



*Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Southwell and Calverton*

# Our Lady of Victories, Southwell and Saint Anthony, Calverton

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## 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020 : Nineteenth Sunday of the Year

This Sunday's gospel is the familiar story of Jesus walking on the water. Amidst the roaring of the wind and the crashing of the waves, and in the darkness of the fourth watch of the night, Jesus comes towards his disciples in their storm-tossed boat and says to them: Courage – do not be afraid! When Peter steps out he feels the force of the wind and begins to sink; but Jesus raises him up again, and as calm is restored to the boat the disciples recognise Jesus as 'the Son of God'.

In this miracle Jesus doesn't only show power over the forces of nature, he also demonstrates his power to bring calm to the chaos of our lives. How often in our daily lives do we feel as though we are drowning, or battling, or losing our faith? There are many tests in our daily lives, and many times when we feel as though the



pressures of the world are closing in around us. One word from Jesus, and all this is becalmed. We can be raised up if we turn back to Jesus, and have eyes only for him. Our lives can become ordered and peaceful if we admit Jesus into the heart of all that we are. And when we do this we recognise Jesus for who he truly is: not simply a prophet or a magician; not simply a good man, or the one helper amongst many. Jesus is truly the Son of God, our redeemer.

We might pray this traditional Catholic prayer this week, especially in times of doubt:

**Lord, I believe : help my unbelief.**

## Welcome back to Mass

**It is very much hoped that Mass will be available for parishioners to attend from next Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> August, the Solemnity of the Assumption.**

Although Father Simon has been celebrating Mass every day during the lockdown, this will be the first time since 20<sup>th</sup> March that parishioners have been able to attend, and that Mass has been celebrated publicly. It is anticipated that Mass for the Assumption will be celebrated in:

- ✘ **Our Lady of Victories church, Southwell, on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 6.00pm,**
- ✘ **Saint Anthony's church, Calverton, on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 10.45am.**

All are more than welcome to come back to church, even though the Sunday Obligation to attend Mass is still suspended by the Bishops of England and Wales, and so attendance is currently optional. For those parishioners who would like to come to Mass, it's necessary to book a place since the capacity of each church is reduced to allow for socially-distanced seating.

To book a place, please telephone Kathleen and Robert Dixon, on 01636 813874, at any reasonable time from Monday morning until Friday evening; if there's no reply please leave a message with your name and telephone 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 as part of the 'Test and Trace' system. Providing your telephone number is purely voluntary, and you are still able to come to Mass without providing a telephone number; if a number is given, your consent for the parish holding this information will be implied, and these details will be kept for 21 days after the date of the Mass attended;
- ✘ For Sunday Masses following the weekend of the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> August, bookings can be made only during the preceding week running up to that Sunday. For example, to attend Mass on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> or Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August please book during the week Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August; if that Mass is oversubscribed you'll be given the option to join a waiting list, and if places become available at that Mass, or at the other Sunday Mass (at either Southwell or Calverton) that weekend, you'll be telephoned on Saturday morning if it's possible to offer a place.

Our parish is awaiting various permissions from the diocese before we can be certain that Mass will indeed be open to parishioners to attend next weekend. Please check the parish website for the latest information. If Mass isn't able to be celebrated publicly, those who have booked and left contact details will be contacted directly.

## 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. These will be outlined when you book for Mass, and when you arrive at church. If you haven't booked to come to Mass please don't simply turn up: unfortunately you won't be allowed to enter. 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;
- ✘ Even if you arrive on foot, 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;
- ✘ Entry will be via the main door of the church;
- ✘ 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;
- ✘ 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 (marked) one-way system. Seating will be from the front of church first, and parishioners will be seated at two-metre intervals (in Southwell it might be possible to seat couples next to each other, and families in a single pew; in Calverton the chairs have been laid out singularly, and so each person, except for babes-in-arms, will be at a two-metre distance from the next person);
- ✘ Please avoid any contact with other parishioners; please don't speak before Mass 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 church 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, please ensure you read it before Mass, and follow the directions during Mass. In particular:
  - 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;
  - Holy Communion will be distributed immediately following Mass;
- ✘ After Mass you will be invited to receive Holy Communion; please then leave the church following the one-way system, out into the car park (in Southwell, through the parish hall lobby) and please leave immediately.

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

## **Reopening of our two parish churches – Update 7<sup>th</sup> August**

### **Areas in which parishioners' help is still needed:**

- ✘ cleaning the churches before and after each Mass (teams of two parishioners for cleaning before, and two for cleaning after, each Mass);
- ✘ stewarding during each Mass (a team of three parishioners is needed for each Mass; volunteers need to be under 70 years old, and complete a short form).

