



Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Southwell and Calverton

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17th and 18th October 2020 : Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year World Mission Sunday

On Thursday we celebrated the memorial of Saint Theresa of Avila. Her meditation, below, reminds us of Christ's constant love for each one of us, no matter what the difficulties we face. In the midst of a pandemic, and with isolation and lock-downs becoming more prevalent, this is an important message to hear and remember.

If Christ Jesus dwells in a man as his friend and noble leader, that man can endure all things, for Christ helps and strengthens us and never abandons us. He is a true friend. And I clearly see that if we expect to please him and receive an abundance



of his graces, God desires that these graces must come to us from the hands of Christ, through his most sacred humanity, in which God takes delight.

Many, many times I have perceived this through experience. The Lord has told it to me. I have definitely seen that we must enter by this gate if we wish his Sovereign Majesty to reveal to us great and hidden mysteries. A person should desire no other path, even if he is at the summit of contemplation; on this road he walks safely. All blessings come to us through our Lord. He

will teach us, for in beholding his life we find that he is the best example.

What more do we desire from such a good friend at our side? Unlike our friends in the world, he will never abandon us when we are troubled or distressed. Blessed is the one who truly loves him and always keeps him near. Let us consider the glorious Saint Paul: it seems that no other name fell from his lips than that of Jesus, because the name of Jesus was fixed and embedded in his heart. Once I had come to understand this truth, I carefully considered the lives of some of the saints, the great contemplatives, and found that they took no other path: Francis, Anthony of Padua, Bernard, Catherine of Siena. A person must walk along this path in freedom, placing himself in God's hands. If God should desire to raise us to the position of one who is an intimate and shares his secrets, we ought to accept this gladly.

Whenever we think of Christ we should recall the love that led him to bestow on us so many graces and favours, and also the great love God showed in giving us in Christ a pledge of his love; for love calls for love in return. Let us strive to keep this always before our eyes and to rouse ourselves to love him. For if at some time the Lord should grant us the grace of impressing his love on our hearts, all will become easy for us and we shall accomplish great things quickly and without effort.

Cafod Harvest Fast Day : Friday 9th October

We held CAFOD's Family Fast Day last Friday (9th October), and **last Sunday and this Sunday too we have our collection to support their work**. This year Cafod is seeking to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Cafod works directly with those communities most in need in countries in Africa, South America, and Asia. This year the money from the Harvest Fast Day will be used to support a variety of projects in each of those parts of the world, making our charity for those less fortunate a reality. Please pray for all those affected!

If you're able to, please:

- ✂ donate online at cafod.org.uk/give
- ✂ or by using one of the **envelopes available at the back of each church**
- ✂ or you can also give easily via text. **Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10**. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not

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Coming back to Mass

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 now a requirement;
- ✘ 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.

For full details about coming to Mass, and for prayer resources, etc, please refer to last Sunday's newsletter or to the parish website.

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!

Together we are Caritas

Building social action in the Diocese of Nottingham - Saturday 7th November by Zoom (with a telephone option). Nottingham Diocese is joining Caritas, the Church's worldwide ministry of charity. Soon our parish will be part of one of the biggest humanitarian organisations on the planet – and you are invited to be part of it. Join Bishop Patrick, Caritas Social Action Network, the diocesan Justice and Peace Commission and Catholics from all round our diocese. In two 90-minute online sessions at 11.00am and 1.30pm we'll take practical steps, in parishes and chaplaincies across the diocese, to bring the Gospel to life, locally and globally.

For details and booking visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/faithintoaction or call 07470 907656 for further information.



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across the Diocese of Nottingham
Saturday 7 November 2020
By Zoom or telephone
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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.

A reflection on Sunday's Responsorial Psalm

As part of the Year of the Word we are invited to reflect on the Psalm which we hear at Mass between the first and second readings. Sundays' psalm is given below, together with some points for reflection after each verse.

Psalm 95(96):1,3-5,7-10

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.

Are we joyful in our faith?

Do we tell the world how good God is?

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens.

Have we some "heathen gods" in our lives?

Do we really appreciate God as creator of all?

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts.

How will you give glory and power to God?

What can you offer him?

Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Do we realise how great God is when we worship?

How do we appreciate God's goodness to us mortal people?

