



Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Southwell and Calverton

Our Lady of Victories, Southwell and Saint Anthony, Calverton

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Just as our readings this Sunday speak to us about our need to forgive others so that we might receive forgiveness ourselves, so this reflection from Blessed Isaac of Stella (an English philosopher and Abbot, 1100-'69) speaks to us of how Christ brings forgiveness to us through His Church:

There are two things that are God's and God's alone: the honour of receiving confession and the power of granting forgiveness. Confession is what we must make to him, and forgiveness is what we must hope to receive from him. The power to forgive sins belongs only to God, and this is why we must confess them to him.

But God has taken a bride. The Almighty has taken the feeble one, the Most High has taken the lowly one – out of a servant he has made a queen. She was behind and beneath him and he raised her to be at his side. From out of his wounded side she came, and he took her to be his bride.

Just as all that the Father has is the Son's, so too what the Son has is the Father's, since they share the same undivided nature. In just the same way the bridegroom gave all that was his to the bride and shared all that she had, making her one with himself and the Father. Hear the Son making his plea to the Father for his bride: *I desire that just as you and I are one, so these should be one with us.*

The bridegroom is one with

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the Father and one with his bride. Whatever in her was foreign to her nature he took away from her and nailed to the cross. He carried her sins with him onto the tree and by the tree he took them away from her. Whatever was natural and proper to her he took on and clothed himself in it. Whatever was divine and proper to him, he bestowed on her. He took away what was diabolical, took on what was human, conferred what was divine, so that all that the bride possessed should be the bridegroom's also. Thus it is that he who has committed no sin, on whose lips is no deceit, can say *Take pity on me, Lord, for I am weak* – for he who shares in his bride's weakness must share in her lament, and thus all that is the bridegroom's is the bride's also. Here is where the honour of confession comes from, and the power of forgiveness, so that it can truly be said: *Go and show yourself to the priest!*

The Church can forgive nothing without Christ, and it is Christ's will to forgive nothing except with the Church. The Church can forgive no-one except the penitent – that is, one who has been touched by Christ – and Christ does not wish to forgive anyone who does not value the Church. *What God has united, man must not divide*, says Christ, and Paul adds, *I am saying that this great mystery applies to Christ and the Church*.

Do not sever the head from the body so that Christ is whole no longer. For Christ is not whole without the Church, nor is the Church whole without Christ. This is why he says *No-one has gone up to heaven except the Son of Man who is in heaven*. He is the only man who can forgive sins.

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 neither the parish email (olv.rcchurch@gmail.com) nor Father Simon's email (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 for September

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

It is now a month since we have been 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.

Last Sunday both Masses were fully booked. Depending on how many bookings we continue to get it might be necessary to see whether we can increase the number of public Masses available to parishioners.

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 couples can sit next to each other, and families in a single pew; in Calverton the chairs have been laid out singularly, and so each person 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 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.

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.

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.

Care for our Common Home : What would Noah have done?

Edward de Quay manages the Environmental Advisory Group at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Here he tells us how the Catholic Church is responding to one of the biggest crises currently facing our planet.

Last August our bishops released a statement entitled 'Guardians of God's Creation,' highlighting the urgency of the ecological crisis we are living through. This statement called for the development of a "*Christian spirituality of ecology*" which begins in "personal" and "*family life*". The bishops committed themselves to engage over the next decade on this urgent challenge, and have already commissioned two film-based resources, 'Global Healing (in 2018)' and 'Global Caring (in 2019)', as a way for individuals and congregations to enter into discussion on how our faith informs a response to the ecological crisis. Individual dioceses have gone further in setting their own targets, producing resources and working to improve their energy management and education on the issue.

Our particular language in the Catholic Church asks us to recognise a profound '*ecological crisis*.' Ecology is the study of the relationship between living things and their environment, so we go beyond simple definitions of climate change to understand how our way of living affects the world around us, and its ability to sustain our global family. Pope Francis asks us to hear both the 'cry of the earth and the cry of the poor,' and to understand that these cries are inextricably linked.

