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16th WEEK OF CHURCH YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 20 July	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
Mon 22 July	9.30 am	SG	Fr George Towler RIP
Tues 23 July	9.00 am	SG	Mass at St George's School only
Wed 24 July	9.30 am	SG	Donor's intention, St Anthony
Thu 25 July	9.30 am	SG	Priest's own intention
Fri 26 July	9.30 am	SG	.In thanksgiving ,St Anthony of Padua
Sat 27 July	9.30 am	SG	For the recently dead of war & violence
	5.30 pm	SG	Dec. members of the Fortune family RIP
Sun 28 July	9.30 am	SG	Albert Woodcock RIP, 1st Anniversary
	11.15 am	HS	People of the Parish

SG St George's HS Holy Spirit

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Jesus wanted his disciples to understand retreat, solitude and rest. We witness too to his compassionate heart for the crowd: like sheep without a shepherd. However, our focus is on one sentence which sheds much light on living out faith today: 'he began to teach them many things' (v.34). We are not given any more information, simply that he expressed his compassion through his teaching.

Today Jesus still teaches us. Today Jesus still guides and leads us, and his compassion and kindness is mediated through the teaching office of the Church. Now we may not necessarily think like this and even operate like this, but this is the truth. Where do we find this teaching? Well, your own bishop will teach and proclaim his message to the diocese and makes this known through his pastoral letter read out by his priests during the course of the liturgical year. Do you ever listen hard, take notes or print off a copy from your diocesan website? Well, the truth is, most of us don't but maybe we should consider it because the bishop, by the gift of apostolic succession, links us right back to the first apostles in an unbroken chain.

We can also visit the Vatican's website and download or get up on our screens the teaching of the present Pope. Or we can study the teachings of other Popes and, especially in our own time, that of Pope John Paul II who taught so comprehensively on a myriad of issues concerning living the Christian life today. We invite our readers to consider reading some of the key documents from Vatican II. *Gaudium et spes*, *Lumen gentinum*, *Dei verbum*, for example, are foundation stones of our faith and their treasures are there for the taking. The teachings from Vatican II (1962-65) ushered in a new springtime of spiritual renewal and rebirth. One of the great gifts of Vatican II was the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* which is deeply rooted in the Scriptures. Read it, study it and pray on it – it will change your life.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that you lead and guide us today through the teaching of the Church. Please help us to be willing to learn from those you have appointed to teach and lead us. Amen.

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.

AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH: A Breakfast Club for primary school children from 25th July from 8 am – 9.30am, Monday – Friday. Thanks to those who have volunteered. Forms still available. Contact Kevin Mallion 07832 424418

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

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 22nd July: St Mary Magdalene

Tues 23rd July: St Bridget, Patron of Europe

Thurs 25th July: St James, Apostle

Fri 26th July: Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary

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.*

Magdalene's Story

Stop holding onto me.....JOHN 20:17

Mary Magdalene was filled with longing when she went out into the dark morning – longing to honour Jesus, hoping to be near his tomb. She searched and encountered True Love, Jesus. When she saw and recognized him, he told her not to cling to him. He commissioned her to go tell others what she witnessed. With joy and courage, she shared the Good News, and others came to know and believe, to rejoice. There's a pattern to her story, and it is the same pattern for many of us who journey in faith. Because of longing and hope, we search, then encounter, and then we must detach to share the Good News. Personally, I am comfortable with the longing for Christ, encountering Truth and even sharing the Good News. But the letting go, the not clinging – the instruction to stop carrying so much for the journey: This is a struggle, I wonder if Mary Magdalene could teach me how to let go.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS RENEWAL DAY 2024 FOR DERBYSHIRE

Saturday, 27th July, Holy Family in Allestree.

Time 9.30 am registration, 10 am start.

Joe Hopkins, who is in charge of adult formation and Catechesis in the diocese, will be the speaker. We encourage as many Ministers as possible to attend. Point of contact: Derbyshire Mrs Frances Hazel Tel 07951143638. Email: Fran-hazel@dioceseofnottingham.uk. Please make contact if you are attending. Please forgive short notice. Please bring packed lunch. Mass at 2 pm will be celebrated by Fr. Alan.

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.