



Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Southwell and Calverton

Our Lady of Victories, Southwell and Saint Anthony, Calverton

Our Lady of Victories : Halam Road, Southwell, Nottinghamshire NG25 0AD
Saint Anthony : Mansfield Lane, Calverton, Nottinghamshire NG14 6NP

Parish Priest: Father Simon Gillespie

Mobile: 07760 372105 Email: simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk

The Presbytery, Halam Road, Southwell, Nottinghamshire NG25 0AD Telephone: (01636) 812686

Parish Secretary: Justine Stoddart (currently on furlough)

Telephone: (01636) 812686 Parish Website: www.olvrchurch.com

Part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Nottingham Diocesan Website: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk
Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees Company Number: 7151646 Charity Number: 1134449



16th and 17th January 2021 : Second Sunday of the Year

At the start of each year we hear a little from Saint John's Gospel. He doesn't have a 'year' of his own in the cycle, and so his Gospels often appear at significant moments, and this year we'll have five weeks of John in August, contemplating the Eucharist. This Sunday we hear how Jesus calls some of his first apostles and their response. They follow Jesus. They question him. They spend time with Jesus. These actions, of speaking with Jesus, of following (or believing in) him, and of spending time with him, are hallmarks of discipleship then as now. Each one of us is called to these same three actions if we are truly to be disciples, to be Christians. These first disciples are also missionaries – it is not only John who sees Jesus and points him out, but Andrew, having found Jesus, then does likewise, by taking his brother. Are we inspired enough by knowing Jesus that we invite people to come with us to Mass, or to pray with us in our lives? There's something striking about the simplicity of these encounters today; we can imagine them, almost as if they happened to us, but we can also see the deep impression Jesus must have made. John records not just the event, but even the time; it's as if he writes "On that day, at four o'clock in the afternoon, I talked with Jesus: and the world changed for me." Would we be able to

say the same? Do our lives change when we meet Jesus, in Mass and in the scriptures? Our celebration of the sacraments together, as a community gathering for Mass, gives us the strength of the Holy Spirit to go out and face the world. Let us pray that we never lose sight of Jesus!



Peace Sunday : 17th January

A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace: Pope Francis' World Peace Day message.

Once again Pax Christi, the international Catholic movement for peace, has produced a variety of on-line and paper resources to celebrate Peace Sunday. While there are limits as to how we come together, Pax Christi UK have materials for parishes, communities and families - allowing for as much creativity as possible, this is not limited to one day or place! In his message to parishes Pax Christi's National President, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP says: This year has been one of unprecedented and continuing challenges. We are all conscious of the need to restore and rebuild our communities here and around the world, accepting that we need new ways of working and relating to each other. The Christian message of peace, through reconciliation, justice and nonviolence, can offer hope and direction in these times. I invite you to seriously consider facilitating a collection for, or making a donation to, the work of Pax Christi at this time as a way to make a practical contribution to continuing the work of peace.

For more information visit <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2021/>

Collection for the Diocesan Sick and Retired Priests' Fund

This Sunday we'll have a collection for the Diocesan Sick and Retired Priests' Fund, which exists to support clergy in retirement with living costs and assists with medical or healthcare support. Although not a pension fund, it is run on similar lines with a notional 'pot' to be built up for each priest which needs to approximate to £72,000 per priest at retirement. The Retired Priests Appeal will establish this in full for those who are already retired and in part for those who are still working. This annual Collection will support those Diocesan priests in this second category.

Sincere thanks for all those who can support our retired priests.

2021 – The Year of Saint Joseph



Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.**

**Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.**

**Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.**

Coming to Mass

Even in the current national lockdown public Mass is available on Saturday in Southwell at 6.00pm and on Sunday in Calverton at 10.45am. Being in a national lockdown we are precluded from any social interaction in or at church (outside of our bubble), but we can come to church with a maximum (including priest and stewards) of 20 people in Southwell and 24 people in Calverton.

To book a place telephone Kathleen and Robert Dixon on 01636 813874, at any reasonable time from Monday morning; if there's no reply leave a message with your name and number, or try ringing again a few minutes later. Don't use any other number to contact Kathleen and Robert, and please also 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;
- ✘ Sunday Masses bookings can be made during the preceding week only.

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 permitted to gather publicly in Tier 4 please ensure that you don't linger in the car park after Mass, tempting as it is to chat with fellow parishioners!
 - ✘ As the weather is now much colder please dress appropriately for the weather and temperature.

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!

