

# ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

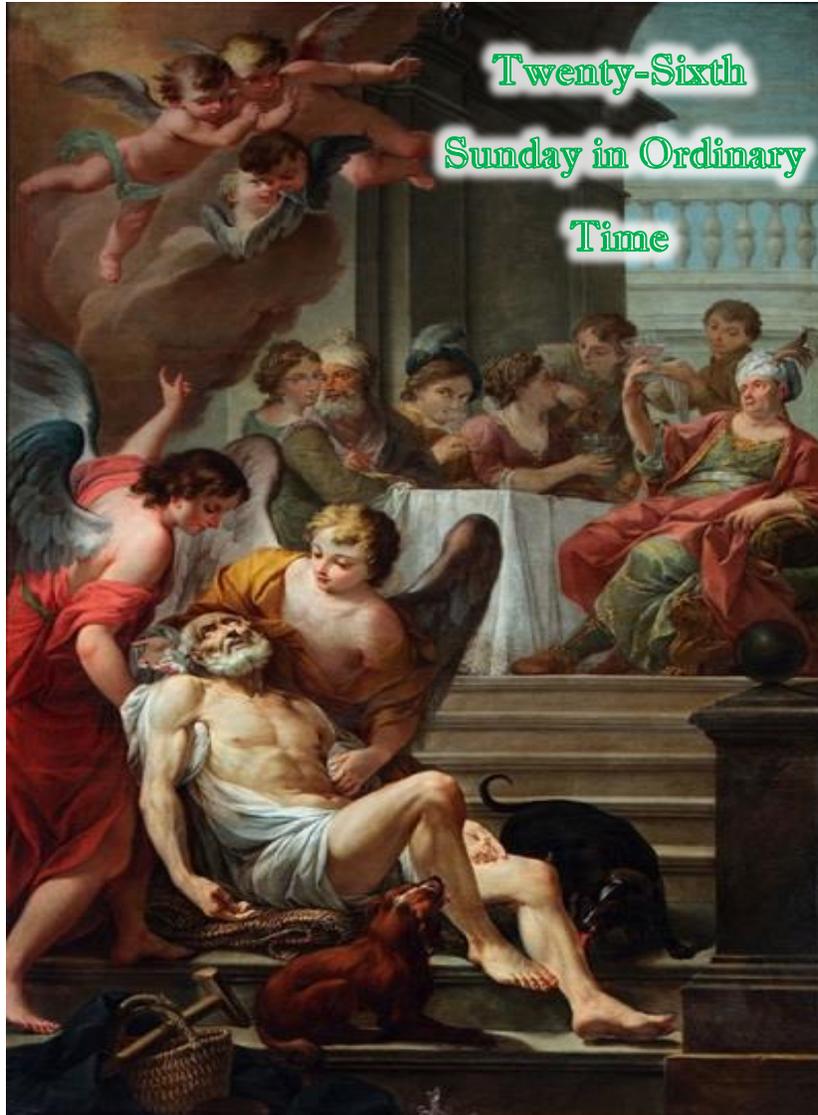
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## WELCOME STATEMENT

*Our parish family extends a warm welcome to all who are joining us for worship, guidance or instruction. If you are new to the area or coming home, we invite you to register and make St. George Catholic Church your parish. Registration forms can be obtained in the church vestibule, at the office or online ([www.stgeorgerrcc.org](http://www.stgeorgerrcc.org))*



Twenty-Sixth  
Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

## MISSION STATEMENT

*The Gospel calls all people to holiness of life. Saint George Catholic Church is a family of faith, committing ourselves as a welcoming Catholic community to worship God in Word and in Sacrament; to live and to share our faith; to serve and to reconcile ourselves with God and one another.*

## PARISH INFORMATION

### PARISH STAFF

**Fr. Paul Nguyen**, *Pastor*  
**Deacon Joel Carpenter**, *Permanent Deacon*  
**Barbara Carpenter**, *Business Manager & Director of Liturgy and Music*  
**Divine Stachowski**, *Secretary*  
**Kimberley Browne**, *Minister of Religious Education*  
**Rico Romero**, *Facility Maintenance Supervisor*

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday – Friday: 10:00AM-2:00PM**  
*Closed on Mondays*

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses  
**Tuesday — Friday 9:00 AM**  
**First Saturday 9:00 AM**  
Weekend Masses  
**Saturday Vigil — 5:00 PM**  
**Sunday — 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM**  
St. Francis Xavier Mission Chapel (St. George island)  
**Saturday 7:00 PM (May to September) \***  
*\* Memorial Day to Labor Day*  
Holy Day Masses — as announced

**OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Youth Faith Formation (YFF) meets in the Community Center 9:30-10:45 AM. Contact Kim Browne for class enrollment and for more information: (301) 994-0737 or email: [kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org](mailto:kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org)

**RCIA (Preparation for Easter Sacraments)**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of inquiry and discernment for those who wish to come into full communion with the Catholic faith and are above the age of infant baptism. Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices. Classes are held every Saturday at 10-11:30am in the Community Center beginning in October and ending in May. For more information and registration, please contact Fr. Paul at the church office or email: [fr.paulnguyen@stgeorgerc.com](mailto:fr.paulnguyen@stgeorgerc.com)

**REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**Little Flower School** (pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> grades)  
For registration or information, please call LFS at (301) 994-0404 or visit us online [www.littleflowercatholic.org](http://www.littleflowercatholic.org)

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

Youth Group meets on Sundays, 5:00-8:00PM in St. George Community Center. All teens grade 6 and up are invited and welcome to attend our weekly meeting. For more information, please contact the church office (301) 994-0607 or contact one of our Youth Group Team Leaders (Maddie Mushrush, Omotayo Ojo and Darren Rogers) at [YouthGroup@stgeorgerc.org](mailto:YouthGroup@stgeorgerc.org)

**SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISM:**

Arrangements must be made in advance with Deacon Joel Carpenter or Father Paul by at least one parent for children under the age of seven.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/EUCHARIST:**

Contact Mrs. Kimberley Browne for more information: [kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org](mailto:kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org)

**CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation is celebrated in the Fall and requires a 2-year preparation in our Sunday Youth Faith Formation. Contact Mrs. Kimberley Browne for more information: [kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org](mailto:kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org)

**RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION:**

Saturday 4:00-4:30PM, or by appointment  
First Friday during Eucharistic Adoration (10-10:30am)

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK & HOLY EUCHARIST:**

Parishioners unable to attend Mass on the weekends or who are ill are encouraged to call the parish office to receive these Sacraments.

**MARRIAGE**

Couples should contact the parish office and priest to make arrangements as soon as possible, at least 6 months in advance of the wedding. Pre-Cana Classes or Engagement Encounter (Marriage Prep.) is required.

**DEVOTIONS**

**Holy Rosary:** After Daily Masses & Sat. 4:30 PM

**Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Fridays after Daily Mass

**Eucharistic Adoration:** 1<sup>st</sup> Fri. & Sat. 9:30-10:30 AM

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Tue</b>	<b>October 1</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>A Special Intention</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>October 2</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>John Grant Chapman Jr.</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>October 3</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Jilleith Grace Peterson</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>October 4</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Ann Lancaster</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>October 5</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate &amp; Religious Life</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>October 5</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>St. George Parishioners</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>October 6</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Howard &amp; Kitten Britton 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>October 6</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Linda Hammett</b>

**WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**Daily Lector:** J. Blackwell, B. Gallo, C. Galli, D. Orwig, M. Goldsmith

**Meals on Wheels:** J. & V. Royston, K. Owens, K. Raley

**Altar Preparation:** C. Cantrill

**LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS**

**Mon, September 30: ST. JEROME, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**Tue, October 1: ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**Wed, October 2: THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS**

**Fri, October 4: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

**Sat, October 5: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos**

**REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

Please remember our parishioners who are sick, homebound and those in the nursing homes and hospitals, and all in need of our prayers, especially those who serve our country and their families, and all who are listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.



**PARISH CALENDAR**

<b>Sun, Sept. 29</b>	YFF (CC) 9:30am 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class (C) 9:30am Youth Group (CC) 5:00pm-8:00pm
<b>Tue, Oct. 1</b>	KoC Council Meeting (CC) 6:30pm
<b>Wed, Oct. 2</b>	Cantor Practice (C) 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (C) 7:00pm
<b>Thu, Oct. 3</b>	Bottles & Brushes (CC) 6:00pm
<b>Fri, Oct. 4</b>	First Friday Mass & Holy Hour © 9:00am

\*C: Church, CC: Community Center

**Scriptural Reflection of a Faithful Steward**

*AM 6:1A, 4-7; PS 146:7-10;1 TM 6:11-16; LK 16:19-31*

We have all been given great power by God in the form of Time, Talents, and Treasure. Today’s readings remind us that this power is meant to be used for the greater good. And, that the failure to use our gifts responsibly has eternal consequences.

