



Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Southwell and Calverton

Our Lady of Victories, Southwell and Saint Anthony, Calverton

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1st and 2nd February 2020 : Presentation of the Lord

Today's feast of the Presentation of the Lord, or Candlemas, is celebrated forty days after Christmas, and recalls the time when Jesus was recognised by Simeon and Anna, in the Temple in Jerusalem, as a 'light for all the nations' m An ancient tradition of the Church is to bless candles at the start of today's Mass, and then from a procession into church, remembering Jesus' journey to the Temple, and from there into the whole world. This reflection, from the bishop Saint Sophronius, helps us to meditate on Jesus as the light of the world.

In honour of the divine mystery that we celebrate today, let us all hasten to meet Christ. Everyone should be eager to join the procession and to carry a light. Our lighted candles are a sign of the divine splendour of the one who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole universe radiant with the brilliance of his eternal light. Our candles also show how bright our souls should be when we meet Christ.

The Mother of God, the most pure Virgin, carried the true light in her arms and brought him to those who lay in darkness. We too should carry a light for all to see and reflect the radiance of the true light as we hasten to meet him. The light has come and has shone upon a world enveloped in shadows; the Dayspring from on high has visited us and given light to those who lived in darkness. This,



then, is our feast, and we join in procession with lighted candles to reveal the light that has shone upon us and the glory that is yet to come to us through him. So let us hasten all together to meet our God.

The true light has come, the light that enlightens every man who is born into this world. Let all of us, my brethren, be enlightened and made radiant by this light. Let all of us share in its splendour, and be so filled with it that no one remains in the darkness. Let us be shining ourselves as we go together to meet and to receive with the aged Simeon the light whose brilliance is eternal. Rejoicing with Simeon, let us sing a hymn of thanksgiving to God, the Father of the light, who sent the true light to dispel the darkness and to give us all a share in his splendour. Through Simeon's eyes we too have seen the salvation of God which he prepared for all the nations and revealed as the glory of the new Israel, which is ourselves. As Simeon was released from the bonds of this life when he had seen Christ, so we too were at once freed from our old state of sinfulness.

By faith we too embraced Christ, the salvation of God the Father, as he came to us from Bethlehem. Gentiles before, we have now become the people of God. Our eyes have seen God incarnate, and because we have seen him present among us and have mentally received him into our arms, we are called the new Israel. Never shall we forget this presence; every year we keep a feast in his honour.

**Candles will be blessed at the start of each Sunday Mass
we'll gather before Mass in the church porch area**

Prayers before Mass : and the Year of the Word

We continue to pray before Mass the Angelus (in preparation for the Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary) and the Prayer of the Year of the Word. Thanks to those parishioners who have taken it upon themselves to lead these prayers, about five minutes before the Mass is scheduled to begin each day.

Changes to Mass times this week

Mass on Monday will be celebrated at 7.00am, on Tuesday at 8.00am, on Wednesday at 7.00am; there will be no weekday Masses after Thursday since Father Simon will be away in Lourdes. **If anyone has any prayer intentions for Lourdes, or wishes Father Simon to offer a Mass for their intentions there**, please let him know by Wednesday. Father Simon will offer Mass for all parishioners' intentions in Lourdes.

Welcome to Father Frank

During Father Simon's time in Lourdes, for the annual Pilgrimage Directors' Conference, Father Frank Carvill will celebrate our Sunday Masses next weekend. He will then return a fortnight later, when Father Simon is in Leuven for his exams and intense study weeks. It's good to have a 'permanent supply' with Father Frank, who will no doubt be made very welcome in our parish.

Parish Meetings

Many thanks to all those who have come to the various meetings of parish ministers over the past two weeks. Some notes from the meetings will be published in the newsletter shortly.

Forthcoming Events in our parish, community and diocese

A **Healing Mass** will be celebrated on **Friday 7th February** at 7.00pm at the Rosmini Centre, LE7 4SJ. Visit www.rosminicentre.co.uk or contact 01509 813078 for more information.

Praise to the Holiest a talk by Deacon Bill Myers, on **Saturday 8th February** at 2.00pm at the Rosmini Centre, LE7 4SJ. Visit www.rosminicentre.co.uk or contact 01509 813078 for more information.

The Week of the Passion and Death of Jesus, a scripture study led by Father Antonio Belsito IC, on **Thursday 13th February** at 7.00pm at the Rosmini Centre, LE7 4SJ. Visit www.rosminicentre.co.uk or contact 01509 813078 for more information.

As part of the Year of the Word Nottingham Diocese is hosting the **National Scripture Tour** on **Saturday 22nd February**, from 10.30am, in Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Newark, NG24 4AU. The keynote speaker will be the artist for the Year, Pete Codling. The Scripture Tour aims to bring the Word of God alive – all are very welcome!

