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29th September 2024

26th WEEK OF CHURCH YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 28 Sept	5.30 pm	SG	Joseph Urian and all in Purgatory
Sun 29 Sept	9.30 am	SG	Jimmy Mooney RIP
	11.15 am	HS	People of the Parish
Mon 30 Sept	9.30 am	SG	Mark Crosbie RIP, 1 st Anniversary
Tues 01 Oct	10.00 am	SG	In thanksgiving, St Anthony
	Fr Alan has a medical call.		
Wed 02 Oct	9.30 am	SG	Deceased members of the Lenehan family.
Thu 03 Oct	9.30 am	SG	Shane Maughan RIP and deceased of the family.
Fri 04 Oct	9.30 am	SG	Moses Pereira RIP, Anniversary
Sat 05 Oct	9.30 am	SG	The living and dead of the Doherty family (Tommy)
	5.30 pm	SG	James McCandless RIP and Mary Sheehan RIP, Anniversary
Sun 06 Oct	9.30 am	SG	Christine Meehan RIP, Anniversary and deceased members of the family
	11.15 am	HS	People of the Parish

SG St George's HS Holy Spirit

GOSPEL REFLECTION: The disciples were slow, sluggish even to grasp the meaning and importance of Jesus' cross. To be fair, there is an air of mystery in the way the Lord refers to it, but he does prefix his word with the caution: 'Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men' (v.44 NIV). Luke says that Jesus' meaning was 'hidden from them'. Furthermore, fear kept them from going any further – they were terrified to probe more deeply, ask questions and discover the meaning of Jesus' words.

We can be like this too. The meaning of the cross is hidden and obscured through our own lack of curiosity or enquiry. In short, we aren't hungry enough!!

The cross stands at the very heart of Jesus' mission. The cross also stands at the very centre of human history because Jesus' sacrifice reveals the profound depth of God's love and mercy. It is as if we asked God how much he loved us and Jesus spread out his hands on the cross and said, 'This much,' the cross reveals both the depth of human misery and the depth of divine love. In order to take up our own cross we need first to understand the meaning of Jesus' cross. The theologian Jean Baptiste Lacordaire OP wrote: 'A God on the cross. That is all my theology.' Many centuries before, Paul proclaimed that he resolved to know nothing except Christ crucified and clearly expressed his heartfelt desire that 'God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ' (Gal. 6:14 KJV)

To him, the cross was a mystery into which he had been immersed through the grace of conversion and the sacrament of baptism. If we are to plumb the depth of God's mercy, touch his love, feel his compassion, and know his kindness and infinite beauty, we can only enter this blessing through asking God for wisdom to enter the mystery of the cross.

'The world is full of mysteries: heaven is all mystery to us earthly creatures. But whoever embraces the cross with open heart finds there the explanation of all mysteries.' (Archbishop William Ullathorne OSB)

HOLY SPIRIT COFFEE MORNINGS

Mondays and Thursdays from 10 am.

Fundraising coffee mornings 29th September and 27th October

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 30 Sept: St Jerome, Priest & Doctor
Tues 01 Oct: St Therese of the Child Jesus Virgin & Doctor
Wed 02 Oct: The Holy Guardian Angels
Fri 04 Oct: St Francis of Assisi
Sat 05 Oct: St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin

FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER IS CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – ENVELOPES AT CHURCH. Place your offering in for next Sunday collecting.

MASS COUNT TO BE TAKEN THIS WEEKEND

FROM LIVING FAITH:

FOLLOWING JESUS

If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. Mark 9:43

I appreciate all the automated safety features now standard on cars. Rearview cameras, sensors on every side that not only warn you but redirect your car when you're off course. They're all good, I suppose – though there's a price to pay, and I don't mean a financial one. It's this: On the increasingly fewer occasions I drive an older car, I must consciously remind myself to actually look and heed – and have almost gotten into accidents a time or two when I've forgotten. Being carried along and protected by technology, I've become lazy and inattentive. The attention I pay to my moral life can flag too. I can drift along with the currents of everyday life of my culture or society carried by habit. I can forget that the call to follow Jesus involves constant attention, discernment and sometimes – as he tells us here – very hard choices, indeed. *Jesus, may I follow you with intention.*

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development does a lot of good work in the developing world. Through its local agencies in many countries it uses the donations of its supporters in many different ways. Its information poster this year focusses on Daniel who needs help to buy tools, equipment and teaching materials to become a carpenter to be able to carve his way to a better future. Other teaching supported by CAFOD helps people to learn to read and gives training to others in serving. Also, through CARITAS it supports water projects and training in sanitation. Our small individual donations, which can be linked to fasting and self-denial on this coming Friday, - Family Fast Day, Friday, 4th October 2024 – help, together with many others in our parish and throughout the Catholic dioceses, to support many different projects. Please give your support. Take your envelope. Also, if you are a tax payer you can sign the gift aid form on the envelope.

24th October 2024 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham there is an Ordinate 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 retired at Easter but was asked to stay on to support Fr Brentnall due to a shortage of available Priests. 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.