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10th WEEK OF CHURCH YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 08 June	5.30 pm	SG	Deceased members of the Geelan family
Sun 09 June	9.30 am	SG	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	HS	Jackie Murphy for good health
Mon 10 June	9.30 am	SG	Eddie O'Rourke RIP and Eileen O'Rourke RIP
Tues 11 June	9.30 am	SG	Yvonne Clarke for good health
Wed 12 June	9.30 am	SG	For Ray for good health
Thu 13 June	9.30 am	SG	For peace in the world, and travellers and Holy Souls
Fri 14 June	9.30 am	SG	Annie Donovan RIP
Sat 15 June	9.30 am	SG	People of the Parish
	5.30 pm	SG	Trevor McCandless RIP, 13 th Anniv.
Sun 16 June	9.30 am	SG	Ada and James Delaney RIP
	11.15 am	HS	Jackie Murphy for good health

SG St George's HS Holy Spirit

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

The Screwtape Letters by C S. Lewis is a masterpiece and a must read. If you haven't read it, you really should try and get hold of a copy.

St Thomas More said: 'Satan proudeth spirit cannot endure to be mocked', and this is precisely what C S Lewis does in his amusing yet deadly serious account of the training of a younger demon by an older, more experienced one. He also wisely counselled: 'There are two equal and opposite errors... about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other, is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.'

Certainly today many will say that belief in demons or Satan belongs to another time, the ancient world, a bygone age. In our more sophisticated age, medicine and especially psychiatry, shed new light on behaviour that once might have been classified as demon possession, but today is understood to be mental illness of one kind or another.

The problem believers have is that the New Testament contains accounts of deliverance from evil. The teaching of the Church since the beginning has upheld its belief in the devil, and Saints through the ages have often engaged in conflict with demonic forces.

Indeed the Scriptures our greatest authority, leave us in no doubt about the Devil and the demonic realm. The author of Hebrews wrote: 'so that by his death [Jesus] might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death' (Heb. 2:14-15 NIV). James urged us to resist the devil and he will flee (Jas. 4:7), and Peter described the devil as a roaring lion on the lookout for someone to devour (1 Pet. 5:8).

We are delivered from evil in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Satan cannot go beyond the limits set by God. Faith assures us that even though we are tempted, God gives us the power to overcome the forces of evil.

Get thee behind me., Satan, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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 11th June: St Barnabas, Apostle, Patron of our Cathedral

Thurs 13th June: St Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor

Sat 15th June: Blessed Virgin Mary, Saturday Mass

Also, Sat 15th June, Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

SECOND COLLECTION at Mases next weekend is for Day for Life.

Mercy Within Mercy

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Psalm 130:1

Today's psalm has to be one of the most consoling ones in the entire Psalter. It begins with a declaration of deep trouble: "Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord." We have all experienced such depths: a serious illness, an addiction, the loss of a job, the death of a loved one, a natural disaster, a major disappointment, fear of the future, shame for our wrong doings. But then the psalmist says to God: "...with you is forgiveness...is kindness...is plenteous redemption" (vv 4, 7-8).

These words remind me of the description of God given by the Trappist monk Thomas Merton: "God is mercy within mercy within mercy." If this is true, how could we ever be afraid to call out to this God – no matter what depths we find ourselves in?

God of Mercy give me a deeper sense of your kindness and forgiveness. And help me to live these qualities in my own life.

1st HOLY COMMUNION for our young people took place on Saturday, 8th June. Many thanks to Tammie, Ian and family and Barbara for all their hard work of preparation. Please pray for all our First Communicants and their families.

THE SEASON OF ORDINARY TIME RUNS FROM NOW

THROUGH THE SUMMER: During this time we are asked by our church leaders to pray for the following intentions:

- a] For a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews
- b] For those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights
- c] For Europe
- d] For Human Life
- e] For Seafarers

HOLY SPIRIT ACTIVITIES

Coffee mornings and socialising on Mondays and Wednesdays at 12 noon.

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.