



Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Southwell and Calverton

Our Lady of Victories, Southwell and Saint Anthony, Calverton

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19th July 2020 : Sixteenth Sunday of the Year

On Wednesday we celebrate the feast of Saint Mary Magdalene, the first recorded witness to the Resurrection, and a wonderful example of a reformed sinner. Known as the 'apostle to the apostles' for bringing the news of Christ's resurrection to Peter and the others, she is an inspiring saint whose intercession we might ask for:

When Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and did not find the Lord's body, she thought it had been taken away and so informed the disciples. After they came and saw the tomb, they too believed what Mary had told them. The text then says: *The disciples went back home, and it adds: but Mary wept and remained standing outside the tomb.* We should reflect on Mary's attitude and the great love she felt for Christ; for though the disciples had left the tomb, she remained. She was still seeking the one she had not found, and while she sought she wept; burning with the fire of love, she longed for him who she thought had been taken away. And so it happened that the woman who stayed behind to seek Christ was the only one to see



him. For perseverance is essential to any good deed, as the voice of truth tells us: *Whoever perseveres to the end will be saved.*

At first she sought but did not find, but when she persevered it happened that she found what she was looking for. When our desires are not satisfied, they grow stronger, and becoming stronger they take hold of their object. Holy desires likewise grow with anticipation, and if they do not grow they are not really desires. Anyone who succeeds in attaining the truth has

burned with such a great love. As David says: *My soul has thirsted for the living God; when shall I come and appear before the face of God?* And also in the Song of Songs the Church says: *I was wounded by love;* and again: *My soul is melted with love.*

Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek? She is asked why she is sorrowing so that her desire might be strengthened; for when she mentions whom she is seeking, her love is kindled all the more ardently. *Jesus says to her: Mary.* Jesus is not recognised when he calls her “woman”; so he calls her by name, as though he were saying: Recognise me as I recognise you; for I do not know you as I know others; I know you as yourself. And so Mary, once addressed by name, recognises who is speaking. She immediately calls him *rabboni*, that is to say, *teacher*, because the one whom she sought outwardly was the one who inwardly taught her to keep on searching. (Saint Gregory the Great)

Access to a Priest or the Sacraments

Although our two churches remain closed at the present time Mass is still celebrated every day for the intentions of all the parishioners of Southwell and Calverton, and for the specific intentions you have requested. If you need to contact Father Simon, please get in touch.

Funeral Services can still be held, at the cemetery or crematorium, and a Requiem Mass or Memorial Mass can be celebrated later, when it’s possible to gather again in church. If you or someone you know wishes to be anointed with the **Sacrament of the Sick** please speak with Father Simon. Likewise, if you or someone you know wishes to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confession) this can be arranged directly with Father Simon.

A Spiritual Communion

Spiritual Communion is the heartfelt desire to receive Our Lord, even when we are unable because of the distance or for some other reason, such as in the present circumstances. If you are live-streaming the Mass, or praying the texts of the Mass, when it comes to the time for receiving Holy Communion pray instead the prayer:

From Saint Alphonsus Liguori: My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as being already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Reopening of Catholic churches in England – Update 17th July

Over the last few weeks the Government has relaxed the regulations surrounding places of worship, and now our churches are able to open for private prayer and for Mass too. Our churches in Southwell and Calverton, being part of the Diocese of Nottingham, are subject to the decisions of Bishop Patrick, who has issued regulations concerning how we might reopen our churches.

Sincere thanks to those who have offered to help as volunteers, and who have emailed Father Simon with suggestions, advice, and offers of help over the past few weeks. Father Simon hopes to meet this week with those parishioners who have offered to help, and will be in contact with each one. The current situation is:

- ✘ the protocols we have to follow are relevant to every Catholic church in England, and so although they might seem onerous we have no option to not follow them, although there is no pressure to reopen our churches in Southwell and Calverton until we are ready to do so;
- ✘ although we are one parish we have two churches with little cross-over in their similarly-sized congregations; therefore it would be good to be able to reopen both churches at the same time;
- ✘ the Sunday obligation continues to be suspended and so there's no requirement for Masses to be celebrated on Sunday, if celebrations on other days might be more feasible; indeed, in our parish setting we might consider one Mass in each church each week;
- ✘ once the public celebration of Masses have been resumed it would be advantageous to continue celebrating each week; therefore offers of help, rotas, etc, have to be sustainable over the medium term;
- ✘ there is still some doubt about whether those over 70 years old can volunteer as stewards; alternatively there are other jobs to be done which could be undertaken from home, or by those who are shielding;
- ✘ all stewards, cleaners, and those working in church would have to be registered volunteers with the diocese; anyone helping from home wouldn't have to be;
- ✘ we would need a minimum of four volunteers per Mass, and the duties would last perhaps two hours (including the cleaning beforehand and afterwards);
- ✘ realigning pews and chairs to observe the two-metre social distancing, and a one-way system, we might be able to accommodate 20 people in either church.

