



Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Southwell and Calverton

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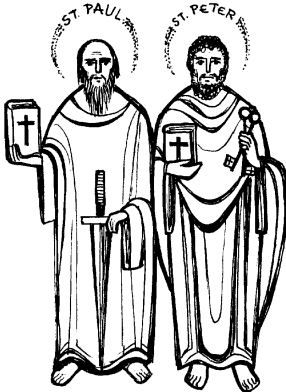
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## 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020 : Solemnity of Saint Peter and Saint Paul

*Instead of the usual Mass, this Sunday we celebrate the martyrdom of the two great apostles in the early Church, Saint Peter and Saint Paul. Their feast is kept on 29<sup>th</sup> June, but when it falls on a Monday (as this year) or a Saturday the celebration is transferred to Sunday, and so we have a greater opportunity to glory in the witness of these inspirational leaders in our faith. The Bishops of England and Wales also ask us to pray for the Pope especially on this day, the successor of Saint Peter, and usually (although not this year) a collection is taken throughout all the churches in the world to support the missionary and charitable activity of the Pope, Peter's Pence. Father Peter Edmonds SJ here reflects a little on their lives:*

29<sup>th</sup> June is the day set apart in the Catholic world for the celebration of the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. Apart from Mary, the mother of Jesus, Saint



Joseph and Saint John the Baptist, these are the only human figures commemorated in the calendar of the universal Church with a day given the rank of 'Solemnity'. Like all saints, Peter and Paul did not come with sanctity ready-made from heaven. We respect them because in them the grace of God achieved its purpose. Such grace works in different ways. Sometimes God's grace, like the prophet Jeremiah, has to 'destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant' (Jeremiah 1:10). Paul and Peter offer us instances of each of these dynamics.

In Paul's case, God's grace had 'to destroy and overthrow'. Paul boasted how 'as to the law he was a Pharisee. . . as to righteousness under the law blameless', but, 'Whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things' (Philippians 3:4-7). When Paul prayed to be freed from 'the thorn in the flesh', a messenger of Satan sent to torment him, the Lord replied, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness' (2 Corinthians 12:10). As to boasting, he wrote, 'If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness' (2 Corinthians 11:30). Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, gives a dramatic instance of this grace of God at work. His account of Paul's conversion begins with Paul 'breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord', but it concludes by describing how Paul, having met the light of Christ, had to be led by the hand and brought into Damascus. 'For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank' (Acts 9:1-9).



As for Peter, he was a fisherman from Galilee, depicted by the Jerusalem authorities as a man uneducated and ordinary (Acts 4:13). His was a situation in which God's grace had 'to build up and plant'. Gospel incidents provide examples of such grace in action. When Peter sank below the waves after walking on the water, Jesus 'immediately reached out his hand and caught him saying, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"' (Matthew 14:31). At the last supper the Lord said to Peter, 'Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail' (Luke 22:31-32). And when Peter had denied his Lord three times, Luke tells us how 'The Lord turned and looked at Peter'. He then went out and wept bitterly (Luke 22:61-62).

We know that Paul and Peter suffered together in the time of the emperor Nero some thirty years after the death of Jesus. The basilica of Saint Peter is built over his tomb. Paul, too, has a basilica in his honour, not far from the *Tre Fontane*, the traditional site of his beheading. They lie near each other in Rome. Did they meet in their lifetimes? In the Acts, their stories are given separately: Peter is prominent in the first half of the book and Paul in the second. They meet but once, at the so-called Jerusalem council in Acts 15. Peter speaks and Paul speaks; James adds his opinion and the meeting comes to a harmonious conclusion.

But in Paul's letter to the Galatians, the picture is more complicated. Three meetings are recorded. First Paul visits Peter in Jerusalem, where they spend two

weeks together. This took place three years after Paul's conversion experience. We are not told what they discussed (Galatians 1:18). After fourteen years, they meet again in Jerusalem. Here Barnabas and Paul share the 'the right hand of fellowship' with Peter, James and John. They agree that Peter is to preach to the circumcised (the Jews) and Paul to the uncircumcised (the Gentiles). Paul is to remember the poor (Galatians 2:9-10).

Paul mentions a third meeting with Peter in Antioch, where there is a sharp exchange of views. Peter has given up his practice of eating at the same table as Gentile converts. This led Paul to disagree in public with Peter because he 'was not acting consistently with the truth of the gospel' (Galatians 2:13). Peter no doubt thought that he was serving the interests of Jewish Christians in their tensions with Jews who were not Christians, but Paul, because of his theological vision of what God had done in Christ, saw such divisions as a betrayal of the gospel. Ultimately Paul's view won; for Christians, Christ is the end of the law and we have been set free (Galatians 5:1). By the time that Acts was written, this tension belonged to the past, even though in 2 Peter, the book commonly regarded as the last to be written in the New Testament, there is a warning about 'our beloved brother Paul. . . In his letters, there are some things in them difficult to understand which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction' (2 Peter 3:15-16).