Our First Reading is again from the book of Amos. It warns of the danger of complacency. “Thus says the Lord the God of hosts: Woe to the complacent in Zion! Lying upon beds of ivory, stretched comfortably on their couches...” The Lord says that because of the complacency of the people, “They shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revelry shall be done away with.”

The tendency towards complacency is perhaps an even greater danger for us in the modern age with so many conveniences (fast food, remote controls, Amazon Prime, to name a few) and so many possibilities for diversion and entertainment (cable tv, laptops, tablets, cell phones, and the myriad other devices we all use).

The Lord’s message could not be any clearer — we must get off the couch and put our powers (the many gifts He has given us) to work!

The Second Reading from St. Paul’s letter to Timothy shows us how to free ourselves of this dangerous complacency we are warned of in the First Reading.

Paul instructs us to:

- “Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.”
- “Compete well for the faith.”
- “Lay hold of eternal life, to which [we] were called.” And
- “Keep [God’s] commandment without stain or reproach.”

Notice how active St. Paul’s word choices are: “pursue,” “compete,” “lay hold,” and “keep” are the terms he uses to instruct us.

Our Lord Himself gives us a very clear illustration of the urgency for us to put our powers to good use in today’s Gospel Passage from Luke. He tells the rather chilling parable of the rich man who ignored poor Lazarus during their lifetimes. At the moment of the rich man’s death, he goes down to the netherworld while Lazarus is taken to the eternal joy and comfort at the bosom of Abraham. The rich man keenly regrets his complacency towards the needs of Lazarus, but it is too late for regret. His choices have played out and now the rich man will face the eternal consequences of his failure to use the gifts God gave him.

Pursuit of God’s kingdom, and care for the poor are not trifling matters. Our Lord makes this clear to us over and over in the Scriptures and the constant teachings of our

2,000-year-old Church. We are free to ignore these matters and live instead for ourselves. But there will be sad consequences for us in the end. And, because we are made for eternity, living selfishly on this earth doesn’t really bring us true happiness anyway.

So how can we use our great powers for great good? By embracing a stewardship way of life. By putting our loving God first in all areas of our lives — in the way we spend our time, the ways we put all of our talents to use, the ways we use our financial resources. Stewardship living calls us out of our comfort zone and into commitment to the Lord and the things that matter to Him.

Let us examine our lives and make any changes or corrections needed in our priorities so that we can indeed compete well for the faith, pursue righteousness and lay hold of eternal life.

**STEWARDSHIP – FINANCIAL REPORT**

	9/22/2019 (Wk 12 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory:	\$2,881.22	\$57,786.97	\$60,000.00
**E-Giving:	\$2,260.00		
Maintenance:	\$15.00	\$7,633.00	\$7,392.00
**E-Giving:	\$135.00		
Poor Box:	\$245.35	\$2,596.14	\$2,544.00
**E-Giving:	----		
Donations:	\$155.00	\$13,148.00	\$13,152.00
**E-Giving:	\$5.00		
Catholic University	----	\$940.61	N/A
**E-Giving:	\$20.00		
**E-Giving will be reported after it has been received by the church			

*Thank you for your faithful Parish support.*

**PARISH NEWS**

**Bottles & Brushes:** Thurs, October 3, 6pm  
 Tickets: \$30 in advance, \$40 at the door



Catholic University’s oldest a cappella group, Redline, is coming to our parish for a retreat, October 11-14! They will offer a concert on **Saturday, 10/12/19 at 6:30pm** in the Community Center.

Suggested donation: \$10/adults, \$5/students. They will also provide the music for the 11am Mass on Sunday. If you have a high school aged student who might be interested in CUA, information and members of the group will be available to talk!



**Parish Picnic**  
 Sunday, October 13, 12:30pm  
 Sign Up in the vestibule today!

**Parish Christmas Bazaar:** Saturday, November 9, 9am-3pm. Follow this event on Facebook for some sneak peeks at what will be for sale!  
[www.facebook.com/events/2367277793488722/](http://www.facebook.com/events/2367277793488722/)

**IF YOU HAVE A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT, PLEASE GO TO THIS EVENT AND SHARE IT – WE WANT LOTS OF FOOT TRAFFIC!**

**NEEDED NOW:** Someone to run the Carry-out Fried Chicken Dinner portion of the Bazaar. Please contact Fr. Paul, 301-994-0607 or Fr.PaulNguyen@stgeorgercc.org if you can help.

**Get those baskets ready!** We currently have only 5 baskets to raffle for the Bazaar. If you can donate a basket, please let Barbie know! We would like to have the baskets by October 12 for display in the vestibule.