**We might aim to open both of our churches for Mass
from the Solemnity of the Assumption, 15th and 16th August**

Ways to continue to participate in the life of the Church

The **readings and prayers for Mass** each day can be found here:

- <https://universalis.com/europe.England.nottingham/mass.htm>

Daily Mass is broadcast from our Cathedral in Nottingham at the following times:

- Sundays and Saturdays: 10am
- Weekdays: 1pm

The link to the televised Mass is here:

- http://www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/01_Community/livestream.html

Daily Mass is broadcast from the National Shrine and Minor Basilica of Our Lady in Walsingham each day at 12 noon:

- <http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream>

Sunday Mass, celebrated by Bishop Patrick, will be broadcast from his chapel at Bishop's House each Sunday at 10am:

- www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf7upUMsn3KI8GD79FotjQ/featured?fbclid=IwAR1JRpqkdO0rHZY98bsnSC_N9TKbvSKXv0L5bT4yVCCmTHaVmAwaW4g-rAk

Bishop Patrick is also celebrating other liturgies. Check the Bishop's YouTube channel (using the link above) for each day's schedule.

Resources for children and young people can be found via the Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service's (NDCYS) website:

- <https://ndcys.com>

There are ideas for **children's liturgy** on Cafod's website:

- <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

Other On-line Prayers and Pilgrimage Places

The Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France, has for more than 160 years been an essential place for millions of people who visit each year, seeking hope, healing, fraternity and deepened faith. Navigating the top of the homepage at www.lourdes-france.org/en/ it is also possible to request a Mass, light a candle and place a prayer petition in the grotto.

The Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land oversees 55 sanctuaries in Israel, the Palestinian territories and Jordan. Visitors at www.custodia.org/en/sanctuaries can

get a more in-depth look at these sacred places, especially the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, revered as the site of Jesus's tomb, in Jerusalem.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal offers a livestream of the chapel and live daily broadcasts of praying the rosary and Mass at www.fatima.pt/en/pages/online-transmissions. The same link also provides a gallery of pictures, videos and "sounds," including an audio library of Marian hymns. Though only in Italian, the **Holy House of Loreto** near the Adriatic Sea in Italy posts videos of their daily Masses and the recitation of the rosary on their YouTube channel "Santa Casa Loreto" at www.youtube.com/channel/UCT9uLSAfEqgXbArvYyHzQg. Their main website at santuarioloreto.it/ has links for sending prayer intentions and for photos and videos of the sanctuary, which tradition holds is where Mary was born and raised and where the Holy Family was thought to have lived when Jesus was a boy. The one-room Holy House also is held to be the place where Mary received the angel's annunciation and conceived the Son of God through the Holy Spirit.

The website of the **Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi** offers a huge list of online opportunities, all in Italian, but still visually enriching, like a livestream of the tomb of Saint Francis with an option of sending a prayer petition at www.sanfrancescopatronoditalia.it/web-cam-cripta-di-san-francesco-assisi and a livestream of daily Mass in the basilica at www.sanfrancescopatronoditalia.it/messa-diretta-streaming-oggi

While a special online exposition of the **Shroud of Turin** was held April 11 for prayer and contemplation during the coronavirus epidemic, the recorded event, with commentary in English, can be found online at www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7BmsSE_4Wk

Parish Newsletter by email

If you'd like to receive the parish newsletter by email simply email the parish office, at olv.rcchurch@gmail.com, asking to be added to the list. It's helpful to have parishioners' consent to send out the newsletter, and other messages, via email.

Pope's Prayer Intention for July

Our Families We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

Catholic churches now open in our Diocese

Nottinghamshire

- ✘ **Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham:** weekdays, 10.00 - 12.00; weekends, 11.00 - 12.00
- ✘ **The Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe:** Sunday, 9.00 - 13.00; Saturday, 9.00 - 13.00 and 15.00 - 19.00; weekdays, 10.00 - 13.00 and 16.00 - 19.00
- ✘ **Saint Paul, Lenton:** daily 11.00 - 13.00

Derbyshire

- ✘ **Saint Mary, Derby:** daily, 11.00 - 13.00
- ✘ **Our Lady and Saint Thomas of Hereford, Ilkeston:** weekdays, 12.00 - 14.00; weekends, 9.00 - 10.00 (subject to changes)
- ✘ **Our Lady and Saint Joseph, Matlock:** Tuesday, 11.00 - 12.30; Wednesday, 11.00 - 12.30; Friday, 18.00 - 20.00
- ✘ **Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Swadlincote:** Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, 11.00 - 13.00
- ✘ **The Annunciation, New Mills:** Wednesdays, 16.00 - 18.00; Fridays, 11.00 - 13.00
- ✘ **Saint Anne, Buxton:** Wednesdays, 18.00 - 19.00; Fridays, 11.00 - 12.00; Saturdays, 11.00 - 12.00

