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13th October 2024

28th WEEK OF CHURCH YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 12 Oct	5.30 pm	SG	Deceased members of the Geelan fam.
Sun 13 Oct	9.30 am	SG	People of the parish
	11.15 am	HS	Private intention
Mon 14 Oct	9.30 am	SG	For the living and dead of the Burbidge family.
Tues 15 Oct	9.30 am	SG	The deceased of the Maughan family, Patrick, Sean, Carlew & others
Wed 16 Oct	9.30 am	SG	For all victims of warfare and violence and natural disasters.
Thu 17 Oct	9.30 am	SG	Donor's intention, in thanksgiving, St Anthony
Fri 18 Oct	9.30 am	SG	Marie Dussroth RIP
Sat 19 Oct	9.30 am	SG	Fr Chris Hogan RIP
	5.30 pm	SG	People of the Parish
Sun 20 Oct	9.30 am	SG	For all parishioners who are not well, Especially those in hospital.
	11.15 am	HS	Private Intention

SG St George's HS Holy Spirit

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

The ability to talk about the profound questions of life seems increasingly difficult. Nowadays such questions are considered 'too deep' or 'too heavy', and there is an unspoken convention that politics and religion are best avoided in polite circles. This is to our detriment; the ancient world did not suffer from such reticence, as we witness in today's Gospel.

The rich young man is clearly focused on eternal life and the things that matter and how to obtain it (v.17). Little did he know that he is talking to the very One who can give it. The rich young man's fascinating discourse with Jesus reveals that he had committed himself to keeping the Ten Commandments, at least externally. He is rather like the Pharisee (a good man, no doubt) who brings to God in prayer his good deeds and thanks God that he has not sinned against the commandment to steal or commit adultery (Luke 18:18:11). His departure from this encounter is one of the most moving and poignant moments in the New Testament.

He faced up to his inability to relinquish his possessions, which prevented him from knowing the solace and promise of eternal life. How salient the words of Thomas a Kempis: 'For a small reward a man will hurry away on a long journey; while for eternal life many will hardly take a single step.'

The story of the rich young man illustrates that the moral life, while noble and worthy, falls far short of the life of grace. Although rigorous in keeping the demands of the law he lacked the insight to understand that his heart was not right with God and only Jesus could set him free. Jesus is the One who gives eternal life, and he came to redeem and save not the righteous but sinners.

Our goal is to 'take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made the good profession in the presence of many witnesses' (1 Tim 6:12).

'For this is the will of my Father, that every one who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life: and I will raise him up at the last day' (John 6:40)

24th October 2024 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham there is an Ordinariate Pilgrimage taking place. Those interested, please let us have your names and when we have numbers we will be able to calculate cost of transport etc.

FR ALAN'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION will take place on Sunday, 13th October with the 9.30 am Mass and tea/coffee and cake in the social centre after Mass. It is to mark his retirement as Parish Priest of St George's and Holy Spirit. However, as you know there is a great shortage of priests in our Diocese of Nottingham with only two in training on this seven year preparation course. Fr Alan will continue to be available to Fr Mark Brentnall as he now has the responsibility of St George's and English Martyrs parishes.

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 14 Oct: St Callistus, 1st Pope & Martyr
Tues 15 Oct: St Teresa of Avila, Virgin & Doctor
Wed 16 Oct: St Margaret Mary, Virgin
Thurs 17 Oct: St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
Fri 18 Oct: St Luke, Evangelist
Sat 19 Oct: SS John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues,
Priest & Companions, Martyrs of North America

SECOND COLLECTION: For World Mission Sunday to be taken next weekend.

MASS COUNT TO BE TAKEN AT EACH WEEKEND MASS.

MISSIONARY APPEAL THANKS: Thank you for your generous donations in response to the recent Mission Appeal. A cheque for £700 has been sent which includes our donations plus a little extra from parish funds.

FROM LIVING FAITH:

Pray for Wisdom

I preferred (wisdom) to sceptre and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her..... WISDOM 7:8

Suppose you had a choice between two gifts. The first would be the possession of great wisdom, the other, a tremendous amount of power, authority and money. Now, speak your choice out loud so your ears will hear your heart's desire. The biblical Book of Wisdom was written by an unnamed author living in Alexandria in about 100 B.C. His gift selection with no hesitation, was wisdom!

I pray for the increase of Wisdom each day, and I believe that prayer is in accord with the will of God. The more wisdom we have the better – for a good life. Knowledge is valuable, but wisdom is superior. Knowledge can be abused and lead one to sinister pursuits. Wisdom will never lead us astray.

As Jesus advanced in age, he also increased in wisdom. We need to pray, especially now, to increase in wisdom; for ourselves, our country and our world – lest we be led astray.

MARY'S MEALS UPDATE: Mary's Meals grew out of the Christian faith of our founder, and the values and ethos we hold reflect this. One way you can support our work is by praying for our programmes, our staff and volunteers and the 2.4 million children who eat Mary's Meals each day. The Mary's Meals prayer can help lead your reflections and can be downloaded as a prayer card from our website:

marysmeals.org.uk/prayer

World Porridge Day: In Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe, Mary's Meals serves children steaming mugs of vitamin-enriched porridge, helping them to learn and grow. That's why we celebrate World Porridge Day on 10 October every year – we know that porridge has the power to change lives. Celebrate with us and find out how you can host a life-changing Porridge Party. worldporridgeaday.com