Covid Vaccine

Bishop Patrick, along with all the leaders of major faith communities in the country, has received information from the Government asking that encouragement be given to support the rollout of the vaccine programme. This week Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI have both received their first vaccine jabs, and the Pope has stated that there is no moral justification for refusing the vaccine. If you are contacted to receive your jab please accept the invitation and help to protect not only yourself but all those in our community.

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, and other days and times during the week:

- www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf7upUMsn3Kl8GD79FotjQ/featured?fbclid=IwAR1JRpqkdOOrHZY98bsnSC_N9TKbvSKXv0L5bT4yVCcMTHaVmAwaW4g-rAk

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

- <https://ndcys.com>
- <https://www.youtube.com/ndcyslives>

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

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

Pope's Prayer Intention for January

Intention for evangelization – Human fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

A reflection from 'Marriage Matters'

You are my Beloved

How we each adapt to and accept the many differences in each other is a remarkable insight into the Spirit of God deeply seeded within us. It is this which calls us to say to one another: you are my chosen one in whom my heart delights! Let us celebrate with joy God's love for us and for all marriages.

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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from 18th until 25th January, finishing on the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2021 has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme that was chosen, “Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit”, is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community’s vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family.

Today the community has fifty sisters, all women from different generations, Church traditions, countries and continents. In their diversity the sisters are a living parable of communion. They remain faithful to a life of prayer, life in community and the welcoming of guests. The sisters share the grace of their monastic life with visitors and volunteers who go to Grandchamp for a time of retreat, silence, healing or in search of meaning. For 2021, the sisters are inviting churches across the world to enter into their tradition of prayer and silence that is rooted in the ancient traditions of the Catholic Church.

Jesus said to the disciples, “abide in my love” (John 15:9). He abides in the love of the Father (John 15:10) and desires nothing other than to share this love with us: “I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father” (John 15:15). Grafted into the vine, which is Jesus himself, the Father becomes our vinedresser who prunes us to make us grow. This describes what happens in prayer. The Father is the centre of our lives, who centres our lives. He prunes us and makes us whole, and whole human beings give glory to the Father.

Abiding in Christ is an inner attitude that takes root in us over time. It demands space to grow. It can be overtaken by the struggle for the necessities of life and it is threatened by the distractions, noise, activity and the challenges of life. We live in a time that is both troubling and magnificent, an often dangerous time where we are challenged by pandemics, wars, violence, poverty, racism and climate change. Yet as Christians seeking reconciliation, justice and peace, we also know the full value of a spiritual life, have an immense responsibility and must realize it, unite and help each other create forces of calmness, refuges of peace, vital centres where the silence of people calls on the creative word of God. It is a question of life and death.

The summary of the rule of life that the sisters of Grandchamp recite together each morning begins with the words “**pray and work that God may reign**”. Prayer and everyday life are not two separate realities but are meant to be united. All that we experience is meant to become an encounter with God.

Forthcoming Events

Peace Sunday 2021 National Liturgy. Together we will gather on zoom on **Saturday 16th January** at 6.00pm to pray, share and reflect on Pope Francis' message 'A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace'. We will explore what this message calls us to do as peacemakers and how we respond to the call to live non-violently. If you have any questions or problems registering for this event, please contact the office at admin@paxchristi.org.uk

Journey in Hope: Patterns for action and contemplation

Wednesday 20th January, 10.00am – 11.30am. Let's ensure that everything we do together with Caritas springs from a generous and reflective spirituality, and nourishes us for more. We'll take time to discern what that might look like in practice, sharing ideas and sharing prayer. To book a place on this course visit:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScBM-_FusEpK4SPMvoqEJmi3pklUjUarrDnORTzSYNzold0Tg/viewform

The Catholic Biblical Federation presents **The Prophecy of the Gospel for the life of all** on **Friday 22nd January**. Putting the biblical Scriptures at the centre of religious formation and daily life, for those who are Christian and for those of other cultural inspiration: this goal appears increasingly important in the rich and fragmented European continent to make relations between people and the economic and political choices of the present and the future. The meeting will start at 5.00pm and will end at 6.30pm. It will take place online and can be followed via c-b-f.org/streaming or YouTube and Facebook by the Catholic Biblical Federation.

