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8th June 2025

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

PENTECOST SUNDAY

St GEORGE'S MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 07 June	5.30 pm	Annie Donovan RIP
Sun 08 June	9.30 am	Joseph Uranie RIP and all in purgatory
Mon 09 June	9.30 am	For all the people of the parish, especially those who are not well
Tues 10 June	9.30 am	For deceased clergy
Wed 11 June	9.30 am	For the Rolston family in Ireland
Thu 12 June	9.30 am	In thanksgiving, St Anthony of Padua
Fri 13 June	9.30 am	For Kathleen Regan in thanksgiving for 100 th birthday.
Sat 14 June	9.30 am	For Frank Wilson RIP (Mkt.Harboro')
	5.30 pm	Michael Donovan RIP
Sun 15 June	9.30 am	People of the Parish

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Today we celebrate an event which occurred two thousand years ago. This world-changing and life-changing event was as major an intervention of God in human history as the creation of the world, the incarnation of Jesus and indeed, his anticipated and final intervention, the Second Coming.

This event was Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. As we celebrate this feast day, there's something we need to grasp and take hold of, because this has been taught since the very beginning: through the grace of the liturgy and the power of God, Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, is a perennial event in the life of the Church. In other words today is a new Pentecost! Today, we can be baptised in the Holy Spirit.

The same Holy Spirit poured out upon the apostles huddled together in the Upper Room descends on us too. When the Holy Spirit came down at Pentecost the power of God was poured out. Since then the Holy Spirit has been the principal agent behind all the Church's fruitful work and mission in the world.

We are a people of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is Jesus' greatest gift and our greatest treasure. Where is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit dwells within you through the grace of baptism. We are born again of the Spirit at Baptism and in Confirmation we are strengthened in the Spirit. What joy should fill our hearts? What dignity do we possess? Rejoice today and proclaim: 'I have received the Holy Spirit, wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God'. With the Spirit all things are possible, for nothing is impossible with God.

'Whenever the Spirit intervenes, he leaves people astonished: he brings about events of amazing newness: he radically changes persons and history. Faith is not abstract talk, nor vague religious sentiment, but new life in Christ instilled by the Holy Spirit. Christ says to each of us: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation" (Mark 16:15). He is counting on every one of you, and so is the Church. "Lo", the Lord promises, "I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Matt: 28:20). I am with you. Amen.' (St Pope John Paul II)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' DAY OF RENEWAL on Saturday 28th June 2025 at Holy Family Church, Blenheim Drive, Allestree.
Time is 9.30 am registration, 10 am start, should finish about 3 pm.
Please contact Fran Hazel on fran.hazel@dioceseofnottingham.uk or tel: 07951 143648 to confirm attendance. Thank you.
Please bring packed lunch.

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

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon, 9th June: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Wed 11th June: St Barnabas, Apostle, Patron of our Cathedral
Thurs 12th June: Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest
also the Jubilee of Priests In Dioceses of Nottm
Fri 13th June: St Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor
Sat 14th June: Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SECOND COLLECTION next Sunday for Day for Life.

ST PAUL, APOSTLE & MARTYR

Through Paul's conversion story (told three times in Acts) and his Pastoral Letters to the fledgling churches we are given an insight into this lionheart, this courageous warrior, this outstanding witness of faith.

He was a role model then and he is a role model now. He was an apostle, shepherd and martyr. He was vibrant, dynamic and filled with the Spirit of the living God. But what was the key to Paul's life? He sheds light on this for us in his very moving and beautiful farewell to the elders of Ephesus: 'But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may accomplish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God' (v.24).

Paul had discovered the secret of life, the secret of living. It was living for Christ. For him the goal and mission of his life was to testify to Christ, and by virtue of our baptism we share in this mission and goal. We can seek to live for Christ by trying harder, gritting our teeth and striving with every fibre of our being, but this way only leads to discouragement and defeat. Paul understood that human effort can achieve nothing unless we have first received the grace of God's love poured out into our heart. St Thomas Aquinas said: 'Grace is nothing else but a certain beginning of glory in us.'

I cast myself into the arms of the Father, certain and sure that, through him who gives me strength, courage and grace, I can do all things in Christ who gave himself to me.

THIS SUNDAY IS PENTECOST SUNDAY when we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Our Lady and the Apostles in Jerusalem after the Ascension of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, into heaven. Our Lady and the Apostles were the founder members of the church and through their prayers and activities the Good News of Jesus spread throughout the world even to the present day by the power of the Holy Spirit.

CONFIRMATION on

Sunday, 20TH July 2025 a 11 am

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CHURCH

Please take an application form for the Sacrament of Confirmation for the parishes of St George and English Martyrs.
Candidates should be in Y6 or above.