## **Please consider if you are in a position to offer to help**

Without parishioners' help, **especially more stewards in Southwell**, it won't be possible to open our churches at this time for public Masses to be celebrated. The more parishioners who are able to volunteer (especially for the cleaning and stewarding duties) the more we will be able to create rotas and allow flexibility in how often the duties are undertaken. We are being asked to ensure, so far as possible, the health and safety of all those volunteering in our parish. The Bishop's guidance is that"

*As a general rule, stewards, cleaners, and those working directly with other parishioners, should not be drawn from the 70+ age group or from the clinically vulnerable category. These volunteers must under no circumstances be in the 'shielding' or 'extremely clinically vulnerable' categories or living with someone who is in these categories.*

Although some parishioners would like to help with stewarding or cleaning, please bear in mind this guidance, and consider your own health as well as the parish needs.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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](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](http://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/](http://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](http://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 live daily broadcasts of praying the rosary and Mass at [www.fatima.pt/en/pages/online-transmissions](http://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** 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCT9uLSAfEqgXbArvYyHzQg) Their main website at [santuarioloreto.it/](http://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 website of the **Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi** offers opportunities at [www.sanfrancescopatronoditalia.it/web-cam-cripta-di-san-francesco-assisi](http://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](http://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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7BmsSE_4Wk)

## 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.

## Local 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

### 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:*

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| ✘ <b>Saint Barnabas Cathedral,<br/>Nottingham</b> | ✘ <b>Saint Paul, Lenton</b>           |
| ✘ <b>Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe</b>                | ✘ <b>Holy Trinity, Newark</b>         |
| ✘ <b>Holy Spirit, West Bridgford</b>              | ✘ <b>Saint Philip Neri, Mansfield</b> |
|   | ✘ <b>Saint Patrick, Forest Town</b>   |

## 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 : The Bible and Art for Meditation

Although we usually think of the Bible as being something we read, there is much artwork based on passages from the Bible, and many of these can be fruitful inspirations for times of meditation. Consider visiting (on-line) some of these:

National Gallery's religious collection	<a href="http://nationalgallery.org.uk">nationalgallery.org.uk</a>
Christian Art Today – Gospel readings/images	<a href="https://christianart.today">https://christianart.today</a>
Art and the Bible directory of paintings and texts	<a href="http://artbible.info/art">artbible.info/art</a> <a href="http://www.wga.hu">www.wga.hu</a>
A Visual Commentary on Scripture and art	<a href="http://thevcs.org">thevcs.org</a>
Lo and Behold – Catholic Stained Glass stories	<a href="https://loandbeholdbible.com">https://loandbeholdbible.com</a>
The Gospel in Stained Glass	<a href="http://sites.google.com/site/bktrcia/the-gospel-in-stained-glass">sites.google.com/site/bktrcia/the-gospel-in-stained-glass</a>
The Bible in stained glass in Wales	<a href="http://stainedglass.llgc.org.uk">http://stainedglass.llgc.org.uk</a>
Sacred Art Pilgrim	<a href="http://sacredartpilgrim.com">http://sacredartpilgrim.com</a>

## From Pax Christi

Pax Christi, the international Peace organisation, has a range of gifts available for sale at [www.paxchristiuk/shop](http://www.paxchristiuk/shop) Since this weekend marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dropping of the nuclear bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki this is a particularly appropriate time to pray for peace and to support those initiatives working towards peace in our world.

Nuclear weapons are

**#stillhere**

But so  
are survivors.

[hiroshimanagasaki75.org](http://hiroshimanagasaki75.org)



## Event Postponed

Due to the recent challenges of lockdown in Leicester LACY has decided to reschedule the celebration of **A Moment With Mary** to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 4.00pm. Full details will follow nearer the time, but save the date now!

## Prayers for Peace

*On the eve of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the atomic bombs of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales, and of Scotland, issued the following joint statement on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August:*

During his historic visit to Japan last year, Pope Francis declared that 'the use of atomic energy for purposes of war is immoral, just as the possession of atomic weapons is immoral'. Seventy-five years on from the unprecedented and horrific destruction of life at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, we are called to reflect prayerfully upon the UK's own possession of nuclear weapons.

Pope Francis reiterated that the threat of mutual destruction, the massive loss of innocent lives and the annihilation of any future for our common home, is completely incompatible with our efforts to build peace: 'If we really want to build a more just and secure society, we must let the weapons fall from our hands'.