Sharing Scripture in my life on **Saturday 22nd February** from 3.00pm at the Rosmini Centre, LE7 4SJ. Visit www.rosminicentre.co.uk or contact 01509 813078 for information.

Have you ever thought about becoming a Religious Sister or Brother? **Come and Ask afternoon** on **Saturday 14th March**, from 2.30pm until 4.00pm, at Our Lady and Saint Edward, Nottingham NG3 2LG. See the poster in the porch for more details.

Churches Together in Southwell : Lent 2020

Churches Together in Southwell are running the Superstar programme, an ecumenical Lent course in five sessions. Eight groups will use the York Course written by David Wilbourne, theologian, former Anglican vicar and assistant Bishop of Llandaff. We will explore five themes:

Who is Jesus, Miracles, The Psalms, The Church, Cross Purposes

The course starts in the week commencing Monday 2nd March, and leaflets about the programme, including a booking form, are in the narthex at Our Lady of Victories' church. A contribution of £8 per person is kindly requested; if you wish to be involved please reserve a place before **Monday 3rd February**.

A Day for Catholic Women : Saturday 29th February

One Faith: Different Cultures will be held on **Saturday 29th February**, 10.30am – 4.00pm, at Saint Joseph's parish, Leicester LE5 6RA. Women speakers will share their experience, understandings and vision for our Catholic Church being representative of the diverse cultures that make up our universal Church. The day is open to all women who identify as Catholic, also to those who no longer practise their faith. There is no charge for the day although lunch (soup, rolls, cakes, etc.) is available at £3.50. To book a place telephone 0116 220 7881 or email Alison.CWS@outlook.com

World Day of Prayer : Friday 6th March

A Women Led, Global, Ecumenical Movement, this year the Women of Zimbabwe have prepared the service and they encourage us all to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that have plagued their country over many years. The service will be held on **Friday 6th March** at 6.30pm in Holy Trinity Church, Southwell. All are invited.

Saint John's Passion : Saturday 7th March

J S Bach's setting of Saint John's Passion will be performed by the Cathedral Choir as we begin Lent. Join Bishop Patrick in this Year of the Word event on **Saturday 7th March** beginning at 7.45 pm. Experience the spiritual and artistic grandeur of Bach's great reading of Christ's passion in Saint Barnabas Cathedral. Tickets are £16, £12, £10, and available online from www.nottinghamcathedralmusic.com or in person from the Nottingham Tourism Centre. Flyers are available at the back of church.

Faith in Action : Saturday 28th March

God is love, and he calls us to love, generously and joyfully. The Diocese is on the way to becoming part of the global Caritas network, and as parishioners you will be part of it too. On **Saturday 28th March** from 10.30am until 4.00pm we have the invitation to come to Cathedral Hall in Nottingham and to join with Bishop Patrick, Caritas Social Action Network, the Justice and Peace Commission, and people from all round our diocese, for a day to nourish the work we do for the common good; be inspired for the adventure of missionary discipleship; build our parishes as confident, outward-looking communities; make common cause and achieve more together. Book via Paul Bodenham (justice.peace@dioceseofnottingham.uk or 07470 907656).

Year of the Word : Day of Prayer

Come to a **Day of Prayer** hosted by the Diocesan Spirituality Network entitled : **Encounter Jesus and be Missionary Disciples through Saint Matthew's Gospel**, on **Saturday 16th May**, in Saint Hugh's hall, Lincoln LN2 5AQ. Arrivals from 9.30am, starting at 10.00am, and closing with a Liturgy at 3.00pm. Refreshments are provided, please bring a packed lunch. All are welcome.

Pilgrimages by Coach

Pilgrimage to Lisieux by Coach March 2nd – 5th Picking up in Nottingham, Derby and Leicester, the cost is £345 per person. We begin with a visit to Lisieux cathedral, then the basilica dedicated to Saint Therese, to the house where she grew up and to the Carmel where she lived and died; there's also an optional excursion to Hon Fleur.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Nevers by Coach June 13th – 20th Picking up in Nottingham, Derby and Leicester, the cost is £595 per person. This price includes coach and ferry travel, overnight stay in Orleans on the way out, full board at the Hotel Irlande in Lourdes, half board in Nevers on the way back; there's an optional excursion to Gavarnie, a ski resort in the Pyrenees.

For more information about either pilgrimage, and a booking form, please contact Father John McCay at jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk or 0115 981 0320.

Newsletter via email

If you'd like to receive the parish newsletter by email simply email Justine (the parish secretary, at olv.rcchurch@gmail.com), asking to be added to the list. You can still collect a paper copy if you wish, and it will be available on the parish website also.

Prayers for ...

