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ST PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES - DAY OF SPECIAL PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS

12th WEEK OF CHURCH YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 29 June	5.30 pm	SG	John Shaw (not well)
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.
Mon 01 July	9.00 am	School	In thanksgiving for all our school community
	12 noon		Mass at St Barnabas Cathedral and welcome to the Apostolic Nuncio
Tues 02 July	9.30 am	SG	Marie Dussroth RIP
Wed 03 July	9.30 am	SG	.Fr Neville Clement RIP
Thu 04 July	9.30 am	SG	Donor's intention, St Anthony
Fri 05 July	9.30 am	SG	For all in our families and our parish who are not well or in recovery from illness
Sat 06 July	9.30 am	SG	Fr John Taylor RIP
	5.30 pm	SG	Tom O'Reilly RIP
Sun 07 July	9.30 am	SG	Teresa Walsh RIP
	11.15 am	HS	Stanley Brown RIP

SG St George's HS Holy Spirit

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

The Catholic Church is both Petrine and Pauline, and both Apostles have left an indelible stamp on its character and mission. However, for the purposes of this reflection we are going to focus our attention on Paul. Bear in mind, though, that both apostles received the grace of revelation, an interior illumination, that Jesus is the Christ the Son of the Living God.

After his conversion on the road to Damascus Paul, who was born in Tarsus in modern Turkey, became one of the Church's foremost evangelizers, first among the Jews and then among the Gentiles. Paul was a living witness that the Church is by its nature missionary and that is primary task is evangelization. At the beginning of this third millennium we are called to deepen our conviction in Jesus' missionary mandate, which is to spread the 'Good News', win souls of Christ and proclaim the kingdom of God.

What made St Paul such an effective evangelist? The key, according to what he wrote to the church in Galatia, was the revelation which he received from Christ himself, enabling him to grasp the truth of the Gospel in an utterly life-changing way. This is how he explained it: "For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ" (Gal 1:1-12).

St Peter received a personal revelation too. Today's reading contains his confession, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God' (v.16). Jesus knew immediately that Peter's understanding of who he was was not something he had received from mere flesh and blood, but was a revelation from the Father. It was this supernatural revelation about Jesus' divinity and Lordship which compelled St Peter and

St Paul to go out and spread the Gospel, and we need this revelation to compel us to proclaim our faith and witness with renewed vigour.

'Lord Jesus, may I grasp and understand anew and afresh that you are truly Lord, Saviour and Master and are the Way, the Truth and the Life.'

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 Snowden-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 this weekend at all Masses is for Peter's Pence. It goes to support our Holy Father in his many offices.

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon 1st July: St Oliver Plunket, Bishop & martyr

Wed 3rd July: St Thomas Apostle, Feast

Thurs 4th July: St Elizabeth of Portugal

Fri 5th July: St Anthony Zaccaria

Sat 6th July: St Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr

VISIT OF THE APOSTOLIC NUNCIO to our Diocese of Nottingham on Monday, 1st July, ie tomorrow, the Pope's representative in our country will make an official visit to our diocese. He will celebrate Mass with our priests and people at 12 noon at St Barnabas Cathedral. All are welcome.

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 with our Bishop.

Willing to Grow

Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. John 12:24

My mother is an avid gardener and we have had many chats about what she likes to call "the persistence of nature"; those weeds that come back just a week or so after being pulled, the dandelions peeking from the cracks of an urban sidewalk, the new tree shoots that were unintentionally planted by eager squirrels. What is seed will travel; what is planted will grow.

So it is with faith, Jesus is teaching us in this passage about the "persistence of faith," if you will. If we, like the seed, are willing to move, to be planted outside of our comfort zones – to die to ourselves – then the fruit born will be immeasurable. Our faith and love will bloom and grow in places and ways we never imagined.

Today, may I be willing to lose myself so that your Love may grow.

Sarah Hart.

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