Leicestershire

- ✘ **Holy Cross, Leicester:** Tuesday to Sunday, 14.00 - 17.00
- ✘ **Saint Patrick, Leicester:** Sundays, 10.00 - 12.00; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 17.00 - 19.00
- ✘ **Sacred Heart, Leicester:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10.00 - 12.00; Wednesdays and Fridays, 17.00 - 19.00

Lincolnshire

- ✘ **Saint Hugh, Lincoln:** Saturdays, 9.00 - 12.00
- ✘ **Saint Augustine, Barton-upon-Humber:** Mondays, 12.00 - 13.00; Thursdays, 19.00 - 20.00; Saturdays, 10.00 - 11.00

No information has been circulated about those churches in which Mass is now being celebrated, and booking is required for Masses in any church. Check the relevant websites for more information. The following local churches are celebrating at least some public Masses:

- ✘ **Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham**
- ✘ **Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe**
- ✘ **Holy Trinity, Newark**
- ✘ **Saint Philip Neri, Mansfield**

Prayer during the Coronavirus Pandemic

In these days when our churches are not open it's a comfort to know that God is close to us and that he holds each of us in the palm of his hand. We are encouraged to use the Holy Father's prayer, to Our Lady, as we seek Divine protection:

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself,

and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross,

to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test

and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

A Prayer to my Guardian Angel when I can't get to Mass

Dear Guardian Angel,

go for me to the church, there kneel down at Mass for me.

At the Offertory, take me to God, and offer him my service:

what I am, what I have, offer as my gift.

At the Consecration, with your seraphic strength,

adore my Saviour truly present,

praying for those who have loved me, for those who have offended me, and for those now deceased, that the blood of Jesus may purify them all.

During Holy Communion, bring to me the Body and Blood of Jesus uniting him with me in spirit, so that my heart may become his dwelling place.

Plead with him, that through his sacrifice

all people throughout the world may be saved.

When the Mass ends,

bring home to me and to every home, the Lord's blessing.

Amen.



Prayer for the Year of the Word

Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.

V. Your word is our path and your truth is our light.

R. This day and every day.

Our Lady of the Annunciation : Pray for us.

Saint Matthew : Pray for us. Saint Jerome : Pray for us.

The Year of the Word Radio Service

2020 is the 'Year of the Word' in the Catholic Church in England and Wales – to celebrate, share and live out faith through deeper Scriptural engagement. However the Bishops have decided that the 'God Who Speaks' Scripture initiative is extended through 2021 to take into account the cancellation of many non-digital events planned for this year.

On Sunday, BBC Radio 4's Sunday Worship programme comes from Yorkshire and focuses on a special Bible-focused service "A Word for All Seasons". Dioceses across our two countries have engaged in different projects as part of this initiative and Sunday Worship, scheduled for 8:10am, comes from the Diocese of Leeds where priests and parishioners have been exploring the 'Word Unlocked'. Father Michael Hall will lead 'A Word for All Seasons' to reflect on how the 'God who Speaks' meets us in the changing circumstances of our lives – especially significant at a time when many Christians will have been turning to the Bible for comfort through the coronavirus pandemic. Father Michael is parish priest of two churches, Saint Joseph and St Patrick in Brighouse and Elland respectively.

The service will include Scripture passages that have particular emphasis on the importance of the Word of God and hymns and motets previously recorded in Leeds Cathedral by the Leeds Diocesan Choirs. The homily will be given by the Diocese of Leeds' newest priest, Father Henry Longbottom who will be ordained in Leeds Cathedral just two days before the Sunday Worship Programme.

To listen to the Service, at **8.10am on Sunday 19th July** go to:

bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/live:bbc_radio_fourfm

Forthcoming Events

LACY (Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth) will be celebrating the feast of The Assumption on line, via Zoom, on **Sunday 16th August at 4.00pm**. We warmly invite all young people, their families, friends and parishioners to share this exciting liturgy with us. We will be remembering especially in our prayers those young people receiving their exam results in August. Father Simon Gillespie will be leading us in our prayer and reflection. We are also looking for people to share in the liturgy and this could be YOU! We will enjoy to hear from you as we are looking forward to another AMAZING celebration! Contact us via e mail at paulinepayne@hotmail.com. Please ensure that all under 18 years of age do ask parents / guardians to make the contact and when sharing the celebration should be on line with the young person. On the Solemnity of the Assumption, let us remember our Mother Mary who is in Heaven and who loves us very much.

