



Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Southwell and Calverton

Our Lady of Victories, Southwell and Saint Anthony, Calverton

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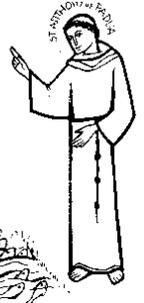
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5th and 6th September 2020 : Twenty-third Sunday of the Year

This Sunday's reflection is taken from Saint Leo the Great, a reflection about the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12), which gives us the blueprint, so to speak, for how we can live a Christian life. If we were ever asked for our Mission Statement as Christians, the Beatitudes would be our reply.

The Lord says: *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.* This hunger is not for bodily food, this thirst is not for any earthly drink: it is a longing to be blessed with righteousness, and, by penetrating the secret of all mysteries, to be filled with the Lord himself. Happy is the soul that longs for the food of righteousness and thirsts for this kind of drink; it would not seek such



*Keep your deeds of
mercy secret*

things if it had not already savoured their delight. When the soul hears the voice of the Spirit saying to it through the prophet: *Taste and see that the Lord is good*, it has already received a portion of God's goodness, and is on fire with love, the love that gives joy of the utmost purity. It counts as nothing all that belongs to time; it is entirely consumed with desire to eat and drink the food of righteousness. The soul lays hold of the true meaning of the first and great commandment: *You shall love the Lord God with your whole heart, and your whole mind and your whole strength*, for to love God is nothing else than to love righteousness.

Finally, just as concern for one's neighbour is added to love of God, so the virtue of mercy is added to the desire for righteousness, as it is said: *Blessed are the merciful, for God will be merciful to them.* Remember, Christian, the surpassing worth of the wisdom that is yours. Bear in mind the kind of school in which you are to learn your skills, the rewards to which you are called. Mercy itself wishes you to be merciful, righteousness itself wishes you to be righteous, so that the Creator may shine forth in his creature, and the image of God be reflected in the mirror of the human heart as it imitates his qualities. The faith of those who live their faith is a serene faith. What you long for will be given you; what you love will be yours for ever.

Since it is by giving alms that everything is pure for you, you will also receive that blessing which is promised next by the Lord: *Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.* Dear friends, great is the happiness of those for whom such a reward is prepared. Who are the clean of heart if not those who strive for those virtues we have mentioned above? What mind can conceive, what words can express the great happiness of seeing God? Yet human nature will achieve this when it has been transformed so that it sees the Godhead *no longer in a mirror or obscurely but face to face* – the Godhead that no man has been able to see. In the inexpressible joy of this eternal vision, human nature will possess *what eye has not seen or ear heard, what man's heart has never conceived.*

Change of email address

Clergy in the diocese now have new email addresses, to increase email security and to help comply with data protection legislation. Accordingly, and with apologies for the short notice, neither the parish email address (olv.rcchurch@gmail.com) nor Father Simon's email address (simon@nottinghamcatholic.com) will be operative. Please use this new email address with immediate effect:

simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk

for both Father Simon and for the parish. Hopefully it will be possible to have a new parish email address in due course also.

Pope's Prayer Intentions

Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Welcome back to Mass

We are now in our fourth week of being able to offer Sunday Masses publicly, thanks to the generosity of many parishioners who are acting as stewards, cleaners, and booking-clerks, and well as those who continue to maintain the two churches in our parish. It is hoped that we can continue this pattern each week:

**Our Lady of Victories church, Southwell, on Saturdays at 6.00pm,
Saint Anthony's church, Calverton, on Sundays 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 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. Providing your telephone number is voluntary, and you can come to Mass without doing so;
- ✘ 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.

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.

Thank you to all those who have come back to Mass, and found it to be a very safe and secure environment, with all the necessary precautions in place.

Ways to continue to participate in the life of the Church

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

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

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

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

The link to the televised Mass is here:

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

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

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

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

- www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf7upUMsn3KI8GD79FotjQ/featured?fbclid=IwAR1JRpqkdO0rHZY98bsnSC_N9TKbvSKXv0L5bT4yVCcMTHaVmAwaW4g-rAk

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>

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.

