

Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Southwell and Calverton

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28th and 29th November 2020 : First Sunday of Advent

Advent begins today! This season of preparation for the coming of Christmas isn't penitential in nature, as Lent is, but has the characteristic of expectancy, of waiting, or urgency, of hope. Saint Cyril of Jerusalem wrote about Advent in these words:

We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of a divine kingdom.

In general, whatever relates to our Lord Jesus Christ has two aspects. There is a birth from God before the ages, and a birth from a virgin at the fullness of time. There is a hidden coming, like that of rain on fleece, and a coming before all eyes,



still in the future. At the first coming he was wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger. At his second coming he will be clothed in light as in a garment. In the first coming he endured the cross, despising the shame; in the second coming he will be in glory, escorted by an army of angels. We look then beyond the first coming and await the second. At the first coming we said: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. At the second we shall say it again; we shall go out with the angels to meet the Lord and cry out in adoration: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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The Saviour will not come to be judged again, but to judge those by whom he was judged. At his own judgement he was silent; then he will address those who committed the outrages against him when they crucified him and will remind them: You did these things, and I was silent. His first coming was to fulfil his plan of love, to teach men by gentle persuasion. This time, whether men like it or not, they will be subjects of his kingdom by necessity. The prophet Malachi speaks of the two comings. And the Lord whom you seek will come suddenly to his temple: that is one coming. Again he says of another coming: Look, the Lord almighty will come, and who will endure the day of his entry, or who will stand in his sight? Because he comes like a refiner's fire, a fuller's herb, and he will sit refining and cleansing.

These two comings are also referred to by Paul in writing to Titus: The grace of God the Saviour has appeared to all men, instructing us to put aside impiety and worldly desires and live temperately, uprightly, and religiously in this present age, waiting for the joyful hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Notice how he speaks of a first coming for which he gives thanks, and a second, the one we still await. That is why the faith we profess has been handed on to you in these words: He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

Our Lord Jesus Christ will therefore come from heaven. He will come at the end of the world, in glory, at the last day. For there will be an end to this world, and the created world will be made new.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

It's time to make your Advent Wreath! It is very simple: three purple candles, one pink candle, and a ring of greenery. The colours of the candles refer to the liturgical colour of each Sunday: purple for most of Advent, and rose (pink) for the third (middle) Sunday.

Here's the Prayer of Blessing:

Let us pray; Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Saviour of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Special prayer intentions for Advent

During Advent we're encouraged to pray especially for:

- Migrants and Refugees (especially on Migrants' Day, 3rd December)
- Expectant Mothers (especially on the fourth Sunday of Advent, 20th December)

Coming back to Mass

It is anticipated that we will once again be able to publicly worship in our churches after 2nd December, with Mass available for parishioners to attend on Saturday in Southwell at 6.00pm and on Sunday in Calverton at 10.45am. The Government's 'rule of six' is likely still to be in force, but otherwise Mass is likely to be as it was until early November: that is that we can come to church with a maximum (including priest and stewards) of 20 in Southwell and 24 in Calverton.

To book a place telephone Kathleen and Robert Dixon on 01636 813874, at any reasonable time from Monday morning until Friday evening; if there's no reply leave a message, with your name and number, and they'll return your call. Please note:

- ✘ A place needs to be booked for each individual who plans to attend;
- ✘ You'll be asked to provide a telephone number, to be passed onto Public Health England if needed as part of the 'Test and Trace' system;
- ✘ For Sunday Masses bookings can be made only during the preceding week, from Monday morning, until Friday evening, running up to the Sunday Mass booked.

NHS Covid-19 App and the QR Code in Church

Along with most public buildings both of our churches and the parish hall now have their own QR code, situated just inside the door. If you have a smart-phone please scan the code as you come in, enabling you to 'check in' and assisting with the Government's Track and Trace system. Please note this is in addition to booking a place at Mass, and not instead – please continue to book for Mass as well!