From Southwell Christian Aid Committee

A big thank you to all our supporters who donated during Christian Aid Week to our Just Giving page or directly to Christian Aid – we raised £1,782. This will be a massive support for Christian Aid's effort to provide aid to countries suffering the ongoing effects of Coronavirus.

To all who **bought tickets for the annual Lent Lunch** in the Minster State Chamber: It had been our intention to have an event in the autumn to replace the Lent Lunch. Given the uncertainty associated with the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, it is with great regret that the Southwell Christian Aid Committee has decided that a replacement event will not be possible. If you would like a refund for the ticket, please email SouthwellChristianAidCommittee@gmail.com or contact Lesley on 01636 814721 before 31st July. Any remaining funds after that date will be sent to Christian Aid. Many thanks for your continuing support in these difficult times.

A new Archbishop for York

The (Catholic) Bishop of Middlesbrough, Terry Drainey, welcomed newly elected 98th (Anglican) Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell to pray alongside him in the shrine of Saint Margaret Clitherow in York last week. The 9th July meeting came immediately after Archbishop Stephen's Election Service was broadcast. Southwell diocese is part of the Province of York, and we pray for Archbishop Stephen.

Diocesan Newsletter : Grapevine

The latest edition of Grapevine offers a menu of ministries - just a selection of the opportunities as we develop Caritas in the diocese. If you're in Derby, volunteer with Padley, the city's homelessness charity. In Nottingham, could you host a refugee? If you're in Leicestershire, why not join an ecumenical group responding to the ecological crisis? Or you could sign up to the Lincoln-based Active Faith Network.

'I am a mission', says Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium*, speaking not just for himself but for all of us. But amid all the world's needs and opportunities it's not always clear what that mission is. For this in-between time we can do worse than pray with Saint Francis: 'I have done what was mine to do, may Christ teach you what is yours'. And finally, there's still time to book for 'Prepare the future: parishes of welcome, listening and hope' on 22nd July, our workshop to help parishes to renew local outreach after lockdown.

Paul (Programme Leader for Social Action)

Diane (Adult Formation Administrator)

In this week's issue

- ✕ New Director for Adult Formation and Mission announced
- ✕ Help people return to Mass - booking volunteers sought
- ✕ Derby charity seeks a Catholic trustee - could it be you?
- ✕ Nottingham Hosts sought for refugees and asylum seekers
- ✕ European citizens: Time to apply for Settled Status

To receive Grapevine go to: <https://dioceseofnottingham.us8.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=8660f054ac5b3dc3f5fec2801&id=1acdbd2ff8>

Financial Support of our Parish

Father Simon celebrates Mass each day; if you wish to have a Mass offered for an intention put a Mass envelope through the presbytery letterbox, or email Father Simon directly. The Mass intentions are published in the newsletter, and although there's been a bit of a backlog, dates in August (and onwards) are plentiful.

Since there are no Sunday collections sincere thanks to those parishioners who have set-up standing orders. If you've able to set one up the details are:

- Account name: **Our Lady of Victories Southwell RCP**
- Sort Code: **30-67-76**
- Account number: **45368360**

Many thanks to all our parishioners for your continuing generosity!

Masses and Services this week

During these days, although parishioners aren't able to attend Mass, Father Simon will continue to celebrate Mass each day for your requested intentions.

Saturday 18th July	Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday
Mass	Brother Jerome - Profession
Sunday 19th July	Sixteenth Sunday of the Year
Mass	Pro Populo (people of the parish)
Monday 20th July	Feria
Mass	Peter Edwards RIP
Tuesday 21st July	Feria
Mass	Christine and David Harrison (golden wedding)
Wednesday 22nd July	Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene
Mass	John Daly RIP
Thursday 23rd July	Feast of Saint Bridget of Sweden, patron of Europe
Mass	Teresa Evelyn Thomas RIP
Friday 24th July	Feria
Mass	Scott Thomas RIP
Saturday 25th July	Feast of Saint James, apostle
Mass	John and Cora Lynch RIP
Sunday 26th July	Seventeenth Sunday of the Year
Mass	Pro Populo (people of the parish)

Readings at Masses this week

Sunday	Wisdom 12:13.16-19; Psalm 85(86):5-6.9-10.15-16; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43
Monday	Micah 6:1-4.6-8; Psalm 49(50):5-6.8-9.16-17.21.23; Matthew 12:38-42
Tuesday	Micah 7:14-15.18-20; Psalm 84(85):2-8; Matthew 12:46-50
Wednesday	Song of Songs 3:1-4; Psalm 62(63):2-6.8-9; John 20:1-2.11-18
Thursday	Galatians 2:19-20; Psalm 33(34):2-11; John 15:1-8
Friday	Jeremiah 3:14-17; Jeremiah 31:10-13; Matthew 13:18-23
Saturday	2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Psalm 125(126):1-6; Matthew 20:20-28