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12th WEEK OF CHURCH YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 22 June	5.30 pm SG	Deceased members of the Goodman family.
Sun 23 June	9.30 am SG	Brendan Daly RIP, 10th anniversary
	11.15 am HS	For the repose of the soul of James Boulter RIP
Mon 24 June	9.30 am SG	Eddie O'Rourke RIP
Tues 25 June	9.30 am SG	In thanksgiving, St Anthony of Padua
Wed 26 June	9.30 am SG	For peace in the world.
Thu 27 June	9.30 am SG	Fr Michael Butler RIP
Fri 28 June	9.30 am SG	Fr John McKeon RIP
Sat 29 June	9.30 am SG	Kathleen & Tom Connolly RIP
	5.30 pm SG	For parishioners who are not well and For those in recovery.
Sun 30 June	9.30 am SG	People of the Parish
	11.15 am HS	In thanksgiving and welcome to June Daphne new Great Granddaughter for Glenda.

SG St George's HS Holy Spirit

GOSPEL: Imagine being caught up in a storm at sea – it must be terrifying. The waves rise up, roaring, threatening to engulf the boat whole or smash it against the rocks.

Today we hear the story of Jesus and his disciples caught up in just such a storm. The disciples, understandably afraid, awaken the sleeping Christ, who stills the wind with one command and then questions his disciples: "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" Such a crisis is the moment most of us discover faith! Midwives report that many non-religious women call to Jesus for help during a traumatic labour, perhaps instinctively knowing that he can help, that they can rely upon him.

Faith in such moments is a return to God, which brings with it a sense of peace. We give ourselves completely to God, acknowledging his might and smallness, we sense that God is 'love divine, all loves excelling'.

'My moments of depression and despair turn out to be renewals, new beginnings.' writes the mystic Thomas Merton.

Stuck and powerless in the sense of our troubles we turn to God for help, and so find him again. Is this why we sometimes suffer? Is suffering a reminder from God to come home?"

Relying upon God gives us a sense of being protected and supported in life. In tough times, we rely upon God (and hopefully good times too). Rather than making us feel unpleasantly small, these moments of great need make us sense our human condition. It is a relief to 'let go and let God'. When she was just four year old, Sister Wendy Beckett had a profound experience of the constant closeness of God. 'Suddenly I became overwhelmed by the reality of God.' She recalls, ' (by) the greatness and the power and the love and my own infinite smallness. And I knew that I was held in that greatness and protected and I would never ever have to feel anxious.'

'Come back to me, with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart...Long have I waited for your coming, home to me and living deeply our new lives.' (Christian Hymnal 3)

ST GEORGE'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

The official announcement of our recent OFSTED has been promulgated. It has been reported in the Derby Telegraph and is on local news websites.

The results of the OFSTED was 'OUTSTANDING'. This is a marvellous result for all the hard work of our headteacher, Mrs Snowdon-Poole, and all the staff and all the pupils and governors. 'OUTSTANDING' is not easily achieved and not lightly given.

In my 32 years on the governing body, I think this is our first OFSTED to be 'OUTSTANDING'. We have had 'Good' with outstanding features in regular OFSTEDs and have built on secure foundations and take on the challenge of inspector's recommendations.

We pray for our school and its future for all involved with it and thank God for all its blessings.

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 for Peter's Pence to be taken next weekend.

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon, 24th June: The Nativity of John the Baptist

Thurs 27th June: St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor

Fri 29th June: St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

NEXT SUNDAY 30TH JUNE is the Feast of Sts Peter & Paul Apostles (also the Vigil Mass of 5.30 pm 29th June).

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rodsley in honour of its famous son, St Ralph Sherwin, takes place at Rodsley next Sunday 30th June. Meet at Rodsley for a 3 pm start with the Rosary followed by Mass.

Weathering Storms

God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress. Therefore we fear not... Psalm 46:2-3

This psalm, which Scripture scholars tell us was originally a hymn of praise for victory over armies besieging Jerusalem, has helped me remember God is 'an ever-present help in distress.'

I write this as the fifth strong thunderstorm of the day is filling the air with deafening noise, lightning, great swirls of rain. There have been pauses for an hour or so, then suddenly, the thunder sounds again.

I feel this serves as a metaphor for what can happen on the journey of our lives. So many kinds of distress can storm around us: medical emergencies, car accidents, job losses, deaths of loved ones. In some parts of our world: ongoing wars, crop failure, earthquakes.

In times of crisis in my life, I have reached for verse 2 of this psalm: "God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress." Remembering, feeling God's loving presence right there with me, has lessened my fear.

Patricia Livingston

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