Pope Francis's Message for the World Day of Creation

You will declare the fiftieth year holy and you will proclaim the liberation in the earth for all its inhabitants. It will be a jubilee for you. (*Leviticus 25,10*)

Dear brothers and sisters,

Every year, particularly since the publication of the Encyclical Letter *Laudato si'* (LS, 24 May 2015), the first day of September marks the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation for the Christian family, with which the Time of Creation begins, which ends on 4 October, in memory of Saint Francis of Assisi. In this period, Christians throughout the world renew their faith in God the Creator and unite in a special way in prayer and action for the safeguard of the common home. I am pleased that the theme chosen by the ecumenical family for the celebration of the Time of Creation 2020 is *Jubilee for the Earth*, precisely in the year in which the fiftieth anniversary of Earth Day occurs. In Sacred Scripture, the Jubilee is a sacred time to remember, return, rest, repair and rejoice.

1. A time to remember

We are invited to remember above all that the ultimate destiny of creation is to enter into God's 'eternal Sabbath. It is a journey that takes place in time, embracing the rhythm of the seven days of the week, the cycle of seven years and the great Jubilee Year that comes to the end of seven sabbatical years. The Jubilee is also a time of grace to commemorate the original vocation of creation to be and prosper as a community of love. We exist only through relationships: with God the creator, with brothers and sisters as members of a common family, and with all creatures who inhabit our own home. 'Everything is related, and all of us human beings are united as brothers and sisters in a wonderful pilgrimage, linked by the love that God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us among us, with tender affection, to our brother sun, to sister moon, to brother river and to mother earth' (LS 92). The Jubilee, therefore, is a time for remembrance, where to keep the memory of our inter-relational existence. We constantly need to remember that 'everything is related, and that the authentic care of our own life and of our relations with nature is inseparable from fraternity, justice and fidelity to others' (LS 70).

2. A time to return

The Jubilee is a time to go back and repent. We have broken the bonds that united us to the Creator, to other human beings and to the rest of creation. We need to heal these damaged relationships, which are essential to sustain ourselves and the entire fabric of life. The Jubilee is a time of return to God, our loving creator. One cannot live in harmony with creation without being at peace with the Creator, the

source and origin of all things. As Pope Benedict observed, ‘the brutal consumption of creation begins where there is no God, where matter is now only material for us, where we ourselves are the last instances, where the whole is simply our property’ (Encounter with the Clergy of the Diocese of Bolzano-Bressanone, 6 August 2008). The Jubilee invites us to think again of others, especially the poor and the most vulnerable. We are called to welcome once again God’s original and loving plan for creation as a common inheritance, a banquet to be shared with all brothers and sisters in a spirit of conviviality; not in a broken competition, but in a joyful communion, where one supports and protects one another. The Jubilee is a time to give freedom to the oppressed and all those who are chained in the shackles of various forms of modern slavery, including human trafficking and child labour. We also need to return to listen to the earth, indicated in Scripture as *adamah*, the place from which man, Adam, was taken. Today the voice of creation urges us, alarmed, to return to the right place in the natural order, to remember that we are part, not masters, of the interconnected web of life. The disintegration of biodiversity, the dizzying increase in climate disasters, the unequal impact of the pandemic underway on the poorest and most fragile are alarm bells in the face of the unbridled greed of consumption. Particularly during this Time of Creation, we listen to the heartbeat of creation. Indeed, it was given birth to manifest and communicate the glory of God, to help us find the Lord of all things in his beauty and return to him (cf. Saint Bonaventure, In II Sent., I,2,2,q.1, concluded; Brevil., II,5.11). The land from which we were drawn is therefore a place of prayer and meditation: ‘let us awaken the aesthetic and contemplative sense that God has placed in us’ (Apostolic Exhortation *Querida Amazonia*, 56). The ability to marvel and contemplate is something we can learn especially from indigenous brothers and sisters, who live in harmony with the earth and its many forms of life.