The Adventures of a Biblical Translator Dom Henry Wansbrough, editor of the New Jerusalem Bible and most recently the Revised New Jerusalem Bible, Dom Henry has spent a lifetime in Bible translation. On **Saturday 23rd January** between 11.00am and 12.30pm he'll speak about his life's work. To access this live stream event go to www.sppilford.org.uk and click on live stream remote services. The event will be available subsequently on www.whatgoodnews.org

Questions for Fr Henry on bible translation may be emailed beforehand to catholicbiblicalassociation.gb@gmail.com

Let us Dream: The Path to a Better Future Let Us Dream! is the first book written by a pope in response to a major crisis, and the first ever to be drafted in English – by his collaborator and biographer, Austen Ivereigh. The book offers not just the Pope's reflections on the multiple coronavirus crises, but spiritual guidance on how

to make use of the pandemic to make a better world, drawing on powerful episodes from his own life and a lifetime of leadership. The event will be held on **Saturday 30th January** between 11.00am and 12.30pm. To access this live stream event go to www.sppilford.org.uk and click on live stream remote services. The event will be available subsequently on www.whatgoodnews.org Questions for Austen may be emailed beforehand to adriangraffy@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Global Healing – How our faith helps us to care for our common home. On Thursdays 7.30pm – 8.30pm from **Thursday 18th February** until Thursday 29th April. In 2015, Pope Francis published his ground-breaking letter on the environment *Laudato Si'*. Since then, millions of people worldwide have joined the global movement to address the environmental crisis our world is facing. We are invited to join a series of reflective evenings with inspiring speakers, prayer and discussion, using the film-based resource Global Healing. These engaging documentaries inform and challenge us to respond to Pope Francis' call to care for Our Common Home. Suitable for all who are concerned about what is happening to our world and who want to take action. To register follow this link:

**[https://dioceseofnottingham.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?
u=8660f054ac5b3dc3f5fec2801&id=4e028744e6&e=f897edc387](https://dioceseofnottingham.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8660f054ac5b3dc3f5fec2801&id=4e028744e6&e=f897edc387)**

Here: Now: Us Missionary disciples for a post-Covid world: a three-part programme In 2021 here in the Diocese of Nottingham, we're launching a new scheme to help you put your faith into action, bring Catholic social teaching to life in your neighbourhood, and build your parish into a confident, outward-looking community when the pandemic subsides. We have teamed up with the national charity Together for the Common Good (T4CG). Here: Now: Us is a three part programme which fosters lay leadership for Catholic social action. Here: Now: Us will lay foundations for our Caritas network, in your parish and in the diocese as a whole. In *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis says: 'The essential vocation and mission of the lay faithful is to strive that earthly realities and all human activity may be transformed by the Gospel.' Here: Now: Us will help you take up that great challenge and invitation.

Join us for a short introduction to Here: Now: Us on **Monday 22nd February from 7.00pm until 8.30pm via Zoom..** We'll take you through the programme, and you can 'dip your toe in' to see if it's something you would be interested in. An ideal opportunity to satisfy your curiosity, ask questions, and find out what's involved.

**[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScf7sjc_m1WwDYkcRRH_hjVU4bBiG
JSL_agCrDYDv1Q1ZgaMQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScf7sjc_m1WwDYkcRRH_hjVU4bBiGJSL_agCrDYDv1Q1ZgaMQ/viewform)**

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 support each other in growing as Catholic disciples. Register here:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMrcuygqjwpGdNBRC5NIQ46Eu1bleEg246A>

The Year of the Word

The Year of the Word has been extended to continue through 2021, since so many of the planned events didn't happen last year. We might continue to pray the Prayer for the Year day by day:

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.



As we continue with the Year of the Word consider listening to the excellent short mini series (five 14 minute segments), which has been aired recently on BBC Radio 4 and is available still to hear via BBC iPlayer (BBC Sounds). In each segment Hugh Bonneville reads **John Barton's 'Story of the Bible'** the link to access is: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/series/m000qlrx>

Nuclear Weapons Ban in the United Kingdom

On Friday 22nd January the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) comes into force. This Nuclear Weapon Ban Treaty is the first legally binding international agreement to comprehensively prohibit nuclear weapons. It was adopted on 7th July 2017, and Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher, the Vatican's Secretary for Relations with States, signed the Treaty at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. When Honduras ratified the treaty in late October 2020, it reached the mandatory 50 ratifications. The Treaty comprehensively prohibits states from participating in any nuclear weapons-related activities, including development, testing, possession, stockpile, use, or threat of use of nuclear weapons. Signatories are also obliged "to prevent and suppress any activity prohibited under the TPNW undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control."

A number of countries have objected to the Treaty. The United States, the United Kingdom, and France say it "risks undermining the existing international security architecture which contributes to the maintenance of international peace and security," and that all states "share a common responsibility to protect and strengthen our collective security system in order to further promote international peace, stability, and security."

During his Apostolic Visit to Japan in November 2019, Pope Francis spoke of the "unspeakable horror" of nuclear weapons. Visiting Nagasaki, he called on world leaders to end their stockpiling. "Convinced as I am that a world without nuclear weapons is possible and necessary, I ask political leaders not to forget that these weapons cannot protect us from current threats to national and international security," he said.