What to expect when coming to Mass

In order to comply with the Bishop's guidelines on celebrating Masses in the covid-19 period there'll be some differences in that way we come to Mass and the way Mass is celebrated. Please follow these directions, and recognise that those asking you to follow the directions are volunteers themselves:

- ✘ Please don't attend if you show any symptoms of covid-19;
- ✘ Try to arrive no earlier than half an hour before Mass, and no later than ten minutes before Mass, to allow time for each person to enter one-by-one;
- ✘ Enter via the car park and follow the one-way signs, waiting by the 2 metre markers in front of the church door if others have arrived before you;
- ✘ Ensure you bring a mask to wear throughout the time in church, except when receiving Holy Communion;
- ✘ Please use the hand-sanitiser (provided) on arrival;
- ✘ Please take one of the Mass Sheets, and a Newsletter, and take them home with you after Mass;
- ✘ Put your weekly offering into the basket in the narthex; at present there are two collections as we're 'catching up' the second collections;
- ✘ There won't be any holy water available, the repository will be closed, and there are no Catholic papers currently available;
- ✘ Please sit on the seat to which you are directed, following the one-way system; seating is at two-metre intervals (in Southwell couples can sit next to each other, and families in a single pew; in Calverton the chairs have been laid out singularly);
- ✘ Please avoid any contact with other parishioners; don't speak unless necessary;
- ✘ Only the disabled toilet will be available for use, and only if absolutely necessary. If you do use the toilet, please do so before you are seated, and then go to your seat (in Southwell, by exiting the hall lobby, walking around the side of the church, and re-entering the church through the main door, following the one-way system);
- ✘ Windows and doors will be open to enable as much ventilation as possible;
- ✘ The Mass Sheet will explain the changes in the way Mass is celebrated, especially:
 - There will be no congregational singing;
 - Responses will be made with quiet voices;
 - There will be no ministries (eg altar servers, readers) during Mass;
 - There will be no sign of peace;
- ✘ After Mass you will be invited to receive Holy Communion; then exit the church following the one-way system, out into the car park, and leave immediately.
- ✘ Since it is not now permitted to gather publicly in groups of more than six, although we are exempt in church for Mass, groups of more than six in the church car park could be deemed to be breaking this restriction. Please ensure that you don't linger, tempting as it is to chat with fellow parishioners!
- ✘ As the weather becomes a little cooler please dress appropriately for the weather and temperature.

If you have difficulties with these instructions please contact Father Simon.

The Catholic Communications Network

Although World Communications Day is usually celebrated in May, we pray for the work of the Catholic Communications Network next Sunday, and a **Collection** will be taken for the work of the Network. Please help to continue this work through contributing generously to the collection.

A focus of our prayer might be to pray for all those professionals who work in communications, especially those who are responsible for communicating on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country. The communications office of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales supports the bishops, in their witness and engagement with current issues, and the Church more widely in promoting the Gospel through digital, social, print and broadcast media. The office is the central point for media enquiries and is a key resource for national and international media professionals. It also plays an important role in developing the public profile of the Church through word and image.

During the present pandemic it's ever more vital to have a good media presence, in the press and on-line, to help all people 'with ears to hear' to come closer to knowledge of God's love for them.

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/UCaf7upUMsn3Kl8GD79FotjQ/featured?fbclid=IwAR1JRpqkdO0rHZY98bsnSC_N9TKbvSKXv0L5bT4yVCcMTHaVmAwaW4g-rAk

Bishop Patrick celebrates Mass on other days each week – check Youtube for details.

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>

Christmas Masses

Bishop Patrick has written to each parish priest this week asking for Christmas Mass times to be advertised as widely as possible. He says:

Although the 'obligation' to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation will remain suspended for the time being, we know that many individuals and family groups will want to go to Mass at Christmas. It has traditionally also been a time when 'non-regulars' are also keen to come with family and friends. It would therefore be a missed opportunity if we didn't try and be a little creative in the ways we make provision for all who wish to join us at Christmas Mass this year.

An additional Mass or Masses on Christmas Eve and / or on Christmas Day might enable more people to attend Mass, but it would be good to remind people that they can come and celebrate the mystery of Christmas at any of the Masses during the Octave days, from 25th December until 1st January. This would allow them, this year, to plan for a day within the Octave (or the Christmas window of five days) when they would like to come to church to celebrate their Christmas Mass. I do, of course, realise that the arrangements which each parish can make for the Octave (or five-day Christmas window) will be very much determined by the availability and willingness of stewards to assist with the cleansing and supervising of the churches over this period; therefore, this too, will require planning now.