3. A time to rest

In his wisdom, God reserved the Sabbath day so that the earth and its inhabitants could rest and be refreshed. Today, however, our lifestyles push the planet beyond its limits. The continuous demand for growth and the incessant cycle of production and consumption are exhausting the environment. Forests dissolve, soil is eroded, fields disappear, deserts advance, seas turn sour and storms intensify: creation groans! During the Jubilee, the People of God were invited to rest from their usual work, to allow the earth to regenerate and the world to rearrange itself, thanks to the decline in habitual consumption. Today we need to find equitable and sustainable styles of life, which give the Earth the rest it deserves, sufficient livelihoods for all, without destroying the ecosystems that maintain us. The current pandemic has somehow led us to rediscover simpler and more sustainable lifestyles.

The crisis, in a sense, has given us the opportunity to develop new ways of living. It was possible to see how the Earth is able to recover if we allow it to rest: the air has become cleaner, the waters more transparent, animal species have returned to many places from which they had disappeared. The pandemic has brought us to a crossroads. We must take advantage of this decisive moment to put an end to superfluous and destructive activities and purposes, and to cultivate generative values, bonds and projects. We need to examine our habits of energy use, consumption, transport and nutrition. We need to remove non-essential and harmful aspects from our economies, and create fruitful ways of trading,

4. A time to mend

The Jubilee is a time to repair the original harmony of creation and to heal compromised human relationships. It invites us to re-establish equitable social relations, restoring each one's freedom and property, and forgiving the debts of others. We should therefore not forget the history of exploitation of the South of the planet, which has caused an enormous ecological debt, mainly due to the plundering of resources and the excessive use of the common environmental space for waste disposal. It is the time for restorative justice. In this regard, I renew my appeal to cancel the debt of the most fragile countries in light of the serious impacts of the health, social and economic crises they face following covid-19. It also needs to be ensured that the incentives for recovery, being developed and implemented at global, regional and national levels, are effective. It is also necessary to repair the earth. Restoring a climatic balance is of utmost importance, as we are in the midst of an emergency. We are running out of time, as our children and young people remind us. Everything possible must be done to limit the growth of the global average temperature below the threshold of 1.5 degrees Celsius, as enshrined in the Paris Agreement on Climate: going further will prove catastrophic, especially for the poorest communities around the world. At this critical moment it is necessary to promote intra-generational and inter-generational solidarity. In preparation for the major Climate Summit in Glasgow, UK (COP 26), I urge each country to adopt more ambitious national targets to reduce emissions. Restoring biodiversity is equally crucial in the context of an unprecedented disappearance of species and ecosystem degradation. It is necessary to support the UN call to safeguard 30% of the Earth as a protected habitat by 2030, in order to stem the alarming rate of biodiversity loss. I urge the international community to work together to ensure that the Biodiversity Summit (COP 15) in Kunming, China, is a turning point towards the re-establishment of the Earth as a home where life is abundant, according to the will of the Creator. We are obliged to make good repairs in justice, ensuring that those who have

inhabited a land for generations can fully regain its use. Indigenous communities must be protected from companies, particularly multinationals, which, through the deleterious extraction of fossil fuels, minerals, timber and agro-industrial products, 'do in the least developed countries what they cannot do in the countries that bring them capital' (LS 51). This corporate misconduct represents a 'new type of colonialism' (Saint John Paul II, Address to the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences , April 27, 2001, quoted in Querida Amazonia, 14), which shamefully exploits communities and poorer countries in the desperate search for economic development. It is necessary to consolidate national and international laws, so that they regulate the activities of mining companies and guarantee access to justice for those who are harmed.