**CATHOLIC TEACHINGS**

**“Annulment I:**

What is an annulment? Because there are so many myths and misunderstandings, let’s set the record straight. An annulment is a declaration by the Catholic Church that after careful investigation, there were flaws or “defects” in a relationship that prevented it from becoming a valid marriage. An annulment, or decree of nullity, does not “erase” the civil contract of marriage. It also does not mean that any children of the marriage are illegitimate. It simply means that after thoroughly investigating, the Church has declared that a marriage – as understood by the Church – was not valid; that there was never a sacramental marriage from the beginning. The Church’s interest is in the spiritual and personal aspects of marriage. The Church’s teachings are of course the teachings of Christ Himself, who said in Matthew 19, “What God has joined together, no human being must separate.” He goes on to say, “I say to you, whoever divorces his wife (unless the marriage is unlawful) and marries another commits adultery.” If you, like a lot of people, have questions, call your local parish or your diocesan tribunal office. They’ll help you through the process. For further study: Matthew 19:1-12 Note: The Catechism of the Catholic Church has a beautiful section on marriage. (CCC 1601-1666) Please read this! Regarding the reasoning behind the Church’s teachings on annulment, read CCC 1625-1632.

**Annulment II:**

There are many myths and misconceptions about annulment. Let’s take a moment to bust some of those myths. First, annulment is simply “Catholic divorce.” Wrong. The Church’s teachings on marriage and annulment are Christ’s teachings, based on Matthew 19:1-9 and Matthew 5:31-32. Another misconception is that

divorced people cannot receive Communion. False. Now, those who are divorced and remarried without an annulment must refrain from receiving Holy Communion. But divorced Catholics who have not remarried remain in good standing with the Church. Next, annulments are just a way for the Church to make money. False. As with anything involving paperwork and people, there are administrative costs involved. But money should never be an obstacle, and dioceses offer many ways to help those who may need financial assistance. Next up, an annulment makes children of the marriage illegitimate. Wrong. An annulment has no bearing on the legitimacy of children. Finally, a former spouse has to agree before getting an annulment. False. The proceeding can be initiated by one party. If you have questions or need more information, contact your local parish or diocesan tribunal office. For further study: Matthew 5:31-32, Mark 10:11-12, Matthew 9:1-9, CCC 1625-1632” – *Quoted from A Minute in the Church, Vol 2 by Gus Lloyd.*

**FAITH FORMATION**

**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION (YFF) GRADES K-8**

Please contact Mrs. Kim Browne,  
[kim.browne@stgeorgercc.org](mailto:kim.browne@stgeorgercc.org)

**Classes begin at 9:30am for all grades!**

**REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL**

**Bingo** every Wednesday, doors open at **5:30 pm**; early bird special starts at **6:45pm**. Cash prizes! Food and drink are also for sale.



**Are you on social media?** Don’t forget to “like” us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/littleflowercatholic](http://www.facebook.com/littleflowercatholic)) and “follow” us on Twitter and Instagram (@LFSpatriors)!

**Interested in learning more about Little Flower School?** Call (301)994-0404 or check out the information online ([LFSoffice@littleflowercatholic.org](mailto:LFSoffice@littleflowercatholic.org)).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

**Tue, October 1<sup>st</sup>** KoC Council Meeting at 6:30pm

**Knights of Columbus Car Raffle**

The Fr. Sebastian De Rose Council #13091 will be selling tickets after Masses in September for the Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Raffle. The drawing will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

GRAND PRIZE: 2020 Ford Mustang or \$18,000 Cash Option  
 2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE: iPad  
 3<sup>rd</sup> PRIZE: \$200.00 Gift Card

**NEWS IN OUR AREA**

**Prayer on the Square**

Thousands of Rosary Rallies are being organized across America to pray for our Country **on Saturday, October 12, 2019!** Join us "on the Square" in Leonardtown from **11:30 am to 1 pm** for "Prayer on the Square - Rosary Rally." This year we are especially blessed to be given a talk by Fr. Martin Flum, beautiful Hymns will be performed by some members of the John Paul II Seminarian Choir and the St. Aloysius Hand Bell Choir! At Fatima, in 1917, Our Lady made it very clear that the Rosary is the supernatural solution to our earthy problems. St. Louis de Montfort stated that "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer...." As Christians, it is our responsibility to pray for our Nation. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Psalm 33:12 *(In the event of inclement weather we will pray the Rosary inside the Knights of Columbus Hall on Fenwick Street in Leonardtown.)*

**The Archangel Scholarship Foundation**

The Archangel Scholarship Foundation will present Rhythm & Riches 2019 at the Hollywood Fire House on **Friday, October 18, 2019.** There will be live music, featuring Robbie Boothe and The Amish Outlaws. Also, food, drinks for sale and raffles for \$25,000 in cash prizes. For info and/or tickets: [www.rhythmmandriches.com](http://www.rhythmmandriches.com) or call 240-587-7111. Tickets also available at St. Michael's Rectory, St. Michael's School, Angel Wings & Things Thrift Store and Ridge Hardware.