It can be a challenge to create understanding that caring for our common home is an integral, not optional, part of our Christian experience. Pope Francis quotes the Orthodox Patriarch Bartholomew in saying that "*For human beings... to destroy the biological diversity of God's creation; for human beings to degrade the integrity of the earth by causing changes in its climate, by stripping the earth of its*

natural forests or destroying its wetlands; for human beings to contaminate the earth's waters, its land, its air, and its life – these are sins.” (Laudato Si’ 8). Pope Francis suggests that the creation accounts in Genesis show that human life is rooted in three fundamental relationships: with God, our neighbour and the earth itself. These relationships are broken, and the rupture is sin, caused by our presuming to take the place of God and refusing to accept our creaturely limitations. (Laudato Si’ 66).

If we are to love one another as Jesus asked us to, then we need to come to terms with the reality that in a globalised world, everyone is our neighbour. Our way of life doesn't just affect those immediately around us. The way we live affects anyone involved in creating or dealing with refuse from the products we consume, and anyone making a living from lands affected by climate change. Governments and major corporations must be held to account, but we cannot shy away from our personal responsibility. Pope Francis illustrates this through the story of Noah.

“(Laudato Si’ 71) Although “the wickedness of man was great in the earth” (Genesis 6:5) and the Lord “was sorry that he had made man on the earth” (Genesis 6:6), nonetheless, through Noah, who remained innocent and just, God decided to open a path of salvation. In this way he gave humanity the chance of a new beginning. All it takes is one good person to restore hope!”

We need to be like Noah, else we continue to sleepwalk into an uncertain future. We have to wake up. In his extraordinary *Urbi et Orbi* blessing in March, Pope Francis reflected on the calming of the storm passage from the Gospel of Mark. *“Why are you afraid? Have you no faith? Lord, your word this evening strikes us and regards us, all of us. In this world, that you love more than we do, we have gone ahead at breakneck speed, feeling powerful and able to do anything. Greedy for profit, we let ourselves get caught up in things, and lured away by haste. We did not stop at your reproach to us, we were not shaken awake by wars or injustice across the world, nor did we listen to the cry of the poor or of our ailing planet. We carried on regardless, thinking we would stay healthy in a world that was sick. Now that we are in a stormy sea, we implore you: “Wake up, Lord!”*

We all have the power to bring about small everyday changes that benefit everyone and help us live lives closer to God, our neighbour and our common home. At home, we can pray, read the Bible, educate ourselves and think about our energy usage, waste, what types of products we use and how they were produced. In parishes, we can promote engagement in the issue and look for ways to build community while making our parishes more environmentally sustainable and based on biblical principles. Nationally we can engage with charities like CAFOD to ensure that our voice is heard at the political level.

Acting on this ‘ecological crisis’ is not about some sort of ‘green’ idealism. It is about our relationship with the Creator and the created: we can make a start today.

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.

An open letter to the Catholics of Great Britain

There is an ethical problem with some vaccines being produced for Covid 19.

It is not necessary to use aborted foetal tissue to manufacture a vaccine for Covid 19. There are alternatives which are being developed, eg by the John Paul II Medical Research Institute (www.jp2mri.org), Novovax, Sanofi Pasteur, GlaxoSmithKline and Sinovack and quite a few others which all use other means.

The 2005 document, the Pontifical Academy for Life teaches us that we have a duty to request and use those vaccines that are produced in a morally acceptable way and implores us 'to oppose by all means, (in writing, through the various associations, mass media etc) the vaccines which do not have morally acceptable alternatives, creating pressure so that vaccines are prepared which are not connected with the abortion of a human foetus.'