5. A time to rejoice

In the biblical tradition, the Jubilee represents a joyful event, inaugurated by a trumpet sound that resounds throughout the earth. We know that the cry of the Earth and of the poor has become even louder in recent years. At the same time, we are witnesses of how the Holy Spirit is inspiring individuals and communities everywhere to come together to rebuild our common home and defend the most vulnerable. We are witnessing the gradual emergence of a great mobilization of people, who from below and from the peripheries are generously working for the protection of the earth and the poor. It gives joy to see so many young people and communities, especially indigenous ones, at the forefront of responding to the ecological crisis. They are calling for an Earth Jubilee and a new beginning, in the knowledge that 'things can change' (LS, 13). It is also to be rejoiced to note that the special anniversary year of *Laudato si'* is inspiring numerous initiatives at a local and global level for the care of the common home and of the poor. This year should lead to long-term operational plans to achieve an integral ecology in families, parishes, dioceses, religious orders, schools, universities, health care, businesses, farms and in many other areas. We also rejoice that believing communities are converging to create a more just, peaceful and sustainable world. It is a reason for particular joy that the Time of Creation is becoming a truly ecumenical initiative. We continue to grow in the awareness that we all live in a common home as members of the same family! Let us rejoice because, in his love, the Creator supports our humble efforts for the Earth. It is also the house of God, where his Word 'became flesh and dwelt among us' (John 1:14), the place that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit constantly renews. **Send your Spirit, Lord, and renew the face of the earth** (cf. Psalm 104,30).

Rome, San Giovanni in Laterano

1 September 2020

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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.

Prayer for the Season of Creation

We are invited to pray this prayer during the Season of Creation (until 4th October):

Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you with all your creatures and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of Your hands.

We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility that You give us as stewards of Your creation.

In our ignorance we have done damage to our common home and our brothers and sisters are suffering.

Through faithfully following your Son guide and direct us to prepare for a better future.

Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of You.

Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all You have created, using wisely all that you have entrusted to us.

Holy Spirit,

who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew order out of the chaos help us to build your kingdom of justice, love, peace and beauty

where the poor of the earth are crying out.

You, who live and reign, world without end, Amen.

Supporting Newark Foodbank

The following items are especially needed at the moment:

- ✘ Fruit juice (long life)
- ✘ Instant mashed potato
- ✘ Tinned rice pudding
- ✘ Sponge puddings
- ✘ Feminine deodorant

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

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
- ✘ Sign the petition to the Prime Minister at cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns
- ✘ Join the on-line talk about how the debt crisis is affecting the Global South on Thursday 17th September from 6.00pm. Sign up at cafod.org.uk/debtinjustice

Prayers for the Season of Creation Inspired by *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis has established 1st 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 4th 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

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 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

Churches Together in Southwell : Christian Aid

Every May in Christian Aid Week, over 100 volunteers from Southwell and the villages of Edingley, Fiskerton, Halam, Morton, Normanton and Upton collect door to door to support Christian Aid's work in 37 countries across the world. Last year over £8,120 was raised to support the charity. This year, due to the coronavirus pandemic there was no door to door collection during Christian Aid Week. Thanks to the generosity of supporters and volunteers £2,072 was raised through the Christian Aid Week Just Giving page, and donations of ticket money from the cancelled Lent Lunch. These funds will help Christian Aid's response to the coronavirus outbreak in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. Currently working together with partners and faith leaders, Christian Aid is informing people about the risks, offering vital hygiene training, equipping health facilities with supplies, and providing food packages to the most marginalised families.

Unfortunately funds for this work are greatly reduced this year and coronavirus is revealing even more the problems faced by the world's poor. Christian Aid reports that 40% of the global population, 3 billion people, do not have access to a basic hand-washing facility at home; 750,000 people affected by the blast in Beirut need housing, food and health care; 40 million people are displaced within their own countries and not given international recognition as refugees, although their plight is critical. The moving stories of displaced people in Nigeria, Kenya and Iraq can be seen in the *Uprooted Photographic Exhibition* at Southwell Minster during September.



