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22nd WEEK OF CHURCH YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 31 Aug	5.30 pm	SG	Tommy & Doris McGlinchey RIP
Sun 01 Sept	9.30 am	SG	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	HS	For Christina Cunningham for recovery and healing following major surgery for cancer. M & T C & Family.
Mon 02 Sept	9.30 am	SG	Devassy Cherian RIP
Tues 03 Sept	9.30 am	SG	NO 9.30 am. MASS
	11.00 am	SG	Requiem Mass for Agnes Nyabushaka RIP
Wed 04 Sept	9.30 am	SG	For all who are not well, for Paul McAleavey and John McAleavey and for the sick of our parish.
Thu 05 Sept	9.30 am	SG	For Jimmy Devlin & family
Fri 06 Sept	9.30 am	SG	For peace in the world.
Sat 07 Sept	9.30 am	SG	Private Intention
	5.30 pm	SG	For the victims of violence and war
Sun 08 Sept	9.30 am	SG	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	HS	Fr Peter Peterken

SG St George's HS Holy Spirit

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Conflicts like this one would culminate in the Pharisees plotting to put Jesus to death (Mark 3:6). Today's conflict is merely about ablutions before eating but from small acorns do big oak trees grow.

The Pharisees had strict rules about lots of things and, seemingly, washing rituals before a meal was one of them. The Pharisees were guilty of imposing burdens on people and not lifting a finger to help them. Jesus, however, as he so often does, strikes at the heart of the matter. We are not made clean or righteous or acceptable to God by external cleansing ablutions – why? Because they do not change the human heart. Look into your own heart. Do we recognise any of the following: evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance or folly? If the answer is yes, what then do you conclude? That we are righteous? No, of course not. For the scriptures, tradition and human experience confirm that we have all fallen short of the glory of God. The human heart is deceitful (Jeremiah 17:9) and prone to self-deception and hardness. To recognise this is a wonderful grace, a blessing.

To acknowledge we are beggars before God, in need of healing and salvation is a grace, a blessing of God. To cry out: 'Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord' (Rom 7:24) is a sign of God's love and mercy. Aristotle, the Greek philosopher, said that an unexamined life isn't worth living. We are encouraged to examine our conscience, which is another way of saying examine our hearts. For in doing so we invite the Holy Spirit to cleanse and purify our hearts, and truly blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God.

Lord, you did not come to save the righteous but sinners, those caught in sin who cry out to you for mercy and forgiveness.

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY ONLY: 10:15 – 10:45

NO CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST AT ST GEORGE'S – Fr ALAN IS AWAY.

ADORATION before the Blessed Sacrament daily before the 9.30 am Mass and then other times as announced.

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Tues 3 Sept: St Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor

Wed 4 Sept: St Cuthbert, Bishop

Sat 7 Sept: Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SECOND COLLECTION for the Catholic Education Service,

Word and Deed

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.
James 1:22

This message from James echoes the practice of the Examen promoted by St Ignatius of Loyola and his followers. The Examen includes an assessment, a transparent review of our day. We ask: How closely are our everyday actions aligned with what we profess by our words? For what, for whom are we most grateful? Where have we acted in imitation of Jesus? Might there be areas in which we have neglected the needs of others as well as our own self care? How might we resolve to deepen compassion and tenderness going forward? Quite simply, this is a means to get better at being someone who not only listens to God's Word but who at the same time witnesses to the Word, Jesus, in our everyday living.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK happens in London on Saturday, 7th September. There are many attempts at the moment to further liberalise abortion in the UK and to silence those offering any alternative viewpoint whether that's 'pills by post' abortions, 'decriminalisation', buffer zones or censorship on pro-life students at universities. The dangers of these situations are being highlighted by the theme for this year's March for Life which is 'Abortion isn't Healthcare'. Join thousands at this family-friendly event. Find out more at marchforlife.co.uk.