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15th WEEK OF CHURCH YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 13 July	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
Mon 15 July	9.30 am	SG	Eddie O'Rourke RIP
Tues 16 July	9.30 am	SG	For the souls of Pedro Celebrar, Sofia Ong and Dimas Ong
Wed 17 July	9.30 am	SG	For all who are not well
Thu 18 July	9.30 am	SG	Donor's intention, St Anthony
Fri 19 July	9.30 am	SG	The Swingel & Devlin families and Peace in the world.
Sat 20 July	9.30 am	SG	Hillary Crosbie (not well)
	5.30 pm	SG	Mass for Cath Parsons with incurable cancer
Sun 21 July	9.30 am	SG	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	HS	Mrs Marian Callaghan Coyne RIP In Ireland

SG St George's HS Holy Spirit

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Pope Francis, St Peter's successor is nothing if not interesting when it comes to the thorny and difficult subject of evangelization. What isn't in any doubt is that Jesus sent out the disciples to evangelise, two by two, with authority to drive out demons and with detailed instructions regarding a staff, no bread, no bag, sandals but no extra tunic and permission to depart shaking the dust from their feet. Anyway, here is Pope Francis on this tricky but important part of being a Catholic. 'Today I felt a certain bitterness after a meeting with young people. A woman approached me with a young man and a young woman. I was told that they were part of a slightly fundamentalist movement. She said to me in perfect Spanish: "Your Holiness, I am from South Africa. This boy was a Hindu and converted to Catholicism. This girl was Anglican and converted to Catholicism". But she told me in a triumphant way, as though she was showing off a hunting trophy. I felt uncomfortable and said to her, "Madam, evangelization yes, proselytism no." What I mean is that evangelization is free! Proselytism, on the other hand, makes you lose your freedom. Proselytism is incapable of creating a religious path in freedom. It always sees people being subjugated in one way or another. In evangelisation the protagonist is God. Unfortunately, however, not only in the sects, but also within the Catholic Church there are fundamentalist groups. Another typical thing about proselytizing is that it does not distinguish between the internal and external forums. And this is the sin into which many religious groups fall today. That is why I asked the Apostolic Penitentiary to make a statement on the internal forum, and that statement is really very good. Evangelisers never violate the conscience: they announce, sow and help to grow. Evangelization gives you a dependence, that is, it makes you free and able to grow. The dependence of the evangelized person, the "paternal" dependence, is the memory of the grace that God has given you. The proselyte instead depends not as a child, but as a slave, who in the end does not know that to do unless he or she is told.'

Lord, make me a joy-filled evangeliser, an authentic witness, and never afraid to share sincerely the reason for my hope and joy.

VOLUNTEERS: We have many people in St George's and Holy Spirit doing lots of different things to keep our churches alive. For St George's our new Parish Priest, Fr Mark Brentnall, also parish priest of English Martyrs, Alvaston with Chellaston, would like the names of all our volunteers. Please write your name on the list at St George's Church with the activity you are involved with. Many thanks.

HOLY SPIRIT ACTIVITIES: Coffee mornings and socialising, Mondays and Wednesdays 10 am. Rosary Prayer Group Thursdays at 3 pm.

St George's: Mothers Prayers, Mondays after 9.30 am Mass.

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 of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

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

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon 15th July: St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church.

Tues 16th July: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes begins this week. Please pray for the Bishop and all the pilgrims, especially those who are not so well and our own pilgrims from the parish who will be going. *Our Lady of Lourdes pray for them. St Bernadette of Lourdes pray for them.* Also we ask Our Lady's prayers for all who are not well, especially parishioners and members of our families.

A RECENT DEATH: Please pray for Wilfred Irenius Cousins who has died recently. Requiem Mass at St George's on Friday, 9th August at 11 am. We pray for his wife Icelyn and the family at this sad time. *May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

God Calls You

I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The Lord took me from following the flock... AMOS 7:14-15

One phrase could summarise the Scripture readings for this Sunday: God's call. Amos was called by God and sent by God to proclaim a message. St Paul reminds the Ephesians that they are chosen by God. And St Mark tells us of Jesus' sending of the Twelve. For Amos and the apostles, as they are called and sent, they must know who they are and who it is who calls them. Amos knew the Lord sent him. Amos also knew that he was a simple shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The apostles were sent by Jesus; they came from varied walks of life.

The moral of these stories: God calls everyone no matter who they are or what their pasts were like. Sometimes it is hard to believe he's called you and has given you a message or a task. Will you share his message and go where he sends you?

Lord, help me to accept your call and mission for me.

DEATH IS THE GATEWAY TO ETERNAL LIFE

The prospect of death can evoke a variety of thoughts and feelings among those who are dying and their loved ones. Our faith directs us towards a life that extends beyond death and encourages us to see the end of life as an opportunity for love. Fr. George, a hospital chaplain, reflects on the gift of accompanying the dying in their last day. The Church reminds us that "despite our best efforts it is hard to recognise this profound value of human life when we see it in its weakness and fragility." This challenging reality shapes the way that many in society think about those who are suffering towards the end of their lives.

As Christians, we have the perfect model of how to cope with suffering in the examples of the Lord Jesus. It is a model that can inspire those who are facing death as well as those who surround them on their last journey. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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.