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28th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

St GEORGE'S MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 11 Oct	5.30 pm	Private Intention
Sun 12 Oct	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Mon 13 Oct	9.30 am	Thomas Augustine RIP, Anniversary
Tues 14 Oct	9.30 am	For peace in the Ukraine, Gaza and the Sudan
Wed 15 Oct	9.30 am	Thomas Augustine RIP, Anniversary
Thu 16 Oct	9.30 am	For deceased clergy of the diocese of Nottingham
Fri 17 Oct	9.30 am	Donor's intention, St Anthony of Padua
Sat 18 Oct	9.30 am	For parishioners who are not well at home in care, or in hospital
	5.30 pm	Hilary and Mark Crosbie RIP
Sun 19 Oct	9.30 am	John and Nellie Lenihan RIP and the deceased of the Lenihan family

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Gen Z (18-15) are said to be tiring of saying 'Thank you'. Apparently they find it awkward and prefer, 'I owe you' or preferably, in our i-phone and social media age, an emoji will suffice. Since time immemorial parents have taught their children to say the magic words, "Thank You"; Ungrateful, spoilt children (and adults) are unpleasant little creatures who need training in this most necessary social etiquette. In first-century Palestine the term leprosy covered any number of skin diseases, not only Hansen's disease, (the medical term for modern leprosy). Like many diseases and illnesses, it was understood as a curse from God, a punishment. Lepers were ostracized and banished. The ten lepers were a mixed group (Jews and Samaritans). They were a brotherhood, a fraternity of sufferers bound together by their shared suffering demolishing the dividing wall of hostility which ordinarily separated Jew from Gentile. The Torah insisted lepers had to avoid social contact with the general population (Lev. 13:45-46) and rely on handouts in order to survive. Jesus gave a command – rather like Elisha did to the leper Naaman (2 Kgs. 5:10-12) – which was in a real sense a test of the lepers' faith and obedience. Again the Torah require that healed lepers show themselves to the priests, whose responsibility it was to judge whether the 'outcast' should be permitted to return to society (Lev. 14:2-3). Their obedience was richly rewarded as we know – all ten were miraculously healed but only the Samaritan returned to express his gratitude.

Are you a grateful leper? Like him, we too have been healed of the leprosy of sin. We were outcasts, banished from God's grace but restored and reconciled through the saving death and resurrection of Jesus. The leper is a model of faith and discipleship. His heart was full of praise, adoration, worship and thanks. We too must strive to be grateful and thankful and praise the King of Heaven. *Sing my soul the King of Heaven who has healed me, raise me up and restored my soul.*

FROM AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED. CALL FOR PRAYER AND SUPPORT.

"Dear Fr Burbidge, I am writing to you today to highlight the urgent crisis unfolding in Burkina Faso, which has turned the country upside down – resulting in a deepening humanitarian crisis and the immense suffering of thousands of Christians.

According to reports, around 40 percent of the country is controlled by violent islamist extremist groups. These jihadists have used terrorist tactics to destabilise the country and instil fear – resulting in the displacement of over two million people.

Sadly, Christians have borne the brunt of much suffering, in recent months, the faithful have been increasingly targeted by jihadists with incidents of brutality reported more frequently. We hear of distressing stories of priests and catechists who are targeted and attacked. Churches looted, desecrated and torched. Also countless families have been forced to flee their homes, leaving behind their possessions.

Right now our brothers and sisters in Burkina Faso need our urgent prayers and immediate support." If you would like to help with a gift in support see the church notice board for details.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
on Saturday 10.15-10.45 am.**

SECOND COLLECTION next week for World Mission Sunday

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon 13 th Oct:	St Edward the Confessor
Tues 14 th Oct:	St Callistus I, Pope & Martyr
Wed 15 th Oct:	St Teresa of Avila, Virgin & Doctor
Thurs 16 th Oct:	St Margaret Mary
Fri 17 th Oct:	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
Sat 18 th Oct:	St Luke, Evangelist (Feast)

God Dwells With Us

..... and they shall be his people and he will dwell among you.

ZECHARIAH 2:15A

"Where is God?" The Israelites questioned how and when God would be present in their midst. And time and time again, they were assured that the divine presence would not be found in abstract statements or lofty ideas about God. Rather, God desired to dwell among the people, to walk closely with them, to accompany them on every step on the pilgrimage of life.

To encounter the living God who dwells among us is the joy of living faith.

God's promises to Israel are deeply comforting. "Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! See, I am coming to dwell among you, says the Lord" (v.14). God fulfils this divine promise perfectly in sending his divine son Jesus to dwell with us as one of us!

Jesus continues this divine indwelling with humanity in the supreme gift of his divine presence in Word and Sacrament, especially in the Eucharist. Where do you encounter the close indwelling and loving presence of God?

PRISONERS WEEK is from Sunday 12th October until Saturday 18th October. Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral for the Jubilee of Prisoners and Prison Workers in the Diocese of Nottingham. We keep prisoners and their families in our prayers and all those who work to help them in any way, especially in rehabilitation.

FOR OUR COUNTRY: We pray that good British values will prevail over racism and extremism so that all our communities can go forward in peace and harmony.

FOR PEACE IN GAZA:

We pray that all the recent initiatives for an end to the horrendous suffering of the people of Gaza may bear fruit. The death toll of ordinary citizens of Gaza, of men, women and children, has been beyond belief. Fifty thousand or more dead and buried and ten thousand still buried beneath the rubble of their homes and other buildings. It has indeed been a terrible vengeance for the Hamas killing and taking hostages of the Israeli citizens, a terrible crime and atrocity which is rightly condemned. A terrible price has been paid in blood by so many innocent of this crime but that is the nature of violence and war, vast innocent suffering.

We continue to pray for a peaceful settlement for citizens of Gaza and the Palestinian citizens of the West Bank and for a peaceful future for the nation of Israel.

PUBLICATIONS:

I commend to you Catholic Post and Catholic News, the free papers for October. Lots of interesting news and articles. Also, apologies that Living Faith booklets have not arrived yet for Oct/Nov/Dec. I am told they are on the way.