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5th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 08 Feb	5.30 pm	SG	For all in the parish who are not well
Sun 09 Feb	9.30 am	SG	People of the parish
	11.15 am	HS	Jim Murphy RIP
Mon 10 Feb	9.30 am	SG	Brian Jarret RIP
Tues 11 Feb	9.30 am	SG	Sp. Intention, Anne Eadie
Wed 12 Feb	9.30 am	SG	Jim Murphy RIP
Thu 13 Feb	9.30 am	SG	Tom & Kathleen Connally RIP
Fri 14 Feb	9.30 am	SG	The Burbidge family, living and deceased
Sat 15 Feb	9.30 am	SG	For all of our families and parishioners who are not well.
	5.30 pm	SG	Deceased of the Toryusen family
Sun 16 Feb	9.30 am	SG	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	HS	Patricia Doolan RIP

SG St George's HS Holy Spirit

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

We are familiar with the Sermon on the Mount, which Luke calls the Sermon on the Plain, but we may not be as familiar with the Sermon from the Boat!

We don't know what Jesus taught on this occasion, but when he had finished he gave the fishermen instructions to cast their nets despite having been being out all night and catching nothing.

How dispiriting and exhausting this must have been! Peter was reluctant. However, he obeyed against his better judgement, for he clearly thought they didn't stand a chance of catching even one fish! How wrong he was – for the catch was overwhelming, overflowing even and almost sank the boat!

Clearly Peter was staggered, shocked and humbled and he cries: 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.' Jesus doesn't let Peter or the other disciples, who are clearly beyond astonished, wallow too much because they have work to do – from now on they will be catching something else. In short, their task is to be joy-filled evangelisers, missionary disciples.

Historically, we tend to think of the work of evangelising as the preserve of 'professional religious' (the clergy, religious or lay people employed in this capacity). It is not true, for we are all called to be missionary disciples and win others for Christ. Surely it is only right to share the joy of the gospel.

Saint Pope John Paul II vividly described this. 'The eyes of faith behold a wonderful scene: that of a countless number of lay people, both women and men, busy at work in their daily life and activity, oftentimes far from view and quite unclaimed by the world, unknown to the world's great personages but nonetheless looked upon in love by the Father, untiring labourers who work in the Lord's vineyard. Confident and steadfast through the power of God's grace, these are the humble yet great builders of the Kingdom of God in history.' (*Christifideles laici*. Para 17).

Lord, give me the courage to put out into the deep, be a joy-filled evangeliser and live my life in a missionary key.

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 10th Feb: St Scholastica, Virgin
Tues 11th Feb: Our Lady of Lourdes
Fri 14th Feb: Sts Cyril & Methodius, Patrons of Europe
Sat 15th Feb: Mass of Our Lady

The Jubilee of the sick and of health care workers is celebrated this weekend in the Diocese of Nottingham. We thank God for the great work of the NHS and of all social and health care in our country. Especially also we pray for all in the parish who are not well.

Power, Heat and Light

... holding an ember that he had taken with tongs from the altar. He touched my mouth with it... Isaiah 6:6-7

With this vivid image of a burning coal touching his lips, Isaiah the great prophet gives a sense of what it's like to hear and proclaim God's Word faithfully. It is fire. It burns the lips. It cleanses, purifies, transforms and summons. And it clarifies: We can become confused and disoriented, not sure what's true and what's false, what's of God and what leads to nothingness. God's Word has a power, heat and light that are unmistakable. We feel and are enlivened by it. It urges us to get up and go!

Doing so is not easy and leads to many kinds of troubles - or, we might say, adventures – changing our lives from within, though they might not look so different on the outside. We don't need the angel with the coal, for we have the Sacraments, the Scriptures, the Church, as Christ sends out his faithful to those who are afflicted and lost. Who will go?

Here I am, Lord, Send me!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation will begin after Easter. Fr Mark Brentnall, Parish Priest, will take classes after Sunday Mass at St George's.

THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025 officially opened in the Diocese of Nottingham on Sunday, 29th December, the Feast of the Holy Family.

Bishop Patrick celebrated Mass at 10 am in our Cathedral in Nottingham and opened the Jubilee in the Diocese of Nottingham. A special prayer will be prayed in each of the other Jubilee churches in the Diocese and the Jubilee Prayer should be prayed at each Mass in the Diocese from 29th December onwards. Cards are available at Church.