Rosary Whirlwind through the British Isles : October 2020

For Faith, Life and Peace October is traditionally the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. Once again Catholics across England, Wales, Scotland and the Isles are invited to take up their rosaries for an intensive Rosary Whirlwind Mission as we pray together for Faith, Life and Peace during these difficult and uncertain times. This can take place wherever people are situated. The Rosary Rally has four main components:



- ✘ Invitation to a nightly online Rosary at 8.00pm led from different locations.
- ✘ **Saturday 31st October** – Eve of All Saints – National Rosary relay from 9.00am to 9pm, with different Dioceses are invited to take an hour. Our Diocese of Nottingham has been allocated 10.00am-11.00am as our slot, and so we are all invited to pray the rosary sometime during this hour before we hand on to the next Diocese.
- ✘ Culmination of the Rosary Mission – **Sunday 1st November** – Solemnity of All Saints – Bishop John Keenan, Bishop of Paisley, will lead a thanksgiving Rosary at 8.00pm from Saint Mirin’s Cathedral, Paisley. Participants are invited to join with him that evening from their homes.

To register please follow the link: www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk or for more information please contact Antonia Moffat, Outreach Coordinator at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham: antonia@walsingham.org.uk

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 this is one of the traditional ways in which parishioners support the parish.

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!

The Abortion Act

Tuesday 27th October is the 53rd anniversary of the Abortion Act being passed in England and Wales. Since 1967 over nine million babies have lost their lives to abortion. Millions of women and men have also had to deal with the suffering which so often follows an abortion. Please join us in praying and fasting for the end of abortion in this country on Tuesday 27th October. For Post Abortion help and to support Pro-Life counselling see; www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

Also consider joining the Good Counsel Network at their Facebook event <https://www.facebook.com/events/2739924072936969>

Sadly abortion is currently available in the UK, right up to birth, for babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. All of these conditions can be corrected. A cross-party group of MPs from the three largest parties in the UK Parliament have come together to bring forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. The Bill will change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK.

Can you help with getting your MP to support the Bill? Please visit www.standupandsmile.org.uk to email your MP asking them to support the Bill. It only takes 30 seconds. For more information visit www.righttolife.org.uk

Marriage Care : Head of Centre Position

Broken relationships are extremely painful especially among family and friends. Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and ongoing relationship support for couples across England and Wales.

Our local centre which covers Nottingham, Derby and the surrounding area is looking for someone with experience of team management to take on our Head of Centre role and lead and support the local team in delivering vital relationship support services. If you want to be part of a friendly team making a real difference in your community, please enquire. For more information visit Marriage care us at: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk.

Father Simon's studies in Leuven

Father Simon begins his fourth (and final) year of Canon Law studies over the next two weeks. Although the lectures will be virtual (so Father Simon won't be travelling to Leuven) he won't be available very much in the parish during those weeks.

Annual Financial Report to the Parish

Dear Parishioners,

The annual audited accounts have now been finalised for the year ending 31st March 2020, and the diocesan finance office has approved them. Sincere thanks to Michael Gemson for having compiled the accounts, and to Martin Foulds and Paul Newton who, together with Michael, form our Parish Finance Committee. Sincere thanks, too, to all the parishioners, and supporters of our parish for your generous financial contributions each week. This money is much appreciated and, since we don't receive any income from outside sources, is our only means of support.

An outline of the report is given over the next two pages, together with a comparison of the previous four years, and the budget for this present year (to 31st March 2021). **Simply put, the parish spends more money than it brings in.** Over the past five years there has been an overspend in four of the years, with only one year (when a £21,000 legacy was received) showing an in-year surplus. Last year the overspend was particularly significant, as the presbytery had to be refurbished following Father Andrew's departure (which cost about £20,000), supply priests were needed for about six months of the year (another £6,000) and an unexpected utility bill was received early in the year (£5,000). Taking out the legacy income, the average over-spend for each of the past five years has been £13,726.

A budget for this current year shows a projected over-spend of £24,300. As you can see from the figures over the next two pages, offertory income is anticipated to be lower than usual (since public Masses haven't been held for five months, and so the collection income is much lower), and in particular the income from the hire of the parish hall is very much reduced. The hall usually raises about £15,000 per year, but this year might bring in only a very small amount since there have been no hires until September, and even now the hall is used for only a few hours each week.