Times are desperate and have been made far worse by the pandemic. Consequently a new fund-raising event is being held: for the whole of September, 20 members of Southwell Churches Together,

including Ros, Theresa, Frank and Lesley from our parish, will be walking, running, cycling and mobility scooting 500 miles of The Camino de Santiago de Compostela virtually. This popular pilgrimage route starts at Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port, in southern France, crosses the western Pyrenees and finishes at Santiago de Compostela in Northern Spain. Please sponsor the group and see regular updates of the progress of Southwell and Villages Pilgrimage 2020 at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/casouthwellandvillagespilgrimage2020>

Thank you for your help for our global neighbours who are still facing crisis.

Virtual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life

With great help and support from the Shrine staff this year there will be a virtual pilgrimage to Walsingham, where distance is no barrier to sharing in the day, on **Saturday 27th September**. It can be accessed via YouTube on Walsingham Catholic TV (www.youtube.com/watch?v=__0aJG5juz0) or at the Basilica live stream www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/ Devotions will be streamed throughout the day, beginning with the Mass at 12.00. Full details are available on the website, including the programme for the day: www.prolifepilgrimage.org/

Bishop Marcus Stock of Leeds is leading the day and will be at the Shrine in person. It is a day of prayer and reparation for the sanctity of life. Our society has attacked the Church's deep rooted teachings on these issues for a very long time. The Pilgrimage started 37 years ago with some parishioners from Spanish Place, Westminster diocese, led by Father Jeremy Davies, on a single coach. In recent times the day has been attended by up to 1,400 pilgrims.

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 currently there are very few Mass intentions to be celebrated. This is one of the traditional ways in which parishioners support the parish, so do consider if you'd like to have a Mass offered for a particular person or occasion.

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!

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.

A reflection from 'Marriage Matters'

To listen is to Love

Matthew reminds us of Jesus' promise "...where two or more meet in my name I will be with them". In all the practical ways we look after each other, we are saying; 'your concerns are my concerns'. Nothing is too small or insignificant in our marriage, and my beloved is beside me to call me back to our life together.

Grapevine

This month's edition includes articles about:

- ✘ Parishes of welcome, listening and hope: 9 September
- ✘ Celebrating the Season of Creation: bidding prayers
- ✘ Caritas is coming: 7 November - advance notice

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The Cycle of Prayer

During Summer Ordinary Time we are asked to pray for the following intentions in our own private prayer:

- ✘ A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews;
- ✘ Those who suffer persecution, oppression, and a denial of human rights;
- ✘ Europe;
- ✘ Human life;
- ✘ Seafarers.

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.
- ✘ **David Lisle**, who died on Tuesday 1st September. May he rest in peace!
- ✘ **Clergy of our diocese who are sick at this time**: Monsignor Jonathan Moore, 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 Stephen Doona, and Bill Hutchinson.

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 5th September

No morning Mass

S 6.00pm Mass

Sunday 6th September

C 10.45am Mass

Monday 7th September

Mass

Tuesday 8th September

Mass

Wednesday 9th September

Mass

Thursday 10th September

Mass

Friday 11th September

Mass

Saturday 12th September

No morning Mass

Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Twenty-third Sunday of the Year

Mary Back RIP

Twenty-third Sunday of the Year

Pro Populo (people of the parish)

Feria

Thanksgiving (MB)

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mark Gillespie RIP (12th anniversary)

Feria

Marie Oakes

Feria

Donor's Intentions

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Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary

Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year

Collection for the Holy Places of Palestine at Sunday Masses

S 6.00pm Mass

Archbishop Peter Smith RIP

Sunday 13th September

Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year

C 10.45am Mass

Pro Populo (people of the parish)

Readings at Masses this week

Sunday Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 94(95):1-2.6-9; Romans 13:8-10;
Matthew 18:15-20

Monday 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Psalm 5:5-7.12; Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 12(13):6-7; Matthew 1:1-16.18-23

Wednesday 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Psalm 44(45):11-12.14-17; Luke 6:20-26

Thursday 1 Corinthians 8:1-7.11-13; Psalm 138(139):1-3.13-14.23-24;
Luke 6:27-38

Friday 1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-27; Psalm 83(84):3-6.12; Luke 6:39-42

Saturday 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Psalm 115(116):12-13.17-18; Luke 6:43-49