Last year our Christmas Mass programme included the Vigil Mass (6pm in Calverton), Midnight mass (11.30pm in Southwell), Dawn Mass (9am in Southwell) and Day Mass (10.45am in Calverton) with about 190 people in attendance. Recently we've been averaging 36 at our two Sunday Masses, 31% of last year's average of 116. How many will come to Christmas Masses? How many will volunteer to clean before and after the Masses? Each Mass will need three stewards, and with the covid-19 protocols Father Simon would need at least two hours between each Mass; what would be good times for our Masses? **If you have thoughts or ideas please get in touch with Father Simon directly.**

A Spiritual Communion

Spiritual Communion is the heartfelt desire to receive Our Lord, even when we are unable to do so. 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.

Prayer during the Coronavirus Pandemic

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.

Celebrating Advent across our Diocese

Praying with Our Lady through Advent – We are invited to pray one extra Hail Mary each day in Advent, asking for Our Lady's prayers to help all of us, as a Diocese, open our hearts and minds to welcome Jesus afresh this Christmas. Mary was the first person to welcome Him into her life and her intercession can help us to draw closer to Him and feel His presence with us anew this Christmas. Every other day you will be able to watch people from our Diocese pray the Hail Mary in different languages on the diocesan social media sites, search for Diocese of Nottingham or Bishop Patrick McKinney on Twitter, Facebook and YouTube.

Living Advent Podcast – Living Advent is a weekly podcast series throughout Advent exploring the virtues of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace with people from across the Diocese and how we can live them out. We speak to a young husband and father, a musician, a retired social worker and a police officer. You can find it on your usual podcast service by searching 'Living Advent Podcast' or visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/podcasts for links on how to stream or download it.

Diocesan Carol Service – Carol Services are a wonderful family tradition of our Advent and Christmas celebrations, and often are a great opportunity to invite those who are not regular churchgoers to connect with our parish communities. This can be quite challenging to do this year so we are offered a virtual Diocesan Carol Service. We will celebrate a short online Service on Friday 18th December at 6.00pm on Bishop Patrick's YouTube Channel (www.youtube.com/BishopPatrickMckinney) with readings, music, prayers and reflections. Please join us as a family and invite others to join us too. After the Service grab a mince pie, something warm to drink and join us on zoom for our family Christmas Quiz (6:45pm-7:15pm). The link and access code will be given out during the Service.

Being a disciple web series – January is a time when work at being a better person, why not explore how we can be a grow as a disciple of Jesus? On the four Thursdays of January we will explore a different aspect of what it means to be a Catholic disciple with Brendan Thompson, the CEO of Catholic Voices, in a web series on Zoom. Catholic Voices is an international organisation that shares the Good News in the global media. This will be a great foundation for parishes and individuals to explore how we can support each other in growing as Catholic disciples. Register here: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMrcuygqjwpGdNBRC5NIQ46Eu1bleEg246A>

For information on how to access things on zoom visit:

www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/information/diocesan-commissions/01_commission-adult-formation/using-zoom

A change to the prayers at Mass

The Bishops of England and Wales issued a Decree on 9th November removing the word 'one' before 'God' at the conclusion of the Collect (opening prayer) of the Mass.

1. Rationale for the change in the conclusion of the Collects

In a letter of 13th May 2020 to the Presidents of member Episcopal Conferences of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL), the Cardinal Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments addressed a concern about the Trinitarian conclusion of the Collect prayers of the Roman Missal in English.

These prayers may be concluded in one of three manners as laid out in n.54 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal. Until now, the Latin words *Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum* have been rendered in English as “one God, for ever and ever.”

The addition of “one” could be construed as mistaken or problematic. On the one hand, it could serve to undermine the statement of the unique dignity of the Son within the Trinity which the Latin formulae so strongly convey. On the other hand, it could be interpreted as saying that Jesus is “one God.” Either or both of these interpretations is injurious to the faith of the Church. The “one” risks suggesting that Jesus became a god independent of the Blessed Trinity and is one god among many. Contrary to the Arian heresy, Jesus Christ, who is God, did not become God. He is God from all eternity, and taking human flesh at his Incarnation, became man. According to the *lex orandi*, what we pray needs to express what the Church believes, requiring that, in liturgical formulae, we uphold the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity.