We are blessed as a parish to have significant reserves to cushion this annual over-spend. The balance was reported as £139,062 in the financial report in February; this amount is now £128,014. By the end of this year it is likely to be around £115,000.

Although fundraising is helpful, the main way in which parish income is generated is through the generous weekly and monthly donations of parishioners, especially those who have completed standing order forms, supplemented by gift-aid claims by those who are tax-payers. Although there are very many calls on each person's finances, please consider how much you currently give to our parish, and whether you're able to give any more.

With sincere prayers and thanks

Fr Simon

Parish Income

	Budget		Actual (year to 31 st March)			
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Recurring Sources of Income						
Collections	15,000	29,116	30,107	29,625	34,823	42,064
	<i>This line represents the weekly collections as well as standing orders</i>					
Gift Aid Tax Repayment	3,500	4,476	6,998	14,893	11,918	5,031
Total weekly income	18,500	33,592	37,105	44,518	46,741	47,096
	<i>This line represents our total income from the weekly collections including the Gift Aid tax reclaim on those collections</i>					
Fundraising	0	145	0	0	2,194	0
Donations Received	2,500	2,585	4,699	4,962	5,820	8,121
Interest credited - Set-off Account	500	704	861	252	873	877
Repository income	1,000	1,146	2,120	2,284	3,125	3,004
Sundry income	8,000	15,639	15,289	16,667	18,971	12,064
	<i>This includes hall hire income</i>					
Total Recurring Income (A)	30,500	54,014	60,074	68,683	77,724	71,163
One-off Income						
Legacies received	0	0	21,480	0	0	0
Total One-off Income (B)	0	0	21,480	0	0	0
Total Parish Income (A) + (B)	30,500	54,014	81,554	68,683	77,724	71,163
Income from Second Collections	5,000	5,514	5,615	5,986	5,168	11,252
	<i>This income does not belong to our parish and is paid over to the various beneficiaries of the Second Collections see 'Payment of Second Collections' in the expenditure section below</i>					
Total Parish Income reported to the diocese	35,500	59,528	87,169	74,668	82,893	82,413
	<i>Note – because of rounding to whole £ (ie ignoring the pence in each category) some totals are slightly different to the sum of the figures given above</i>					

Parish Expenditure

	Budget		Actual (year to 31 st March)			
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Expenditure						
Church and Hall Expenses	13,500	24,550	17,968	15,496	36,362	29,143
House and Housekeeping costs	8,000	7,694	4,748	4,855	4,480	6,469
Insurances Paid	2,000	2,057	2,403	1,921	1,767	2,078
Diocesan Quota Paid	7,800	9,473	9,816	9,888	10,728	8,232
Payments to Clergy	3,000	11,654	14,476	13,724	12,145	12,357
Wages & NIC	10,000	10,005	9,464	8,785	11,195	7,777
Office Expenses	4,000	2,405	3,926	1,672	1,313	2,269
Travel Expenses	4,500	5,263	2,473	2,340	2,452	2,579
<i>Mainly the reimbursement of travel expenses incurred by our priests on parish work</i>						
Sundry expenses	500	607	500	8,000	48	0
Repository Purchases	1,000	1,439	2,351	1,479	1,554	1,110
Fundraising expenses	0	0	254	84	78	136
Donations made	500	1,302	642	12,746	1,146	1,072
<i>The figure in the 2018 column contains a donation to the Sick and Retired Priests Fund from parish reserves (Set-off Account)</i>						
Total Recurring Expenditure	54,800	76,449	69,020	72,990	83,268	73,221
One-off Expenditure						
Church maintenance	0	19,480	0	0	6,290	0
<i>2020 – presbytery refurbishment and refurnishing costs</i>						
<i>2017 – church redecoration costs</i>						
Total Parish Expenditure	54,800	95,929	69,020	72,990	89,559	73,221
Payment of Second Collections	5,000	5,564	4,873	5,921	5,458	11,285
Total Parish Expenditure reported to the diocese	59,800	101,493	73,894	78,911	95,017	84,506
Income less Expenditure	24,300	41,965	13,275	4,243	12,124	2,092
(black = surplus ; red = deficit)						

