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25th October 2026 **30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

ST GEORGE'S MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat	24 Oct	5.30 pm	Holy Souls, especially of your families and parishioners
Sun	25 Oct	9.30 am	People of the parish
Mon	26 Oct	9.30 am	In thanksgiving to St Anthony of Padua
Tues	27 Oct	9.30 am	For all our generous parish benefactors
Wed	28 Oct	9.30 am	Kathleen & Gregory Thornton RIP
Thu	29 Oct	9.30 am	.Kath & Column Keenan RIP
Fri	30 Oct	9.30 am	For all who are not well, especially Jimmy Devlin, Frank Dunne, Keith Holtam, John Lawson & Kathleen Regan
Sat	31 Oct	9.30 am	For the living and dead of the Burbidge family
		5.30 pm	Holy Souls. *All Saints Vigil Mass*
Sun	01 Nov	9.30 am	People of the parish. *All Saints*

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Jesus captured the heart and essence of the Ten Commandments when he said: 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself' (Matthew 22:37-39).

Jesus brought together the first three of the Ten Commandments under his first commandment to love God, and the remaining seven commandments under his second commandment to love our neighbour. He also declared that this was the heart of the teaching of the law and the prophets (v.40).

Why does God require us to love not only him but also our neighbour? God has revealed himself to us as 'a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness' (Exodus 34:6). He has shown mercy toward us by forgiving us our sins, reconciling us to himself and adopting us as he beloved children. Because of the mercy and kindness that he has poured out upon us we, in turn, respond with love, and with heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for all that he has done for us.

But since God the Father has shown mercy to every single person that he has created, he also requires that we do not withhold mercy and kindness from his children, since they are our brothers and sisters.

If we really understand what God has done for us all, then we are compelled to imitate God's kindness and mercy toward all people. If we fail to show mercy and kindness, then our hearts remain hardened, revealing that we have not understood what God has done for us. Furthermore, if we are harsh with one another, then God's anger will blaze out against us (Exodus 22:21-24). The servant who owed his master a great deal of money and was released from his debt was himself bound to release his fellow servant from the very small debt that he owed him. Because he refused to release his fellow servant, his master's anger blazed out against him (Matt. 18:23-35). In the same way, we will provoke God's anger if we lack mercy toward our neighbour.

Lord Jesus, help me to live out the heart of the commandments by loving God and my neighbour to the best of my ability

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POPE LEO XIV: We have continued, and will continue, to pray for our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV that he recovers well from his lung operation. It was great to see him walking away from the hospital and giving his blessing at the Vatican to the crowd. We pray that he will have the strength for his planned visit to South America. God Bless him.

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

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for diocesan hospices

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon 26th Oct: Ss Chad and Cedd, Bishops
Wed 28th Oct: Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles
Sat 31st Oct: Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER: *For mental health ministry.*
"Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the church helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness."

A RECENT DEATH:

Please pray for Mrs Catherine Mary McCready (always known as Kitty) who died recently. Kitty lived for many years on Osmaston Park Road.

The funeral service will take place at St George's Church on Friday, 30th October 2026 at 12 pm followed by burial at Nottingham Road cemetery.

We pray for the family in their sad loss.

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

On Wednesday 28th October we celebrate the Feast of Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles.

Reflection:

Tradition says they both preached the gospel in Mesopotamia and Persia. While Jude is so named by Luke in his Gospel and in the Acts of the Apostles, Matthew and Mark call him Thaddaeus. Because of the disgrace associated with Judas Iscariot, his name has been shortened to Jude. Apart from appearing in the lists of Jesus' apostles, the only mention of Jude in the Gospels is when he asked the Lord at the Last Supper why he intended to show himself only to his apostles and not to the world (John 14:22). Scholars dispute whether Jude is the author of the letter which bears his name.

In two of the four lists of the apostles in the Gospels, Simon is called 'the Zealot'. The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. For them, the messianic promise of the Old Testament meant that the Jews were to be a free and independent nation. God alone was their king, and the domination of the Romans was blasphemy. The Zealots were the spiritual heirs of the Maccabees carrying on their ideals of religion and independence. Among them were fanatics, or as we might say today, terrorists. They raided and killed, attacking both foreigners and 'collaborating' Jews. They played a significant part in the rebellion against Rome which ended in the destruction of Jerusalem in AD70.