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14th WEEK OF CHURCH YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 06 July	5.30 pm	SG	Tom O'Reilly RIP
Sun 07 July	9.30 am	SG	Teresa Walsh RIP
	11.15 am	HS	Stanley Brown RIP
Mon 08 July	9.30 am	SG	Donor's intention, St Anthony
Tues 09 July	9.30 am	SG	Joseph Rissa RIP
Wed 10 July	9.30 am	SG	Fr Michael James Daly RIP
Thu 11 July	9.30 am	SG	Holy Souls in Purgatory and deceased members of the suffering souls.
Fri 12 July	9.30 am	SG	Fr John Mc Collogh RIP
Sat 13 July	9.30 am	SG	Kathleen & Tom Connolly
	5.30 pm	SG	People of the Parish
Sun 14 July	9.30 am	SG	Mass for Emma Celebrar RIP (anniversary time)
	11.15 am	HS	For all in the parish who are not well and Those in recovery

SG St George's HS Holy Spirit

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

On hearing Jesus teach in the synagogue in Nazareth the people were utterly amazed or, as we might say today 'gobsmacked'. The Greek philosopher Aristotle observed, centuries before, that the beginning of wisdom is awe and wonder. Well, the people of Nazareth were awestruck. The people of Nazareth (a tiny hamlet by the way), like Kipling, kept six honest serving men, their names: what and why and when and how and where and who.

'Where did this man get these things? What's this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles? Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James and Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?' (vv.2-3 NIV). Curiosity might kill the cat but is necessary when reading and studying the Scriptures. Unfortunately, the line of questioning didn't lead to faith, as they 'took offence at him'. What a shame as they were beginning to enter the mystery of the Incarnation – God made man – the fundamental pillar of Christian revelation! Flesh and blood, reason alone, cannot grasp this divine revelation for it is a grace of revelation, an illumination or enlightenment of the Father who pours out his wisdom when we humbly bow before Jesus, God made man.

Just as we need to cultivate a scene of Eucharistic awe and wonder, so too we need a sense of Incarnational awe and wonder. Of course, the key to this mystery of faith (and every mystery of faith) is that we believe so as to understand and not the other way round. Our minds in themselves are not capable of grasping the Incarnation. As St Thomas Aquinas so wisely said: 'By his divine nature, Christ is simple. By his human nature, he is complex.' We need the Holy Spirit to help us take hold of this mystery that God entered into human time and space. How wrong was Plato when he said, 'Never can man and God meet', and how right was C.S. Lewis when he stated, 'The central miracle asserted by Christians is the Incarnation. They say that God became man.'

I confess that Jesus Christ is God from God, Light from Light, true God and true man, begotten not made and consubstantial with the Father.

HOLY SPIRIT ACTIVITIES

Coffee mornings and socialising on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 am. And on Sunday, 7th July, a Parish Picnic in the Park at Redwood Park, Sinfen, Derby from 2.30 pm. There will be fun activities for the children. All welcome. Also, at Holy Spirit there will be a Rosary Prayer Group beginning on Thursday, 20th June at 3 pm. Church opens at 2.45 pm. All welcome. Please speak to Helen Wright / Denise O'Neill for details. And at St Georges, Mother's Prayers continues every Monday after Mass. All welcome. Details from Helen Wright.

St George's after Mass Teas and Coffees have recently raised £200 which has been donated to CAFOD. Thank you to ALL for continuing support which enables your contributions being given to a very worthy cause

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 is for Stella Maris, the church's mission to seafarers.

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Tues 9th July: St Augustine Zhao Rong, priest and companion, martyr..

Thurs 11th July: St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe

Sat 13th July: Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Interdiocesan Pilgrimage to Padley takes place today. It is at Padley Chapel in honour of Nicholas Garlick and Robert Ludlam, captured at Padley Manor and executed in Derby on the Bridge in 1588.

Still Astonished?

... and many who heard him were astonished. Mark 6:2

It's easy enough to read the accounts of Jesus in the Gospels and imagine the astonishment of those who encountered him. He taught with authority and great creativity. He told stories to which they could relate. He turned water into wine, fed thousands from a small basket of bread and fish, healed the sick and even raised the dead. How could they not be astonished? How could they not follow him?

But those stories are and must be for us more than history lessons or the recollections of some great philosopher, prophet and poet. For we are called not just to know *about* Jesus but to *know* him. We are invited into relationship with him. As we listen to his words and remember his miracles, we are called to be astonished still, fed still, changed and challenged still to live a life of prayer, worship and service.

Astonish me today, O Lord, Challenge and change me. I am ready to service. Steve Givens.

The Visit to our Diocese of the Apostolic Nuncio

The Apostolic Nuncio, His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia, is a native of Spain and is the Pope's delegate to the Catholic Church in England and Wales, and resides at 54 Parkside, Wimbledon. The Catholic Church in England and Wales consists of 22 Dioceses of which Nottingham is one and the Nuncio has a certain oversight of all 22 of them.

Archbishop Buendia presided at Mass at our St Barnabas Cathedral on Monday, 1st July at 12 noon. Concelebrating with him was our own Bishop Patrick MckInney and a number of priests who this year have celebrated Silver, Golden and Diamond Jubilees of ordination. The Nuncio thanked them for their years of faithful service.

Afterwards jubilarians and a large number of other priests and deacons enjoyed lunch together in the Cathedral hall. In the afternoon our Bishop was taking the Nuncio to visit the magnificent cathedral of Lincoln and in the evening to celebrate Vespers in a Lincoln parish. We thank God for the Holy Catholic Church to which we belong, for our Pope Francis its spiritual leader and for all who hold office in it for the maintenance and spreading of the Catholic faith of Jesus Christ, our saviour and redeemer.

FREE PAPERS: Copies of the Catholic Post and Catholic News for July now available at the Church. The Catholic Post has an article in the coming canonization off Blessed Carlo Acutis.