**Apologetics Classes**

Apologetics class is being held in the **St. Aloysius parish hall** with Ken Scheiber **on Monday nights at 7pm**

Upcoming Topics

- Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> ..... Mercy-Killing Isn't Merciful
- Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> ..... Christopher Columbus: Hero or Villain?
- Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> ..... The Moral Hazards of Contraception

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Oyster Scald**

Come out and support Camp Maria's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Oyster Scald on **Sunday, October 13, 2019; 12 Noon -5pm**, rain or shine. There's so much to enjoy and do, plenty of music, crafters and much more. Help support our service & ministries to God's people.

**Begin Again Catholic Women's Conference**

Ladies! Join The Encounter Grace Team on **Saturday, October 26, 2019** as they host a full-day Catholic women's conference on the campus of St. Mary's Ryken High School in Leonardtown Maryland. The **Begin Again Catholic Women's Conference** is a day designed with YOU in mind. Featuring speaker Laura K. Fanucci (author of *"Everyday Sacraments, To Bless our Calling"*) and musical guest Corrie Marie. Attendees will enjoy a day filled with inspirational, educational and engaging workshops and presentations that will help you get back to

the basics of the faith, so you can begin again, renewed and refocused on your life in the faith. Cost includes breakfast, lunch, Praise and worship sessions, 2 break-out sessions and so much more. Conference details and the link to purchase tickets can be found on our website: [www.encountergrace.com](http://www.encountergrace.com). Contact Penny Bailey or Laura Roland at [encountergraceco@gmail.com](mailto:encountergraceco@gmail.com) or call (301)848-2980 with questions.

**OTHER EVENTS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE**

**Country Fix'ns Dinner**

**Sun, Sept. 29** Sacred Heart Parish of La Plata will host a **"Country Fix'ns Dinner"** at **12:00pm-5:00pm** in the Friendship Room. Our menu will include fried chicken, pulled pork, baked crab balls, parsley potatoes, green beans, corn pudding, baked apples, coleslaw, and rolls. The cost for dining in/all you can eat dinners will be \$25 for adults, and \$10 for children ages 6-12. Children under 6 eat free. Carry out and drive thru options include a meal (1/2 fried chicken, pulled pork, parsley potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, and a roll) for \$16, and a bucket of chicken (whole chicken and 4 rolls) for \$16. We will also have six baked crab balls for \$5. Delicious desserts and baked treats will be available for purchase. We will have a split the pot raffle this year. First prize will be 20% of the tickets sold; Second prize 15%; and Third prize 5% of tickets sold. Tickets are \$10 each for 6 for \$50. They are available at the Parish Office and will be on sale at the dinner prior to the 5:00pm drawings. For more info, call the Sacred Heart Parish Office at 301-934-2261

**Men's Annual Retreat**

The Parishes of Southern Maryland Men's Retreat: **October 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> 2019** at Loyola on the Potomac – A Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, Md. **This year's retreat theme is: "Lord Teach Us to Pray"**. To reserve your space, contact Dan Ichniowski at [djichniowski@yahoo.com](mailto:djichniowski@yahoo.com) or (240)-925-1505 or register online at [www.loyolaonthepotomac.com](http://www.loyolaonthepotomac.com). A deposit of \$115 and a registration form are required to secure your room. The retreat fee for the weekend is \$245. (\$195 for first timers and/or young adults 30 and under.) Give a weekend to God – *"Come Away and Rest Awhile"*.

**Annual Yard Sale**

St. Ignatius Church, Hilltop, Maryland, is having its annual yard sale on **Saturday, October 5, 2019, 7:00am – 2:00pm**. There will be a bake sale table, raffle table, and numerous bargains and treasures. Breakfast and lunch items will be available at reasonable prices. Call John Minichino at (301)-743-3514 to make arrangements for pick-ups of items or to drop off items at the church hall. [Directions: Take Port Tobacco Rd. (Rt. 6 West) from La Plata about 11+ miles: St. Ignatius Church is on the left at the top of the hill past Durham Church Road.] *Thanks and may God bless you for all your help.*