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25th WEEK OF CHURCH YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat	21 Sept	5.30 pm	SG	Deceased clergy
Sun	22 Sept	9.30 am	SG	People of the Parish
		11.15 am	HS	In thanksgiving for reaching 90, Glenda
Mon	23 Sept	9.30 am	SG	Special Intention, Jeanette Barnett
Tues	24 Sept	9.30 am	SG	Sofia Bucior RIP & Mrs K, RIP
Wed	25 Sept	9.30 am	SG	In thanksgiving, St Anthony
Thu	26 Sept	9.30 am	SG	Sp. Int. for Maura & Trevor Litchfield
Fri	27 Sept	9.30 am	SG	The living and deceased members of the Gadby & Eadie & Traynor families
Sat	28 Sept	9.30 am	SG	For all in the parish who are not well, especially those in hospital.
		5.30 pm	SG	Joseph Uranie and all in Purgatory
Sun	29 Sept	9.30 am	SG	Jimmy Mooney RIP
		11.15 am	HS	People of the Parish

SG St George's HS Holy Spirit

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Today, as Jesus leads his disciples toward his final Passover, he teaches on discipleship. He declares too the second of his three predictions of his passion. Mark presents the disciples as being in such a state of confusion that they can't grasp what Jesus' teaching means. Perhaps they want to shut out the growing implications of the kind of Messiah Jesus is proving to be; maybe they still nurture hopes that the kingdom of David will dawn when they reach Jerusalem. And so they argue about their position in the kingdom. In response, Jesus takes a child. We shouldn't sentimentalize his action. The child is not so much a symbol of innocence and humility as someone without legal status and therefore helpless: in first-century Palestine the child had no rights. Jesus invites his disciples to embrace this kind of selflessness and powerlessness. When he puts his arms around the child, it is a gesture of total identification with the powerless. The child can do nothing for the disciple, and so to receive a child is to do a good act for an insignificant person, without hope of earthly reward. The Aramaic word that Jesus probably used here, *talya*, in fact can mean both 'servant' and 'child'. The last of all, the servant, the child, is the greatest. That idea was as radical in Jesus' time as it is today.

There's more to Jesus' teaching than the idea that each person should take the child as a model. Jesus is making a profound statement on greatness, and it's a clear rejection of the way the world thinks and operates. In today's world, 'big' is often seen as better and beautiful. We can see it in the world around us. Supermarkets drive out small shop-owners. Multinationals swallow up local businesses. Throughout history power and domination have been the goal of human endeavour; the disciples' argument is a demonstration of that! But according to Jesus' criteria, the least, the servants, the children, the poor and the nobodies are the greatest. Those with power need to exercise it with care, for the first shall be last, and the greatest among us, the least and servant of all.

Lord Jesus, you became one with the least. Help me to identify with those who are powerless in the world today.

HOLY SPIRIT COFFEE MORNINGS

Mondays and Thursdays from 10 am.

Fundraising coffee mornings 29th September and 27th October

A MISSIONARY SISTER of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ, will be here at St George's and Holy Spirit this weekend to appeal for funds for their missionary work.

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 23 Sept: St Pius of Pietrelcina (Pare Pio)

Tues 24 Sept: Our Lady of Walsingham

Thurs 26 Sept: Ss Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

Fri 27 Sept: St Vincent de Paul, Priest

Sat 28 Sept: St Wenceslaus, Martyr

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend is for the Mission Appeal as given by a visiting Sister.

FROM LIVING FAITH:

Jockeying for Position

Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.

Mark 9:37

"You backed the wrong horse," I said to one of my best friends at work. There were two factions, and the person with whom he had sided had just announced his departure from the company. Then weeks later, the shoe was on the other foot – my mentor and I had both been fired in a management change that brought back my friend's champion in a higher role.

Trying to manage relationships in our homes, workplaces and parishes solely for our own benefit often ends in a similar way. Like the disciples arguing among themselves about who was the greatest, we focus on the best outcome for ourselves and disrespect the Lord and our neighbours. When we stop jockeying for position and focus on genuinely loving and serving all, we move closer to being the people Jesus desires to have with him in heaven.

Jesus, help me to set aside self-promotion in favour of service.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS TO GLENDA who has celebrated her 90th birthday. We wish her many more happy birthdays as she continues her pilgrim journey.

CATHOLIC POST and CATHOLIC NEWS still available at the church. Lots of news and articles of interest... Get your free copy.

Fr Alan retired at Easter but was asked to stay on to support Fr Brentnall due to a shortage of available Priests. Fr Alan plans to stay on supporting the parish covering Mass at Sinfin and if needed at St George's.

We started a collection for Fr Alan back in early summer. However due to Fr Alan staying on longer than planned, this was paused.

We are now recommencing the collection for Fr Alan. Please hand in any donations to Ian Uppington or any of the tea and coffee team and these will be added to the money already collected.

The donations and a small celebration for Fr Alan will take place after Mass on Sunday 13th October.

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.