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19<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF CHURCH YEAR

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

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| Sat 10 Aug  | 5.30 pm  | SG | For hungry children and those who help to feed them.                                |
| Sun 11 Aug  | 9.30 am  | SG | Larry Morgan RIP, Anniversary                                                       |
|             | 11.15 am | HS | Margaret Hitchcock RIP and Geraldine Hitchcock RIP                                  |
| Mon 12 Aug  | 9.30 am  | SG | For all in the parish who are not well                                              |
| Tues 13 Aug | 9.00 am  | SG | A Mass in reparation for the blasphemy at the Olympic Games                         |
| Wed 14 Aug  | 9.30 am  | SG | A Mass in thanksgiving for prayers and Masses for my recovery from surgery (Yvonne) |
| Thu 15 Aug  | 9.30 am  | SG | Mass for blessings for Sennah Khawoo and Sennah Quist                               |
|             | 7.00 pm  | HS | Private Intention                                                                   |
| Fri 16 Aug  | 9.30 am  | SG | For peace in the world and an end to warfare and violence.                          |
| Sat 17 Aug  | 9.30 am  | SG | For Fr Alan and his family, especially for good health.                             |
|             | 5.30 pm  | SG | Loures Watters RIP                                                                  |
| Sun 18 Aug  | 9.30 am  | SG | People of the Parish                                                                |
|             | 11.15 am | HS | The Clayton family RIP                                                              |

**SG St George's HS Holy Spirit**

**GOSPEL REFLECTION:** The crowds who followed Jesus (predominantly Jewish) did not mind Jesus giving them free bread – but they do mind him claiming that he personally has come down from heaven as bread to satisfy their deepest needs (see John 6: 41 and John 6:51 51). ‘How can Jesus say he came from heaven?’ they ask. ‘We know who he is. He is Mary and Joseph’s son.’

This is a typical human response. Flesh and blood cannot grasp the mystery of the incarnation. Jesus observes, ‘No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him’ (v.44). God draws people to himself: he teaches them and removes their spiritual blindness so that they are able to believe in Jesus.

Nowadays many people reject Jesus as a miracle-worker or divine but are willing to accept and admire him on the level of a great moral and ethical teacher, but the Christian apologist C.S Lewis argues powerfully against the validity of this position: I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about him. “I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher but I don’t accept his claim to be God”.

‘That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic – on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse.

‘You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronising nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to... Now it seems to me obvious that he was neither a lunatic nor a fiend: and consequently, however strange or terrifying or unlikely it may seem, I have to accept the view that he was and is God.’ *‘I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever.’*

**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.

**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.

**HOLY SPIRIT COFFEE MORNING, SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST AFTER MASS.** Mother's Group raising money to help an international student at Derby University.

**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:**

**Tues 13 Aug:** SS Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest, martyrs

**Wed 14 Aug:** St Maximilian Kolbe, priest and martyr

**Thurs 15 Aug:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holyday

**Sat 17 Aug:** Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**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 Aug. 11 am. *May she rest in peace.*

**A Welcoming Angel**

**He prayed for death, saying: “This is enough, O Lord!”** 1 Kings 19:4  
Elijah was deeply depressed, in a state of despair. Could that person really be the great prophet, Elijah – friend of God and miracle worker? Yes! He lied down to sleep under a broom tree, praying to die. An angel came to him twice, with cake and water, to wake him, revive his spirit and motivate him to get up. We can relate to Elijah for we too have encountered some of life's deep sorrows and setbacks. Remember the names of those angels who brought you food, drink, care and encouragement. They helped you to come back, fight back and excel. Today, people are thankful you were there when they needed a welcoming angel to bring friendship, food and hope for the future they now enjoy; Sometimes we are weak, other times strong, but we are there for each other.

So, whenever we hear someone singing “The Broom Tree Blues,” bring them a little blessing of angel cake and water.

**Mary's Heavenly Mission**

**The woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God.** Revelation 12:6

On the feast of the Assumption of Mary, the Church's Liturgy of the Word asserts Mary as the woman recalled in Revelation with its proclamation for this Solemnity. The Assumption of Mary recalls what God did for Mary – that he who preserved her from original sin at the moment of her conception did not allow her to later suffer the corruption of the tomb: she was brought body and soul into eternal glory. One significance of Mary's Assumption is the role she takes on as the Queen Mother in heaven. Just as on earth, praying for the Apostles as they travelled the world sharing the Good News of Jesus, she now intercedes in heaven for us here on earth. She has fled earth to heaven, to a place prepared by God.

Believers throughout the centuries have asked her intercession and received many graces. May we be beneficiaries of her heavenly mission. *Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us at the hour of our death.*

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,**

**THURSDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST:** Please note that on this great feastday of Our Lady throughout the Catholic Church there will be lovely celebration Masses.

At St George's we will have the 9.30 am Mass and at Holy Spirit, Mass at 7 pm. It is a Holyday and we should make a special effort to come to Mass in honour of our Holy Mother, Mary.

The Church teaches that Mary at the end of her life, was taken body and soul to the glory of heaven. To be in love and harmony with the son she bore, whose suffering she shares, especially by the cross of Calvary, whose body she buried in the tomb and whose glorious resurrection she experienced.

As we honour Our Lady, Mother of God, assumed into glory, we ask her prayers and intercessions for ourselves, our families and our troubled world. *Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us.*

**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.*