Some notes to the Accounts

- ✘ Whilst our income from collections has remained broadly flat in comparison to 2019, we have suffered some falls in other sources of income, including donations received and repository income. These have been offset by some small increases in income in other areas which has resulted in a net reduction in income of £3,109 in comparison to 2019.
- ✘ In 2019 we received legacies of £21,480. No legacies were received in 2020.
- ✘ We have a bank current account which we use for our day to day financial transactions and into which the collections are paid and out of which we pay our expenses.
- ✘ We also have a loan account with the Diocese referred to as the 'Set-off Account'. We loan surplus cash to the Diocese and in return get a rate of interest. This is parish money and we are able to draw on it when we need additional cash to fund our activities. To all intents and purposes the Set-off Account represents our parish financial reserves. It has been built up over the years from surpluses and legacies among other things.
- ✘ The balance on the Set-off Account as at 31st March 2016 was £175,584 and by September 2020 this has fallen to £128,014. This fall is consistent with us 'burning' cash as a result of our deficits over the years.
- ✘ We do control our costs tightly but the churches and hall are expensive to run. We will continue to monitor our costs closely but there is limited scope for major costs reductions. The net result of this is that we need to increase our income in all areas, including from collections.
- ✘ Our current financial position is not sustainable in the longer term and we need to address this sooner rather than later.

Parish 200 Club

For almost 30 years the parish has organised a 200 Club, originally established to support the parish and since 2012 with the proceeds going to charities. The Club has now been closed, and sincere thanks are due to all those who have supported the Club over many years. A final draw has been held and the ten £100 prizes have been won by: Michael Joyce; Brian Gudgeon; Geoff Muldoon; Margaret Bell; Mrs Redfern; Kath Freeman; Dawn George; Chris Pycroft; Marie Baldwin Margaret Lee. The balance of monies (a little over £3,000) is being distributed to local charities: Beaumont House, Newark Emmaus Trust and Reach Learning Disability.

Pope Francis's Message for World Mission Day

Here am I, send me (Isaiah 6:8)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I wish to express my gratitude to God for the commitment with which the Church throughout the world carried out the Extraordinary Missionary Month last October. I am convinced that it stimulated missionary conversion in many communities on the path indicated by the theme: "Baptized and Sent: the Church of Christ on Mission in the World".

In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the covid-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: "Here am I, send me" (6:8). This is the ever new response to the Lord's question: "Whom shall I send?" (ibid.). This invitation from God's merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity as a whole in the current world crisis. "Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us. Just like those disciples, who spoke anxiously with one voice, saying 'We are perishing' (v. 38), so we too have realized that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but only together can we do this" (Meditation in Saint Peter's Square, 27 March 2020). We are indeed frightened, disoriented and afraid. Pain and death make us experience our human frailty, but at the same time remind us of our deep desire for life and liberation from evil. In this context, the call to mission, the invitation to step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbour presents itself as an opportunity for sharing, service and intercessory prayer. The mission that God entrusts to each one of us leads us from fear and introspection to a renewed realization that we find ourselves precisely when we give ourselves to others.

In the sacrifice of the cross, where the mission of Jesus is fully accomplished (cf. John 19:28-30), God shows us that his love is for each and every one of us (cf. John 19:26-27). He asks us to be personally willing to be sent, because he himself is Love, love that is always "on mission", always reaching out in order to give life. Out of his love for us, God the Father sent his Son Jesus (cf. John 3:16). Jesus is the Father's Missionary: his life and ministry reveal his total obedience to the Father's will (cf. John 4:34; 6:38; 8:12-30; Hebrews 10:5-10). Jesus, crucified and risen for us, draws us in turn into his mission of love, and with his Spirit which enlivens the Church, he makes us his disciples and sends us on a mission to the world and to its peoples.