He also reminded us that it is unjust to continue squandering precious resources on manufacturing, maintaining and upgrading ever more destructive technology. The cost of nuclear weapons should be measured not only in the lives destroyed through their use, but also the suffering of the poorest and most vulnerable people, who could have benefited were such vast sums of public money invested in the Common Good of society instead. The Scottish and English and Welsh Bishop' Conferences have in the past called on the UK government to forsake its own nuclear weapons.

We therefore recommit ourselves to the abolition of these weapons and to the Holy Father's call to pray each day 'for the conversion of hearts and for the triumph of a culture of life, reconciliation and fraternity. A fraternity that can recognize and respect diversity in the quest for a common destiny.'

+ **William Nolan**, *Bishop of Galloway and on behalf of the Commission for Justice and Peace of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland*

+ **Declan Lang**, *Bishop of Clifton and Chairman of the international Affairs Department of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales*

+ **William Kenney**, *Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham*

## Tragedy in Beirut

*Cardinal Vincent Nichols has written the following letter to Lebanese Cardinal Bechara Boutros al-Rahi in the wake of the massive explosions that devastated a large area of Beirut On Tuesday.*

Your Eminence,

I watched with deepening horror the unfolding news of the dreadful industrial explosion in the centre of your beloved Beirut. The widespread devastation it has caused has brought such a high toll of death, injuries and destruction. This is a tragedy of immense proportions for this city and for the whole of the Lebanon.

I pray earnestly today for you all. I know that many people will be doing so, especially within the Catholic community in England and Wales. I pray for those who have lost their lives and for their families. I pray for the injured and those who attend them. I pray for those rendered homeless or derelict through this terrible event. I raise my prayers to your great saint, Saint Charbel, whose relic adorns my chapel, that he may win for you all the courage and perseverance to meet this awesome challenge.

May God bless you, your people and the country of Lebanon.

**+ Vincent**

*Archbishop of Westminster*

*President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales*

In solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Beirut and throughout Lebanon we keep this situation, and all affected by it, in our prayers, especially those who are mourning the dead and caring for the injured.

## From Newark Foodbank

**Supporting Newark Foodbank** While donations are continuing to come in, we have the following items in shorter supply;

- ✘ Long-life fruit juice (not squash),
- ✘ Tinned carrots,
- ✘ Tinned peas,
- ✘ Instant mashed potato,
- ✘ Cereal bars,
- ✘ Chocolate biscuit bars (eg Kitkat / Penguin).

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

**Cancel the Debt!** Coronavirus is causing devastation right across the world. Many of the world's poorest nations are not only dealing with this health emergency but also facing unimaginable financial hardship as a result of the global economic slow-down. Many countries are being plunged into a new debt crisis as they respond to the threat of the virus while managing spiralling debt payments. If these payments were cancelled money could be diverted to fund vital healthcare and help countries to recover and rebuild from the crisis. The World Bank and IMF will gather in October for their Annual Meeting. The UK is a powerful shareholder in both, and has an important role to play in ensuring these global institutions act fast to avoid the pandemic causing lasting damage to the world's poorest peoples. As they gather CAFOD will be ready, presenting them with the faces of thousands of people from all over the world saying it is time to #CancelTheDebt.

**You can support the campaign by:**

- ✘ Taking a selfie creatively displaying the words "Cancel the Debt" with, if possible, a local image or town sign in the background. Share the image on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram with the hashtag #CancelTheDebt and tag @cafod. Alternatively send the photo to [campaign.writer@cafod.org.uk](mailto:campaign.writer@cafod.org.uk)
- ✘ Sign the petition to the Prime Minister at [cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns](http://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns)
- ✘ Join the on-line talk about how the debt crisis is affecting the Global South on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September from 6.00pm. Sign up at [cafod.org.uk/debtinjustice](http://cafod.org.uk/debtinjustice)

**Prayers for the Season of Creation** Inspired by Laudato Si', Pope Francis has established 1<sup>st</sup> September as *The World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation*, encouraging the Catholic Community around the world to pray for our common home. The World Day of Prayer falls at the beginning of Creation Time, running until 4<sup>th</sup> October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. To mark Creation Time join CAFOD in using the Novena to Saint Francis – nine brief reflections asking Saint Francis to pray for us and our world based on the Canticle of the Sun. See [cafod.org.uk/novena](http://cafod.org.uk/novena)

**Coronavirus Emergency Appeal** CAFOD has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk, as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at [cafod.org.uk/coronavirus](http://cafod.org.uk/coronavirus) to help CAFOD scale up its coronavirus response through our global Church family. Or use CAFOD's Summer of Hope fundraising ideas with your family and friends to transform lockdown and raise money for the appeal: [cafod.org.uk/summerofhope](http://cafod.org.uk/summerofhope)

## Caritas Social Action Network

CSAN supports various initiatives throughout the country to promote social action in our parishes and communities, and throughout the wider world.