As the Treaty comes into force on Friday, our Bishops have described it as an "historic milestone on the path to nuclear disarmament and an opportunity to refocus on genuine peacebuilding rooted in dialogue, justice, respect for human dignity, and care for our planet." Bishop Declan Lang, Bishop of Clifton, speaking for the Bishops' Conference reiterated the call for the UK "to forsake its nuclear arsenal." He pointed out that "the resources spent on manufacturing, maintaining and upgrading these weapons of mass destruction should be reinvested to alleviate the suffering of the poorest and most vulnerable members of our society, for the Common Good of all peoples." The Bishops also implore the UK government "to strengthen its arms control regulations, tackling the manufacture and sale of other weaponry, which continues to destroy so many lives throughout the world."



An Update from Cafod

Wishing everyone every happiness for 2021. Here are five possible actions for Cafod to take your mind off the restrictions of Lockdown.

Reclaim our Common Home: This year, the UK will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil: the COP26 climate talks. We must urge the Prime Minister to make sure communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at this historic event. Sign the Petition. See: cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns

Walk for Water this Lent: Need a new challenge for 2021? One in three people worldwide do not have access to safe clean drinking water. Are you ready to change your life and transform someone else's this Lent? Cafod is asking supporters to walk 10,000 steps a day for the 40 days of Lent to give the boot to water poverty. You can sign up and seek sponsors via Just Giving at cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Walk-for-Water

Coronavirus Prayers: When the coronavirus pandemic took hold last year, Cafod supporters stood with love alongside families impacted by the pandemic; people like Asal in Afghanistan, who lost someone she loved to coronavirus. When her husband died, she had to find a way to provide for their two daughters and three sons without him. Thankfully, Asal was not alone. She is a member of a self-help group funded by Cafod to help women in the region build their skills and fulfil their potential. Thanks to your support, Asal can get training and a loan to start her own business, so she and her children can start to rebuild their lives. "My only hope is the self-help group. I am planning to request some chickens so I can start a small poultry farm."

Join Cafod in praying for all those affected by coronavirus around the world:

Lord Jesus, give us the grace to hear your voice. And the strength to continue working for your kingdom in this time of pandemic. Do not allow us to be indifferent to those who today suffer the loss of a loved one, or who suffer from the absence of work. But give us the courage to accompany and side with those who suffer violence or injustice. Amen.

See cafod.org.uk/News/International-news/Survival-hope-and-healing

Spring Raffle 2021: Every raffle ticket you buy will support vital work helping the people in the world who need it the most. Plus, you could win one of eight fabulous prizes! You could help a hard-working farmer plant crops that will survive a drought, or a young mum get access to clean water to drink. You could help save lives in the

vital first hours and days after an emergency hits. To participate in the electronic raffle see www.raffleplayer.com/cafod

Will-writing services: Over a third of Cafod's development work is paid for thanks to the gifts from supporters' wills. And the service comes at no cost. Cafod has partnered with Guardian Angel online wills. Their service is quick and easy to use, and because it's online you don't have to leave the house or wait for a face-to-face appointment. It takes you through the process step by step, and if you have any questions along the way Guardian Angel's team of professionals is on hand to help. If you start the process before Friday 5th February, it will be absolutely free for you and Cafod. See: cafod.org.uk/News/UK-news/Online-will-writing-offer

For when we find it difficult to pray : A format for praying

Finding God in all things (with thanks to Father Simon Bishop SJ)

A preparatory prayer

Father, show me who You are,
Holy Spirit, let me see with Your light,
whatever You want me to see,
Jesus, lead me to wherever You want to meet me, so that,
I may know You more intimately,
Love You more whole-heartedly and
Follow You more closely,
To Your greater service, praise and glory.
Amen.

Pause – make the sign of the Cross (slowly). Notice how God is looking at me.

Notice – how am I feeling: happy, sad; relaxed; worried; grateful; angry; peaceful; irritated?

Offer – this time of prayer to God's greater praise and service.

Ask – God for what I want: what do I want, desire, need, today?

Listen – to God, especially in God's Word, speaking to me: what word, phrase, picture, memory, moves me?

Silence - allow God to speak to me in the silence of my heart.

Conversation – speak to God about what is in my heart and let Him respond.

Finish - thanking God, with the Our Father. Make the sign of the Cross (slowly).

Review – what happened during this time of prayer?

Adult Education Courses

We have now released our Spring Term courses which can be found on our website:

<https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/skills-learning/online-learning-spring-2021/>

There is a wide range of topics on offer from free Functional Skills English, Maths and ICT through to our discounted community learning programme which includes titles like 'Creative Writing: Your life through a lens' and 'Creative Photography for beginners'. All of these will be offered through Zoom. Priority will be given to residents of Nottinghamshire on all of our courses.

