist fills this space, nourishes us and satisfies the deepest desires of the human heart.

Every time we receive the Eucharist we are fed by Jesus. Pope Pius X said, 'Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to heaven. There are others: innocence, but that is for children; penance, but we are afraid of it; generous endurance for the trials of life, but when they come we weep and ask to be spared. The surest, easiest and shortest way is the Eucharist.' My soul thirsts for the Eucharist, the Bread of Life, the Manna from Heaven.

Lord, grant me the gift of awe, wonder and amazement at this gift of yourself, by which I am nourished and given strength to live the Christian life.

RECEPTION INTO THE FAITH: Please pray for Garneth Parboo of Stenson fields who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church on this Sunday 4th August, at Holy Spirit Church. There will be a little welcome party after Mass. Thanks to those who have supported Garneth in her preparation.

PARKING AT ST GEORGE'S CHURCH: If the car park and roadside parking is full you can always go up the presbytery drive, even double parking at the back of the house. There is room for several cars and Fr Alan does not need to get out until after Mass.

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.

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon 5 Aug: Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major
Tues 6 Aug: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Wed 7 Aug: St Sixtus, Pope and Companions, Martyrs
Thurs 8 Aug: St Dominic, Priest
Fri 9 Aug: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Sat 10 Aug: St Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

RECENT DEATHS:

Please pray for Mrs Pauline Maria Ormsby of Dean Street who has died recently, and for her family. Funeral service at Markeaton crematorium on 14th August at 11 am. *May she rest in peace.*

No Expiration Date

Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life.....JOHN 6:27

I hear it whenever my wife sends me to the grocery store "Remember", she calls out to me, "get the milk and bread from the back!" It's a reminder for her forgetful husband that, like so many things in life, groceries have expiration dates. Reach into the back of the shelf, check the dates tagged on the containers and get the stuff that will last longest. In today's Gospel, Jesus offers us a similar lesson. His listeners must have been amazed to hear him offering bread that wouldn't go bad. "the true bread from heaven."

The Son of God could feed them in ways they never imagined. And he continues to do that for us today with "food that endures for eternal life." We are reminded of it at every Eucharist when Jesus offers us the immeasurable gift of himself.

With Christ, we don't have to look for a stamp or a tag. What he gives has no expiration date.

PRAYER OF ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.

The Diocesan Education Service is seeking to appoint a highly professional, motivated Governance Manager to join their small and friendly team. This is a part-time / term-time permanent appointment. The post will start on 1st September, at a FTE salary of between £38k and £42k. Applications should be received by noon, Monday 29 July 2024. More details can be found at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers

FOOD BANK SUPPORT: Thanks to those who continue to support our local food bank with donations of food. It is so generous of you at St George's and Holy Spirit and we know there are a lot of people whose incomes cannot meet all their commitments, especially the devastating increases that have happened for utilities besides food price inflation.

HOLIDAY TIME: We pray for all who will be travelling by land, sea or air, on their annual holidays. May God grant them safe journeys and refreshing and restful times and safe return. Especially we pray for all our parishioners and their children that they may be safe.
Happy Holidays.