CSAN is currently working with Pact, the Prison Advice and Care Trust, to see how support can be given to prisoners, their families and dependants. Through prayer, letter-writing, and in other ways, practical support can help those whose lives seem devoid of hope. More information can be found at [www.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk)

CSAN is also looking at ways to alleviate poverty, and support those on the margins of society. Through the generosity of parishioners around the country the fourth **World Day of the Poor**, on 15<sup>th</sup> November, will be an opportunity to show some support for those who live in our own local communities.

More information can be found at [www.csan.org.uk/worlddayofthepoor/](http://www.csan.org.uk/worlddayofthepoor/)

## Walk the Way with Us

For the whole of September and during part of Creation Time, Southwell and Villages Christian Aid Supporters Group will be walking, running and cycling **The Camino de Santiago de Compostela**, virtually. It will be a full month of pilgrimage and prayer with a few pounds for the work of Christian Aid raised along the way. Everyone is welcome to join us and if you would like to walk the miles with us please send contact details to [SouthwellChristianAidCommittee@gmail.com](mailto:SouthwellChristianAidCommittee@gmail.com) or ring Lesley on 01636 814721 by Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August.

More details about the route and activities coming soon!



## Interdiocesan Fuel Management

Most of the dioceses in England and Wales buy their power through the IFM, a non-profit organisation wholly owned by the Bishops of England and Wales. Following the Pope's Encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, and with the encouragement of the Bishops, the IFM has reached an agreement with the suppliers that all the energy supplied to the Catholic churches, halls, presbyteries and schools through our countries will come exclusively from 'green' sources, from 1<sup>st</sup> July this year. The wind and hydro sources, thanks to the buying power of IFM, remain competitively priced, and help us as a Catholic community to do a little towards our care of creation.

## The Pontifical Council for the Economy

Pope Francis created the Council for the Economy on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014, with the Apostolic Letter *Fidelis dispensator et prudens*. The Council's task is to supervise the economic management of the structures, along with the administrative and financial activities, of the Dicasteries of the Roman Curia, as well as the Institutions connected with the Holy See and Vatican City State. The Council is composed of fifteen Members, eight of whom are chosen from among Cardinals and Bishops, so as to reflect the universality of the Church. The other seven are experts of various nationalities, with financial expertise and recognized professional credentials. On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August the Pope appointed new Members, amongst whom were two women from the United Kingdom:

### **Ruth Mary Kelly**

She served in the Labour Government between 2004-2008 as the Secretary of State for Education and then joined HSBC Global Asset Management as Global Head of Client Strategy. She presently holds the position of Pro Vice Chancellor for Research and Enterprise at Saint Mary's University, Twickenham in south-west London.

### **Lesile Jane Ferrar**

A Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, she was Treasurer to the Prince of Wales from January 2015 until July 2017. She was educated at Harvard Business School and the University of Durham. On leaving the Royal Household she has taken on a number of Non-Executive and Trustee roles.

## 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 are now plentiful, and almost all the requested Masses have now been celebrated.

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.

<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Dominic, priest</b>
Mass	Mike Murtagh RIP
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Nineteenth Sunday of the Year</b>
Mass	Pro Populo (people of the parish)
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Lawrence, deacon and martyr</b>
Mass	David and Jennifer Gillespie (first wedding anniversary)
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Clare, virgin</b>
Mass	Private Intention (MB)
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Feria</b>
Mass	Edna Richedson RIP
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Feria</b>
Mass	The Priest
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, martyr</b>
Mass	Ellen Ansell - recovery
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>
S 6.00pm Mass	Father John Cairns
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>
C 10.45am Mass	Pro Populo (people of the parish)

## Readings at Masses this week

Sunday	1 Kings 19:1.11-13; Psalm 84(85):9-14; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33
Monday	2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Psalm 111(112):1-2.5-9; John 12:24-26
Tuesday	Ezekiel 2:8-3:4; Psalm 118(119):14.24.72.103.111.131; Matthew 18:1-5.10.12-14
Wednesday	Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Psalm 112(113):1-6; Matthew 18:15-20
Thursday	Ezekiel 12:1-12; Psalm 77(78):56-59.61-62; Matthew 18:21-19:1
Friday	Ezekiel 16:1-15.60.63; Isaiah 12; Matthew 19:3-12
Saturday	Ezekiel 18:1-10.13.30-32; Psalm 50(51):12-15.18-19; Matthew 19:13-15