It is clear from the Latin texts that the doxology emphasises the divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, who as the Incarnate Son, intercedes on our behalf to the Father, the prayer being made “in the unity of the Holy Spirit.” Thus, the Son’s role of priestly mediation is made clear. The doxological phrase was coined in Africa during the fourth century as a means to combat the Arian heresy. The reference of *Deus* is intended Christologically. French and German translations use *Dieu* and *Gott* respectively; Italian uses *che è Dio, Egli è Dio* and *Tu sei Dio*; Spanish uses *y es Dios* and *eres Dios*, while Portuguese uses *que é Deus* and *Vos que sois Deus*. The English translation has, therefore, diverged from those of other major language groups.

Since the addition of the word “one” could be considered to obscure the *lex orandi*, and therefore the *lex credendi*, the Congregation has ruled that it should no longer be used in the translation of these texts into English. It is for Episcopal

Conferences, through ICEL, to decide how best to translate these formulae in order to safeguard both their Trinitarian nature, as well as their profession of the divinity of the Son.

2. Implementation of the change to the conclusion of the Collect

As indicated in the Decree, and in harmony with the adjacent English-speaking territories of Scotland and Ireland, as well as with other English-speaking territories, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has decided to delete "one" from the conclusion of the Collect prayers of the Roman Missal, and that this change would come into effect from the First Sunday of Advent 2020.

The second part of n.54 in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal is to be adjusted as follows:

- ✠ *If the prayer is directed to the Father:* Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever;
- ✠ *If the prayer is directed to the Father, but the Son is mentioned at the end:* Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever;
- ✠ *If the prayer is directed to the Son:* Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

+ Archbishop George Stack

Archbishop of Cardiff and Chair of the Department of Christian Life and Worship

+ Bishop Alan Hopes

Bishop of East Anglia and Chair of the Liturgy Committee



December News from Cafod

Advent Calendar: Cafod's 2020 online Advent calendar of daily prayer and reflection offers an opportunity to pause

and reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Christmas. Join Cafod as we journey throughout the season of Advent with our global family. Download an Advent calendar for children and an alternative for young people; alternatively sign up for daily reflections from the Advent Calendar sent directly to your inbox. See cafod.org.uk/Pray/Advent-calendar

World Gifts for Christmas: Get your Christmas shopping done early with ethical gifts that save lives. From cards and calendars to gold coins and goats, Cafod has loads of perfect last-minute Christmas presents that help support people living in poverty overseas. Cafod's range of virtual charity gifts will delight your friends and family,

but are also a great way of rediscovering what it really means to share the love, peace and joy of Christmas. Each gift you buy comes with a beautifully illustrated gift card for you to pass on to your loved one, which describes the difference it will make to communities living in developing countries. *Keep Clean Kits* and *Soap to Keep Safe* are particularly pertinent during the pandemic. See: worldgifts.cafod.org.uk

Christmas cards: Traidcraft stocks a fantastic range. For every pack of cards you buy, Cafod receives 10% commission. See: traidcraftshop.co.uk/christmas/charity-christmas-cards

Just a short time left to Send a Message to the brave: Every day, human rights defenders and environmental activists across the world are risking everything to defend our brothers and sisters and protect our common home. Let's not forget them this Christmas – send a card of solidarity to the brave. The devastation of coronavirus has meant this year has been particularly tough for these brave people. Under lockdown, many have been exposed to increased threats, violence and intimidation as aggressors have exploited lockdown situations for their own gain. More than 300 human rights defenders were killed last year while fighting to protect their lands and nature, to halt the climate crisis or stand up for peace and human rights. Hundreds more were threatened or criminalised. This Advent, amid the busyness of the season and the waiting in joyful expectation, remember that they are waiting too – for justice and safety. In the face of threats, your card will help show them that they aren't alone in their struggles but that they have a community of people in the UK who are all praying and standing with them. All Christmas cards must reach Cafod by Monday 7th December. See cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-

Let us pray: In this season of Advent, inspire us to be people of hope. Encourage us not to be greedy for material possessions, but for justice and truth. Enflame us with a love for others, which crosses boundaries of race, religion and nationality. Stir within us a desire to fight for the integrity of creation and appreciate the immense beauty of the earth. Be with us, Lord, at this time, that we may be a people of hope. Amen.