For more information please contact Andrew Day, Lead Tutor (Gedling), Inspire: Culture, Learning and Libraries: Telephone: 0115 804 4943; Mobile: 07552 290736

Supporting Newark Foodbank

The following items are especially needed at the moment:

- ✘ Long life fruit juice (not squash)
- ✘ Tinned fruit
- ✘ Tinned meat soup
- ✘ Sugar (500g or 1kg)
- ✘ Sponge puddings (tinned/microwave)
- ✘ Laundry liquid tabs / tablets

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

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!

A prayer for life

As we open the week of prayer for Christian Unity, we pray especially for our shared calling to protect and preserve all life. We pray that our unity and ecumenical efforts on all life issues would inspire the world to join us in defending the lives and rights of all vulnerable in society. Lord hear us”

Right To Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP by visiting the link below:

<https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>

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.
- ✘ **Sarah Cartwright**, who died on Saturday 9th January aged 46. May she rest in peace.
- ✘ **Bridget Morgan**, who died on Monday 11th January. May she rest in peace.
- ✘ **Joy Bourne**, sister of Monsignor Jonathan Moore, who died on 12th January. May she rest in peace.
- ✘ **Archbishop Philip Tartaglia**. Archbishop of Glasgow, who died on Wednesday 13th January aged 70. May he rest in peace.
- ✘ **Bishop Vincent Logan**, emeritus Bishop of Dunkeld, who died on Thursday 14th January aged 79. May he rest in peace.
- ✘ **Neil O’Flanagan**, who died recently. May he rest in peace.
- ✘ **Linda**, a member of staff at Saint Thomas More school, Buxton, who died recently. May she rest in peace.
- ✘ **Robin Hudson**, who died recently. May he rest in peace.
- ✘ **John Pett**, of Saint Wilfrid’s church, Calverton.
- ✘ **Graham Perks**, of Halam.
- ✘ **Clergy of our diocese who are sick at this time**: Monsignor Jonathan Moore, Canons Michael Moore and Owen O’Neill, Fathers John Cairns, Anthony Colebrook, John Daley IC, Hugh Doherty, James Hannigan, Peter Harvey, Christopher Hogan, James Lynch, Frank McLaughlin, Robert Rutledge, Michael Tutcher; Deacons Tom Berrie, Stephen Doona, Bill Hutchinson and Robin Pollard.

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 16th January **Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
No morning Mass

Second Sunday of the Year (Peace Sunday)

Collection for the Sick and Retired Priests of our Diocese
--

S 6.00pm Mass	The Lawton Family
---------------	-------------------

Sunday 17th January **Second Sunday of the Year (Peace Sunday)**

C 10.45am Mass	Pro Populo (people of the parish)
----------------	-----------------------------------

Monday 18th January **Feria**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Mass	Intentions of Sheilah Andrews
------	-------------------------------

Tuesday 19th January **Feria**

Mass	Neil O'Flanagan RIP
------	---------------------

Wednesday 20th January **Memorial of Blessed Cyprian Michael Tansi, priest**

Mass	Sabina May Crosse RIP
------	-----------------------

Thursday 21st January **Memorial of Saint Agnes, virgin and martyr**

Mass	Sodality of Saint Augustine of Hippo
------	--------------------------------------

Friday 22nd January **Feria**

Mass	Jim and Joyce Goodyer RIP
------	---------------------------

Saturday 23rd January **Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

No morning Mass

Third Sunday of the Year (Word of God Sunday)

S 6.00pm Mass	John and Cora Lynch RIP
---------------	-------------------------

Sunday 24th January **Third Sunday of the Year (Word of God Sunday)**

C 10.45am Mass	Pro Populo (people of the parish)
----------------	-----------------------------------

Readings at Masses this week

Sunday 1 Samuel 3:3-10.19; Psalm 39(40):2.4.7-10;

1 Corinthians 6:13-15.17-20; John 1:35-42

Monday Hebrews 5:1-10; Psalm 109(110):1-4; Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday Hebrews 6:10-20; Psalm 110(111):1-2.4-5.9.10; Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday Hebrews 7:1-3.15-17; Psalm 109(110):1-4; Mark 3:1-6

Thursday Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Psalm 39(40):7-10.17; Mark 3:7-12

Friday Hebrews 8:6-13; Psalm 84(85):8.10-14; Mark 3:13-19

Saturday Hebrews 9:2-3.11-14; Psalm 46(47):2-3.6-9; Mark 3:20-21