In a briefing paper entitled: Covid-19 Vaccines and Use of Foetal Cell Lines, Helen Watt, a senior research fellow at the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, Oxford, writes: 'For those who can access the alternative without excessive difficulty (and their efforts should be assisted, not obstructed, by health authorities) the moral onus

is certainly on the person to do this, as a witness to the value of human life and life-respecting research.'

So how can and should we do this?

1) We can write to our MPs requesting them to approach Jo Churchill, the Parliamentary Under Secretary for Health at the Department of Health and Social Care, with the request that a vaccine be made available to those who require it, which does not make use of foetal tissue, and is free from a history of embryonic experimentation, listing the alternatives given above. Simply google 'my MP' to easily find your MP and his / her address / email address.

2) Parish priests, please bring this to the attention of your flock. So very few Catholics are aware of this matter of conscience. Perhaps you could read out this open letter and then give it a prominent place on the church notice board, asking that everyone take the action suggested above. Time is of the essence. If we want to benefit from ethical vaccines now and in the future we must make our voices heard as soon as possible. Please ask whoever is responsible for your online newsletter to post this on your website. Perhaps you can print off some copies of this letter so parishioners can take a copy home with them.

3) We can write to our Catholic newspapers, pointing out that there is at present no provision being made to provide Catholics with a vaccine which will be acceptable to them in conscience. If you are unable to write, feel free to send this open letter adding your signature and address and stating that you have the same concerns. The more letters they receive, the greater chance we have of their raising awareness of this issue.

4) We especially ask all our Bishops to make their voices heard in the Press and to their MPs.

With kind wishes, Elizabeth Koning (elizabethkoning1@gmail.com) and Antonie Koning (antoniekoning@googlemail.com); a retired couple living in Hunstanton

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

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.

Marian Event in October

Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth (LACY) is delighted to let you know that their postponed liturgy **A Moment with Mary** will now take place via Zoom on **Sunday 4th October at 4.00pm**. We will be spending time with Mary through The Holy Rosary led by Father Simon Gillespie, reflections and prayers. We will be remembering too all the young people of our Diocese who are looking for our Mother Mary's guidance, recognising that she is with us at each stage of our life, gently pointing us towards Jesus. Young people! This is for you! Encourage your family and friends to share this occasion with us together! If you would like to be involved in the liturgy by reading or offering any special messages for our young people, then contact us! For full information for Zoom, the ID and password, e mail: paulinepayne@hotmail.com – we look forward to hearing from you! *(All under 18 years of age should ask parents / guardians to be in touch and should be online with them during the celebration).*

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.

Volunteers are needed in the Diocesan Archive

The Diocesan Archive Team are looking to recruit some volunteers. The Diocesan Archives are currently based in the centre of Nottingham, and the collection contains a wealth of material covering the history of the Catholic Church in the East Midlands. The current team, Archivist Canon Anthony Dolan and Assistant John Boland-Lee, are looking for volunteers with an interest in history and with some IT skills to assist with the Archives. As part of the Archives Team, you will be undertaking general office duties including labelling, filing, sorting and cataloguing documents. Full training and support will be provided.

If you are interested, and would like more details, please contact Joanna Matthews (joanna.matthews@dioceseofnottingham.uk).

From the County Library Service

Inspire, the provider of libraries on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council, has now released their Autumn Term courses, which can be found at www.inspireculture.org.uk/skills-learning/community-learning/

There is a wide range of topics on offer from Functional Skills English, Maths and ICT through 'A little Latin', to 'The History of Computers – Ada Lovelace Connection'. All of these will be offered through Zoom in the first instance and they will all continue to be free of charge for this term.

For more information contact Andrew Day, Inspire Lead Tutor (Gedling), on 0115 804 4943 or 07552 290736.

Grapevine

This month's edition of the Nottingham Diocesan on-line e-magazine includes articles about:

- ✕ Global Caring: host a parish film night for the Season of Creation
- ✕ Interested in Archives? Join the team!
- ✕ Distributing ethnic food parcels during Leicester lockdown
- ✕ The God Who Speaks: September update
- ✕ An opportunity to help parishioners in fuel poverty

To read the whole eNewsletter, subscribe here:

<https://dioceseofnottingham.us8.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=8660f054ac5b3dc3f5fec2801&id=1acdbd2ff8>

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!