At the end of November : A Prayer for the Holy Souls



*We remember those who
have gone before us*

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Advent Prayer with a Difference



Christians
TOGETHER
in **Calverton**

On **Sunday 29th November** from 3.00pm – 5.00pm Saint Wilfred's church will be open for private prayer. This is a time to worship God and to pray for Calverton, our friends and neighbours and one another with hope and expectation as we begin this season of Advent.

Please do use the opportunity to pray at the beginning of this season.

Vocations Cafe

The Diocesan Vocations Team is holding a Zoom Café for men and women on **Tuesday 1st December at 7.00pm**. If you would like to meet the team, ask any questions or simply just listen in, email Diane at: vocationsadmin@dioceseofnottingham.uk for the link and password to enable you to join them on your device with your drink and cake. Find out what it means!

Diocese of Nottingham LGBT+ Pastoral Ministry

Recent research (August 2020) by University College London and Sussex University has shown that the coronavirus lockdown has provoked a mental health crisis among the LGBTQ community, with younger people being the most seriously affected. Our Diocese has responded by setting up a specialist pastoral network in all the areas within the Diocese, to give advice or offer pastoral support to families or individuals who might need help. To make contact please email in confidence to the Diocesan coordinator: lgbt.pastoral@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Mass with the intention to reflect the effects of the covid-19 pandemic on LGBT+ people will be celebrated in Advent at Saint Alban's church, Derby, on **Thursday 3rd December** at 7pm, with a period of Exposition before Mass, starting at 6.30pm. The Mass can be attended either in person by reserving a place through the online booking system at: <https://massbooking.uk> or virtually through the Derby Catholics Live website www.derbycatholiclive.co.uk/?fbclid=IwAR1VkJFg60prU0yonLQVnbHdBDUwWylu_Q1XmRXuO19Lz5BpuKGYCzgRGYPM

Christmas Raffle

In previous years at this time there has been a parish raffle to help raise much-needed funds for our parish, and to support local charities. Since we aren't able to

meet for Mass or social events at this time it seems prudent to hold-over the raffle until such time as we're able to gather together again in good numbers. Of course, if anyone has any potential raffle prizes, or indeed wishes to make a financial donation, both would be very welcome!

Parish Newsletter by email

If you'd like to receive the parish newsletter by email simply email Father Simon at simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk, asking to be added. It's necessary to have parishioners' consent to send the newsletter, and other messages, via email.

Likewise if you haven't filled in a parish census form please consider doing so. The form can be found on the forms tab of the parish website.

Financial Support of our Parish

Thank you to those parishioners who give regularly via standing orders. If you don't do so, please consider what you can give. Our parish is projected to make a loss of almost £25,000 this year, due to the lack of parish hall bookings and the reduction in weekly collection income. If you've able to set up a standing order, 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!

The Catholic Universe and Catholic Times

You can get your Catholic newspaper delivered directly to your home every week, post free. Go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call 0161 820 5722 to arrange. A special offer: three months for £22, or twelve months for £80.

Supporting Newark Foodbank

The following items are especially needed at the moment:

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| ✘ Tea bags (40s or 80s) | microwave) |
| ✘ Long life fruit juice (not squash) | ✘ Tinned rice pudding |
| ✘ Sponge puddings (tinned / | ✘ Sugar (500g or 1kg) |

Items can be donated at the Co-op, One Stop, and Lloyds Chemist in Southwell.

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.

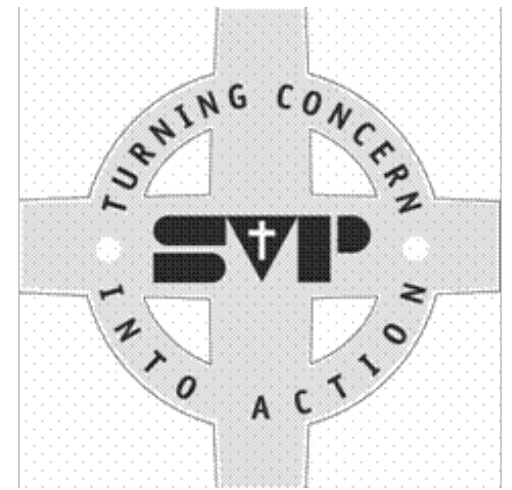
Our Lady of the Annunciation : Pray for us.

Saint Matthew : Pray for us.

Saint Jerome : Pray for us.