“The mission, the ‘Church on the move’, is not a programme, an enterprise to be carried out by sheer force of will. It is Christ who makes the Church go out of herself. In the mission of evangelization, you move because the Holy Spirit pushes you, and carries you” (Senza di Lui non possiamo fare nulla: Essere missionari oggi nel mondo. Una conversazione con Gianni Valente, Libreria Editrice Vaticana: San Paolo, 2019, 16-17). God always loves us first and with this love comes to us and calls us. Our personal vocation comes from the fact that we are sons and daughters of God in the Church, his family, brothers and sisters in that love that Jesus has shown us. All, however, have a human dignity founded on the divine invitation to be children of God and to become, in the sacrament of Baptism and in the freedom of faith, what they have always been in the heart of God.

Life itself, as a gift freely received, is implicitly an invitation to this gift of self: it is a seed which, in the baptized, will blossom as a response of love in marriage or in virginity for the kingdom of God. Human life is born of the love of God, grows in love and tends towards love. No one is excluded from the love of God, and in the holy sacrifice of Jesus his Son on the cross, God conquered sin and death (cf. Romans 8:31-39). For God, evil – even sin – becomes a challenge to respond with even greater love (cf. Matthew 5:38-48; Luke 22:33-34). In the Paschal Mystery, divine mercy heals our wounded humanity and is poured out upon the whole universe. The Church, the universal sacrament of God’s love for the world, continues the mission of Jesus in history and sends us everywhere so that, through our witness of faith and the proclamation of the Gospel, God may continue to manifest his love and in this way touch and transform hearts, minds, bodies, societies and cultures in every place and time.

Mission is a free and conscious response to God’s call. Yet we discern this call only when we have a personal relationship of love with Jesus present in his Church. Let us ask ourselves: are we prepared to welcome the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, to listen to the call to mission, whether in our life as married couples or as consecrated persons or those called to the ordained ministry, and in all the everyday events of life? Are we willing to be sent forth at any time or place to witness to our faith in God the merciful Father, to proclaim the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ, to share the divine life of the Holy Spirit by building up the Church? Are we, like Mary, the Mother of Jesus, ready to be completely at the service of God’s will (cf. Luke 1:38)? This interior openness is essential if we are to say to God: “Here am I, Lord, send me” (cf. Isaiah 6:8). And this, not in the abstract, but in this chapter of the life of the Church and of history.

Understanding what God is saying to us at this time of pandemic also represents a challenge for the Church’s mission. Illness, suffering, fear and isolation challenge us. The poverty of those who die alone, the abandoned, those who have

lost their jobs and income, the homeless and those who lack food challenge us. Being forced to observe social distancing and to stay at home invites us to rediscover that we need social relationships as well as our communal relationship with God. Far from increasing mistrust and indifference, this situation should make us even more attentive to our way of relating to others. And prayer, in which God touches and moves our hearts, should make us ever more open to the need of our brothers and sisters for dignity and freedom, as well as our responsibility to care for all creation. The impossibility of gathering as a Church to celebrate the Eucharist has led us to share the experience of the many Christian communities that cannot celebrate Mass every Sunday. In all of this, God's question: "Whom shall I send?" is addressed once more to us and awaits a generous and convincing response: "Here am I, send me!" (Isaiah 6:8). God continues to look for those whom he can send forth into the world and to the nations to bear witness to his love, his deliverance from sin and death, his liberation from evil (cf. Matthew 9:35-38; Luke 10:1-12).

The celebration of World Mission Day is also an occasion for reaffirming how prayer, reflection and the material help of your offerings are so many opportunities to participate actively in the mission of Jesus in his Church. The charity expressed in the collections that take place during the liturgical celebrations of the third Sunday of October is aimed at supporting the missionary work carried out in my name by the Pontifical Mission Societies, in order to meet the spiritual and material needs of peoples and Churches throughout the world, for the salvation of all.

May the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of Evangelization and Comforter of the Afflicted, missionary disciple of her Son Jesus, intercede for us and sustain us.