Second Collection this Sunday : Holy Places of Palestine

Since 1342, at the behest of the Pope, the Order of Friars Minor (the Franciscans) has been responsible for the custody of those sites in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Galilee and the surrounding areas which hold a significance for Christians as the places in which Jesus himself lived, ministered, died, and was raised to life. Each year on Good Friday a collection is held in all the Catholic churches of the world to support this work of the Franciscans. Of this work they write:

Drawn by love of the poor and crucified Christ, our founder, Saint Francis of Assisi, went to the Middle East in the 13th century, in order to "touch" the places which, up to our day, offer an irreplaceable testimony to God's revelation and to God's love for the human person. During his pilgrimage, and despite the Crusades, Saint Francis dialogued with the sultan Melek al-Kamel, who governed the Holy Land at the time. It was a peaceful encounter, which marked the beginning of the Franciscans' presence in the Holy Land and also influenced the way in which we have been present in the course of the centuries until today. The friars have not only been the "guardians" of the stones and of those places in order to preserve their value, but their mission has also been to make them living stones, so that they speak to the heart and to the mind of all those who come on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, to be able to see the "simple stones" as "beloved stones" through their faith.

This collection will be taken at Sunday Masses – if you're not at Mass and wish to make an offering, simply put it in an envelope through the presbytery letterbox

A reflection from 'Marriage Matters'

The call to forgive

How can I love my spouse and bring life? We are called to set aside resentment, to listen gently to our beloved, seeking understanding. In today's gospel the servant who is forgiven refuses to forgive the man who owes him. God forgives us everything, but are we willing to let go of the hurts we have experienced via our spouse?



The Cycle of Prayer

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

- ✕ Students and Teachers;
- ✕ The Spread of the Gospel;
- ✕ The Harvest;
- ✕ The Fruits of Human Work and the Reverent Use of Creation;
- ✕ Justice and Peace in the World;
- ✕ All Victims of War;
- ✕ Young People;
- ✕ Prisoners and their Families.

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.
- ✕ **Liz Bingham**, who died on Friday 28th August, and whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated in Stamford on Monday. May she rest in peace!
- ✕ **David Lisle**, who died on Tuesday 1st September, and whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated in Scunthorpe on Friday. May he rest in peace!
- ✕ **Alan Ward** who is seriously ill in these days.
- ✕ **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 12th September **Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary**
No morning Mass

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)
Monday 14th September	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Mass	Special Intention (MB)
Tuesday 15th September	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows
Mass	Alan Wood RIP
Wednesday 16th September	Memorial of Saint Cornelius, pope, and Saint Cyprian, bishop
Mass	Donor's Intentions
Thursday 17th September	Feria
Mass	Donor's Intentions
Friday 18th September	Feria
Mass	Helena and Walter Wilkes RIP
Saturday 19th September	Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary
<i>No morning Mass</i>	

Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year

S 6.00pm Mass	Mike and Marjorie Daly RIP
Sunday 20th September	Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year
C 10.45am Mass	Pro Populo (people of the parish)

Readings at Masses this week

Sunday	Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9; Psalm 102(103):1-4.9-12; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35
Monday	Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 77(78):1-2.34-38; John 3:13-17
Tuesday	Hebrews 5:7-9; Psalm 30(31):2-6.15-16.20; John 19:25-27
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Psalm 32(33):2-5.12.22; Luke 7:31-35
Thursday	1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Psalm 117(118):1-2.15-17.28; Luke 7:36-50
Friday	1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Psalm 16(17):1.6-8.15; Luke 8:1-3
Saturday	1 Corinthians 15:35-37.42-49; Psalm 5(56):10-14; Luke 8:4-15