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JUBILEE OF COMMUNICATION WORKERS IN OUR DIOCESE AND WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY

7th SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

St GEORGE'S MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 31 May	5.30 pm	Michael Donovan RIP
Sun 01 June	9.30 am	People of the Parish
	12 noon	First Holy Communion Mass, for our candidates and their families
Mon 02 June	9.30 am	For the McAleavey family and deceased members of the Power family
Tues 03 June	9.30 am	For Holy Souls and for peace in the world
Wed 04 June	No 9.30 am Mass	
	12 noon	Requiem Mass for Josephine Stevens RIP
Thu 05 June	9.30 am	For Giselaïne Dussroth RIP, Anniversary
Fri 06 June	9.30 am	Donor's intention, St Anthony
Sat 07 June	9.30 am	Deceased clergy
	5.30 pm	Vigil Mass of Pentecost, People of the Parish
Sun 08 June	9.30 am	For Joseph Uranie RIP and all in Purgatory
PENTECOST SUNDAY		

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Just as charity begins at home so too does unity. Jesus' prayer for unity is commonly understood to refer to Church unity, or ecumenism, to adopt a more theological term or church-speak. To paraphrase Scripture, indeed a saying of Jesus, 'a house divided will not stand'. Peace and unity is so important that Jesus prayed for them for his Church. Of course, we know that unity isn't easy or even at times natural. We divide, fracture and disunite easily (it doesn't take much), and tact, wisdom and sensitivity is called upon to maintain unity. This is true in the family, cloister, convent, parish and diocese.

So back to the family, where most of us strive to live in unity with each other. Jesus' teaching highlights an important facet of unity – yes, we must strive for it and do our very best, but do we ever pray for it? For prayer is what is needed, otherwise Jesus would not have offered up his prayer to the Father. Unity is a gift of the Spirit, and nothing causes scandal and undermines witness more than division and acrimony. God is Trinity, three persons [in one who exist together] in perfect unity. It might seem like an overreach, but we are called to imitate the Blessed Trinity. Is there a division in our family right now? Does a father not speak to his son? Is a mother separated from her children? Did someone say something that caused offence? Most families have those kinds of struggles and battles, and the road to peace and unity is the way of prayer. One way to pray for unity is to pray about the unity within the Blessed Trinity. In the Father, through the Son by the power of the Holy Spirit we pray for the blessing of peace in our hearts and unity in our family.

Of course, we should pray for Church unity too. The Church is no stranger to disunity. In the early Church there was division between Hebrews and Greeks, between circumcised and uncircumcised, between Paul and Barnabas, but they worked it out. Tragically in 1054 the East-West schism fractured unity, and in the Middle Ages the Reformation tore Christendom asunder.

Lord, where there is division let me bring unity, where there is hatred let me bring love, and may all believers be brought to complete unity.

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 2nd June: Ss Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Tues 3rd June: Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs of Uganda

Thurs 5th June: St Boniface of Crediton, Bishop & Martyr

Fri 6th June: St Norbert, Bishop

FUNERALS THIS WEEK:

Please pray for Josephine Stevens RIP of Littleover Lane, whose Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 4th June at 12 noon. The family invite parishioners to attend the Mass and also if they wish, to attend the wake at The Grange, Littleover.

Also, please pray for Esterina Ilaria RIP of Wordsworth Avenue, Sinfen, whose funeral will be at Trent Valley Crematorium on Thursday, 5th June at 2.30 pm.

We extend our sincere sympathies and prayers to the families.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed....JOHN 17:20

The Lord's Prayer, for most people, calls to mind the Our Father. And indeed, those words should never be far from our lips. Yet, this beautiful prayer in the Last Supper Discourse is literally the Lord's prayer too. In it, Jesus sums up the communion he longs for us to experience with him, the Father and the Holy Spirit. He prays specifically for you because you are one of those "who will believe in [him] through their word" (v.20). The testimony and faith of those very Apostles is our heritage!

How might you approach your most difficult moments if you are confident that Jesus himself is literally lifting you up in prayer? He has saved you by his passion, death and resurrection, and now he intercedes for you in the right hand of the Father. What greater gift could we ask for? Picture Jesus bringing you and your loved ones – by name – to the throne of mercy and grace.

What word does he speak to your heart in this moment?

1ST HOLY COMMUNION MASS takes place at St George's today. Sunday, 1st June, at 12 noon. Please continue your prayers for our young people and their families on this special day.

Please continue your prayers for our new Pope Leo XIV. May his ministry be long and fruitful, especially in his prayers and words for peace in the world and an end to warfare and violence.

NEXT 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.