Please remember in your prayers especially:

- ✕ **All the Religious** (priests, nuns, brothers, and sisters who are part of Religious Orders) who celebrate their **World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life** on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 2nd February each year
- ✕ **Monsignor Joe Phelan**, a retired priest of our diocese, who died on 10th January, and whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated in Ashby-de-la-Zouch on 4th February: may he rest in peace!
- ✕ **Canon David Oakley**, a priest of Birmingham diocese, and presently Rector of Oscott Seminary, who has been named by Pope Francis as the next Bishop of Northampton. He will be ordained bishop by Cardinal Nichols on 19th March.

Sharewear

Clothes are not presently being collected for Sharewear as they are hoping to source their stock in a different way. Thank you for all your previous generous support.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society : Cash for Coins

The SVP is very grateful for the support of the parish and once again we are asking parishioners and friends for any foreign coins that you might have left over from your holiday or business trips. We would also like any redundant British coins such as old £1 coins, old shillings and pence, as well as redundant foreign coins such as French francs, German marks, etc. There is a container for all your old and redundant coins in the narthex of each church. Thank You!

Pope's Prayer Intentions for February

Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Thank You for your Generosity

The main collection, Sunday 26th January : £133.66

Sunday's Second Collection : Cafod's Emergency Appeal for Zimbabwe and Zambia

A reflection from 'Marriage Matters'

Avoiding issues to 'keep the peace'?

When Mary and Joseph went to the Temple, Simeon blessed them, saying their child would be rejected. When we take our child for baptism, we are given a candle, a reminder 'to keep the flame of faith alive'. This can be difficult, but let us not avoid the issues 'to keep the peace', but grow in listening and trust together.



Readings at Masses this week

Monday	2 Samuel 15:13-14.30. 16:5-13; Psalm 3:2-8; Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday	2 Samuel 18:9-10.14.24-25.30-19:3; Psalm 85(86):1-6; Mark 5:21-43
Wednesday	2 Samuel 24:2.8-17; Psalm 31(32):1-2.5-7; Mark 6:1-6
Thursday	1 Kings 2:1-4.10-12; 1 Chronicles 29:10-12; Mark 6:7-13
Friday	Ecclesiasticus 47:2-13; Psalm 17(18):31.47.50-51; Mark 6:14-29
Saturday	1 Kings 3:4-13; Psalm 118(119):9-14; Mark 6:30-34

Parish Ministries

	<i>This week</i>	<i>Next week</i>
	Presentation of the Lord	Fifth Sunday
<i>Welcomers OLV 6pm</i>	Margaret Bell Cathy Smith	Mary Sills Bryan Sills
<i>Welcomers OLV 9am</i>	Paul Wilkinson	Ros Johnson Kate Cawley
<i>Welcomers StA 10.45am</i>	Michael Wilkes	Joan Hyde
<i>Readers OLV 6pm</i>	Madeleine Birch	Mary Sills
<i>Readers OLV 9am</i>	Michael Joyce	Dawn George
<i>Readers StA 10.45am</i>	Alex Duffy	Jana Davies
<i>Communion OLV 6pm</i>	Cathy Smith	Madeleine Birch
<i>Communion OLV 9am</i>	Theresa Martin	Michael Gemson
<i>Coffee OLV 9am</i>	Mike Asker Marguerite Asker	Mary Joyce Michael Joyce
<i>Cleaners OLV</i>	Annabel Kingsbury	Eileen and Sue
<i>Counters</i>	Michael Wilkes	Michael Joyce

Masses and Services this week

C = Saint Anthony's church, Calverton; S = Our Lady of Victories' church Southwell

Saturday 1st February

C 9.00am Mass

Saturday Memorial of Our Lady

Conor and Angela Clark

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

**Second Collection : Cafod's Emergency Appeal
for the food crisis in Zambia and Zimbabwe**

S 5.15pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Confessions

S 6.00pm Vigil Mass Vocations to the Priesthood

Sunday 2nd February

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S 9.00am Mass Sabina May Crosse RIP

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

S 6.00pm Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church)

Monday 3rd February

Memorial of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr

S 7.00am Mass Bernard McCluskey RIP (anniversary)

Tuesday 4th February

Memorial of Saint Gilbert of Sempringham

C 8.00am Mass Michael and Joy, Diamond Wedding Anniversary

*11.00am Requiem Mass for Monsignor Canon Joseph Phelan, RIP
in Ashby de la Zouch*

Wednesday 5th February

Memorial of Saint Agatha, martyr

S 7.00am Mass William Greaney RIP (anniversary)

Thursday 6th February

Memorial of Saints Paul Miki and Companions

S 9.30am Mass Intentions of Father John Cairns

Friday 7th February

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No public Mass

Saturday 8th February

Saturday Memorial of Our Lady

No public morning Mass

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

S 5.15pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Confessions

S 6.00pm Vigil Mass Mike Murtagh RIP

Sunday 9th February

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S 9.00am Mass Christy and Mary Greaney

C 10.45am Mass Priest's intentions

S 6.00pm Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church)