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WORLD MISSION DAY, DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL

29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

St GEORGE'S MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 18 Oct	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
Mon 20 Oct	9.30 am	Private Intention
Tues 21 Oct	9.30 am	Donor's Intention, St Anthony
Wed 22 Oct	9.30 am	For peace for countries at war and civil war
Thu 23 Oct	9.30 am	Michael, Jimmy's son, RIP
Fri 24 Oct	9.30 am	Mr Mumbray RIP
Sat 25 Oct	9.30 am	Godwin's family, living and dead
	5.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 26 Oct	9.30 am	Christine Meehan RIP, 7 th anniversary and deceased of the family

GOSPEL REFLECTION: What's the point in prayer? Do you ever feel like giving up? Is anyone listening? Is anyone there? Only people who pray ask such questions. Prayer is really important. How do we know this? Jesus taught a lot about prayer.

The German poet and philosopher Goethe never prayed because he argued that the world was set on its course anyway. Of course, God knows what we are going to ask in advance. But the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that God 'is the Lord of the universe, whose order he established and which remains wholly subject to him and at his disposal. He is master of history, governing hearts and events in keeping with his will....' (CCC 269).

God did not create the world and then leave it to its own devices! He has assured us through the Scriptures that God intervenes and prayer changes things, for God's sake prayer can move mountains.

We must keep praying, as Paul says, 'at all times', that is when things are good and when things are bad. Of course, prayer can be frustrating. Sometimes our prayers never seem to be answered. But God may be leading us to the virtue of perseverance, in Greek *hupomone*, which we translate as 'stickability'. Christian faith teaches us the virtue of fidelity even in difficult times. We also have help from others in our prayer. Our reading from Exodus tells the beautiful story of Moses being helped to pray by Aaron and Hur holding up his arms (see Exod. 17:12-14). The Church has a particular role in encouraging our prayers, by giving us the right prayers to say, and by giving us pastors and Christian friends who can help us and guide us as we grow in 'stickability'. Don't give up!

'To thee, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me....Hear the voice of my supplication, as I cry to thee for help, as I lift up my hands toward thy most holy sanctuary.' (Ps. 28:1-2)

PARISH RENOVATION WORK: The old wall at the front of the car-part and church is being replaced by a new brick wall which will extend to the front of the church. Also, following all the work on the church and the house, which nears completion, there will be work on the social centre. The old boilers upstairs and downstairs will be replaced, being probably over 40 years old, and new pipework and radiators where necessary. Other work will follow as necessary.

We thank all the skilled tradesmen and craftsmen who have done the work. Also we give thanks for all parishioners, living and dead, for their generosity to St George's and Holy Spirit over many years. God knows the legacy you have helped to preserve.

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

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend for World Mission Sunday

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Thurs 23rd Oct: St John Paul II Pope

Fri 24th Oct: St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Sat 25th Oct: Saturday Mass of Our Lady

A RECENT DEATH: Please pray for Mr Mumbray of Haddon Street, who died last weekend. We pray for him and his family at this time of sad loss of a father and grandfather. *Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.* (No funeral details to date).

Equipped for Good Works

...so that the one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work. TIMOTHY 3:17

How many times do we shrink back from a challenge or an opportunity because we think we are not qualified? Or someone else is smarter, more experienced and would do a better job. This line of thinking often causes us to shrink rather than rise and step into our calling.

Thoughts of unworthiness or lack do not come from God. Insufficiency is not a God-thing. Abundance and possibility are God things.

If an opportunity comes your way that feels too big for you, remember that you are not the source of your success. God is. If something is meant for you, if it is within his will for you God will indeed equip you to become who you need to be, to do what you need to do.

God can supply you the competence and the confidence for every good work.

God, help me to trust that you can and will equip me for any assignment you place in my path.

FOR PEACE IN GAZA: After the visit of President Trump to Israel and Egypt we continue to hope and pray for the end of the Gaza horror and for peace in the Middle East. We must continue our fervent prayer because there is so much hatred on both sides and so much terrible historical memory going back a long time. We thank God for the progress that has been made and pray for all the dead including 20,000 or more children and the many children who have lost their parents. As Pope St John Paul II said over 40 years ago in Coventry "War should be consigned to history. It should not be in mankind's agenda for the future". (Coventry 1982). We continue to pray also for an end of the war in the Ukraine and for the vast numbers of dead and seriously injured on both sides.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Our Lady of Medjugorje, pray for us and our troubled world.

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