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17th WEEK OF CHURCH YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 27 July	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
Mon 29 July	9.30 am	SG	The Power family, the McAleavey family and the Cain family
Tues 30 July	9.00 am	SG	Donor's intention, St Anthony
Wed 31 July	9.30 am	SG	For Jimmy & family and all the people of the world
Thu 01 July	9.30 am	SG	Mary Devassey RIP
Fri 02 Aug	9.30 am	SG	.For all who are sick in our parish
Sat 03 Aug	9.30 am	SG	NO MORNING MASS OR CONFESSIONS
	5.30 pm	SG	Michael Donovan RIP
Sun 04 Aug	9.30 am	SG	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	HS	Jennie Merrin RIP

SG St George's HS Holy Spirit

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Five thousand hungry people present quite a logistical catering challenge, in this or in any age. What to feed them? And how to feed them?

Very real questions for anyone about to embark on such a vast challenge! Jesus appears almost to play with Philip by asking him: 'How are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?' (v.5). Philip might have thought that funds were the least of their problems. Andrew, clutching at straws but eager to help, brings forward an enterprising lad who has in his possession two fish and five barley loaves. Jesus takes what must have seemed to the disciples an insignificant offering, gives thanks (*Greek eucharisteo*), distributes the bread and fish – and feeds the multitude! As we read of Jesus' action in breaking and sharing the bread, we recall our experience of his presence among us.

The feeding of the five thousand was a prophetic sign in anticipation of the gift of the Eucharist. Jesus reveals his desire to meet and satisfy not just physical but spiritual hunger and every need through the grace of the Eucharist. Jesus' care for the hungry reminds us, too, that many in our day suffer acutely from lack of food – millions of people in our affluent world are without sufficient food to live. The question Jesus posed to Philip could also be addressed to each one of us; "How are we to buy bread, so that these people can eat?"

St Pope John Paul II was clear and unequivocal that the Church has to have a preferential love for the poor in their suffering, their need and their anguish: "The Church, which always has had a preferential love for the poor, cannot but embrace the immense multitudes of the hungry, the needy, the homeless, those without medical care and, above all, those without hope of a better future. It is impossible not to take account of the existence of these realities"

Lord Jesus, I praise and thank you for the gift of the Eucharist, through which you feed and satisfy my deepest yearning and every need.

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

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 29th July: SS Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Wed 31st July: St Ignatius of Loyola, priest

Thurs 1st Aug: St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor

Sat 4th Aug: Saturday Mass of Our Lady

RECENT DEATHS:

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.*

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.*

Jesus Multiplies Our Efforts

Where can we buy enough food for them to eat? John 6:5

At times, we can feel overwhelmed by seeming impossible demands on our lives. In today's Gospel, the disciples also felt overwhelmed with the thought of feeding the huge crowd.

In recent years, I have begun a deliverance ministry and have been surprised and overwhelmed with the flood of requests for deliverance. I have two steps that enable me to cope. First, I focus on helping one person at a time. Second, I daily commend my ministry to the Lord.

The first is a good coping technique. The second was the lesson the disciples learned with the multiplication of the loaves. By themselves, they were not able to feed all the people. But, with the help of Jesus, they could do the impossible.

Whether one is overwhelmed with the needs of one's family, workplace or ministry, Jesus can make it all possible. Help one person at a time, and give it all to Jesus.

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.

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.

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