From the Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Our local SVP conference has 10 members and we normally meet each month and regularly organise fund raising events. Our main work in the parish is visiting the sick, elderly and housebound but this has not been possible since March, although we have remained in contact with the people whom we would normally visit. This has been by telephone sending birthday and greeting cards by post. We have also done odd jobs and dropped small gifts off at the doorstep. We know that many parishioners have made great efforts to remain in touch during this difficult period.



The other work we do involves supporting our twin conference in Kerala in southern India and we are also committed to supporting the establishment of a small shop close to a Catholic school. The shop sells a wide range of things which are needed by the school children such as pens and pencils. It also provides an income for two widows and their families. The widows are repaying the money that we provided but it is being used to establish another project and will not be returned to us. We also plan to support the SVP children's camps at Mablethorpe again in 2021.

Our current problem is that we have only £10 in the bank and we urgently need some money. We do not usually ask directly for money but if you have some to spare The easiest way is pay it into our bank account. Sort code is 60-60-04 the account is 46077413 and the account is SVP OLV Southwell. Cheques are ok as is cash. Call Mike Asker on 01636 636221 if necessary.

A Prayer Intention for Life

As we ponder the hope found in the second coming of our Saviour, we pray for all those in need of hope. We pray especially for those contemplating having an abortion, that they would be reminded of the hope God brings and His fundamental desire for our good. We pray also that as a society we would become channels of God's hope, providing support to all pregnant women. Lord hear us.

Visit www.righttolife.org.uk for more information.

A reflection from 'Marriage Matters'

Thanking God for each other

"Stay awake for you never know when the time will come...!" Today's Gospel reminds us to remember that our lives together will not go on for ever. It is therefore so important to thank God every day for the wonderful gift that we are to each other, indeed one of the greatest gifts that the Father has given us.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for November

For a Life of Prayer. We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Prayers for ...

Please remember in your prayers especially:

- ✘ **All those affected by the coronavirus outbreak** – those infected, those caring for them, those who have died, and those who mourn.
- ✘ **Eleanor Margaret Williams**, who died on Saturday 14th November, and whose funeral will be celebrated on Thursday 3rd December. May she rest in peace.
- ✘ **John Barber**, who died on Wednesday 18th November. May he rest in peace.
- ✘ **All the faithful departed**, especially those remembered in our November Dead Lists, placed before the altar during Mass in this month of the Holy Souls.
- ✘ **Rev Limnyuy Gamsi**, a transitional deacon who is to be ordained as a priest for our diocese on Saturday 5th December!
- ✘ **Clergy of our diocese who are sick at this time:** Monsignor Jonathan Moore, Canon Michael Moore, Fathers John Cairns, Anthony Colebrook, John Daley IC, Hugh Doherty, James Hannigan, Peter Harvey, Christopher Hogan, James Lynch, Frank McLaughlin, Robert Rutledge, Michael Tutchter; Deacons Tom Berrie, Stephen Doona, Bill Hutchinson and Robin Pollard.

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 28th November Mass	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary John Hodgkinson RIP
Sunday 29th November Mass	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Pro Populo (people of the parish)
Monday 30th November Mass	Feast of Saint Andrew, apostle, Patron of Scotland James George RIP
Tuesday 1st December Mass	Memorial of Saint Ralph Sherwin and his Companions, the Martyrs of Derbyshire Private Intention (LW)
Wednesday 2nd December Mass	Advent Feria Scott Thomas RIP
Thursday 3rd December Mass	Advent Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, priest Eleanor Williams RIP (funeral day)
Friday 4th December Mass	Advent Feria John and Cora Lynch RIP
Saturday 5th December <i>No morning Mass</i>	Advent Feria
S 6.00pm Mass	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Mary Back RIP
Sunday 6th December C 10.45am Mass	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Pro Populo (people of the parish)

Readings at Masses this week

Sunday	Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8; Psalm 79(80):2-3.15-16.18-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37
Monday	Romans 10:9-18; Psalm 18(19):2-5; Matthew 4:18-22
Tuesday	Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 71(72):1-2.7-8.12-13.17; Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday	Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalm 22(23); Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday	Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalm 117(118):1.8-9.19-21.25-27; Matthew 7:21.24-27
Friday	Isaiah 29:17-24; Psalm 26(27):1.4.13-14; Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday	Isaiah 30:19-21.23-26; Psalm 146(147):1-6; Matthew 9:35-10:1.5.6-8