Rome, Saint John Lateran; 31st May 2020, Solemnity of Pentecost

Franciscus

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.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for October

The Laity's Mission in the Church We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

The Bishop's Statement on Marriage

Marriage is a lifelong vocation of a man and a woman to a community of life and love open to children, and, between the baptized, it is a Sacrament. Aware of the many pressures today which can endanger family life, the Church is constantly concerned to make sure that those of you planning to marry are prepared as well as possible. We would like to remind those who wish to marry of the following:

1. It is important that a couple go to see their priest in good time before their wedding. Normally, at least six months' notice should be given.
2. Marriage preparation is carried out by the priest, often assisted by a group from the parish. Courses arranged on a deanery basis are recommended.
3. Catholics are reminded of their obligation to preserve their faith and to do all they can within the unity of their partnership to have all their children baptized and brought up in the faith and practice of the Catholic Church.
4. Non-Catholic partners will be informed of this promise, but they are not asked to make this or any similar promise.
5. Dispensation for a marriage between a Catholic and a non-Catholic to take place in a non-Catholic church can only be granted for a serious reason. Couples who wish to marry in a non-Catholic church should discuss the matter with their priest in good time before their wedding day to see whether a dispensation could be granted.

All couples marrying these days need the support of the local Church. In this way they will be strengthened in their preparation for marriage, in celebrating their marriage, and in living out their covenant with one another.

We wish to thank all those married people who show such constancy and fidelity to their vocation of marriage. May their example inspire those planning to marry in the Church.

Right Reverend Patrick McKinney
Bishop of Nottingham

Supporting Newark Foodbank

The following items are especially needed at the moment:

- ✘ Long life fruit juice (not squash)
- ✘ Instant mashed potato
- ✘ Sugar
- ✘ Sponge puddings (tinned / microwave)
- ✘ Chocolate biscuits (eg kitkat, penguin)
- ✘ Shampoo (not conditioner)

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

A reflection from 'Marriage Matters'

We all need each other

The Pharisees tried to trap Jesus: He told them to give to Caesar what belongs to him, "and to God what belongs to God". The world tells us to look after ourselves and not to need others. As married couples, we know that we are made by God for one another, not needy but needing to give of ourselves entirely.

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.
- ✘ **Father Terry Fellows**, a retired priest of the diocese and most recently parish priest of Saint Peter and Saint Paul parish, Earl Shilton, who died on Saturday 26th September, and whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 20th October. May he rest in peace.
- ✘ **Brother Nicholas Palmer OCSO**, ordained Deacon by Bishop Patrick at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey on Thursday 15th October.
- ✘ **Canon Paul Chipchase** and **Canon Joe Wheat**; to be installed as Chapter Canons on Monday 19th October
- ✘ **The community of Saint Mary's primary academy, Derby**, which school buildings burned down on Saturday 3rd October.
- ✘ **Clergy of our diocese who are sick at this time**: Monsignor Jonathan Moore, Canon Michael 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 Tom Berrie, Stephen Doona, Bill Hutchinson and Robin Pollard.

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 17th October **Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch**
No morning Mass

Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year

Collection for Cafod's Harvest Fast Day at Sunday Masses

S 6.00pm Mass	James Joyce RIP
Sunday 18th October	Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year
C 10.45am Mass	Pro Populo (people of the parish)
Monday 19th October	Feria
Mass	Graham Maslin RIP
Tuesday 20th October	Feria
Mass	Father Terry Fellows RIP (funeral day)
Wednesday 21st October	Feria
Mass	Bashia RIP
Thursday 22nd October	Memorial of Saint John Paul II, pope
Mass	Robert and Ann Allison RIP
Friday 23rd October	Feria
Mass	Margaret Deane RIP
Saturday 24th October	Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday
<i>No morning Mass</i>	

Thirtieth Sunday of the Year

World Mission Sunday Collection for Missio

S 6.00pm Mass	Tricia O'Hare
Sunday 25th October	Thirtieth Sunday of the Year
C 10.45am Mass	Kevin Freeman RIP (first anniversary)

Readings at Masses this week

Sunday	Isaiah 45:1.4-6; Psalm 95(96):1.3-5.7-10; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21
Monday	Ephesians 2:1-10; Psalm 99(100); Luke 12:13-21
Tuesday	Ephesians 2:12-22; Psalm 84(85):9-14; Luke 12:36-38
Wednesday	Ephesians 3:2-12; Isaiah 12; Luke 12:39-48
Thursday	Ephesians 3:14-21; Psalm 32(33):1-2.4-5.11-12.18-19; Luke 12:49-53
Friday	Ephesians 4:1-6; Psalm 23(24):1-6; Luke 12:54-59
Saturday	Ephesians 4:7-16; Psalm 121(122):1-5; Luke 13:1-9