Peter and Paul have much in common in that they were both apostles of Christ who sacrificed their lives to the same persecution, but their origins, personalities and achievements remind us that we live with diversity as well as uniformity in the Church of Christ. Paul complained to his Corinthian converts that some were saying, 'I belong to Paul' and others 'I belong to Cephas [Peter]' (1 Corinthians 1:12). His appeal that we all be united in the same mind and in the same purpose (1 Corinthians 1:10) is surely the appeal that we are to heed on this Solemnity of Peter and Paul.

## **Pope's Prayer Intention for June**

### **The Way of the Heart**

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

## **Pope's Prayer Intention for July**

### **Our Families**

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

## Prayer during the Coronavirus Pandemic

*In these days when our churches must stay closed it's a comfort to know that God is close to us and that he holds each of us in the palm of his hand. We are encouraged to use the Holy Father's prayer, to Our Lady, as we seek Divine protection:*

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.

## Access to a Priest or the Sacraments

During these days when our Catholic churches throughout the country have to remain closed Mass is still celebrated every day for the intentions of all the parishioners of Southwell and Calverton, and for the specific intentions you have requested. If you need to contact Father Simon, please get in touch.

Justine, our parish secretary, is now working from home, but can be contacted through the parish email address, and is collecting the post regularly.

As requested by the Prime Minister on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, public religious celebrations are not taking place for the time being. **Funeral Services** can still be held, at the cemetery or crematorium, and a Requiem Mass or Memorial Mass can be celebrated later, when it's possible to gather again in church.

If you or someone you know wishes to be anointed with the **Sacrament of the Sick** please speak with Father Simon. Likewise, if you or someone you know wishes to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confession) this can be arranged directly with Father Simon.

## 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](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/UCaf7upUMsn3Kl8GD79FotjQ/featured?fbclid=IwAR1JRpqkdO0rHZY98bsnSC\\_N9TKbvSKXv0L5bT4yVCCmTHaVmAwaW4g-rAk](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf7upUMsn3Kl8GD79FotjQ/featured?fbclid=IwAR1JRpqkdO0rHZY98bsnSC_N9TKbvSKXv0L5bT4yVCCmTHaVmAwaW4g-rAk)

Bishop Patrick is also celebrating other liturgies. Check the Bishop's YouTube channel (using the link above) for each day's schedule.

The **Rosary** is prayed throughout the day from the Shrine of Our Lady at the Grotto in Lourdes:

- <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes>

**Resources for children and young people** can be found via the Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service's (NDCYS) website, with particular shows on Monday mornings at 9.30am and Friday evenings at 6.00pm:

- <https://ndcys.com>

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

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

In these days let us stay safe and well, with our eyes fixed on the Lord. As our churches have to remain closed, let us open our hearts even wider. As the Psalms say 'Grow higher ancient doors and let the King of Glory enter.' These are the doors of our hearts. God knows well how to fill our lives. We must open our hearts in prayer and silent welcome.

## Reopening of Catholic churches in England - Update

Over the last couple of weeks the Government has relaxed the regulations surrounding places of worship, and now our churches are able to open for private prayer, and from Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July can open for worship too, so it will be possible for Mass to be celebrated. Following this decision the Archbishops of England have written a letter, which is printed later in this newsletter. Our churches in Southwell and Calverton, being part of the Diocese of Nottingham, are subject to the decisions of Bishop Patrick, who has updated the regulations for our diocese.

### **For the opening of the church building:**

- ✘ a risk assessment in place, confirmed by the Bishop;
- ✘ a limit on the numbers entering the church;
- ✘ a designated one-way system, with (ideally) two separate doors, and windows to be open as far as possible;
- ✘ social distancing, both when seated and whilst moving inside the church, with other pews and seats either removed or blocked. This can be 2 metres, or 1 meter plus if other mitigation is in place, which in our churches would be the mandatory wearing of face masks;
- ✘ hand-sanitising materials at the door to be used by each person entering;
- ✘ a minimum of two stewards present at all times, in protective clothing, and with disinfectant to clean the areas used by those who visit the church;
- ✘ the church has to be thoroughly cleaned after every session that it is open;
- ✘ holy water fonts will have to remain empty, and all literature, prayer books, leaflets etc should be removed;
- ✘ toilets are to remain closed.

### **With regard to the celebration of Mass:**

- ✘ the church must already have the bishop's permission to be open (ie all the above criteria have been fulfilled);
- ✘ ideally the priest should prepare all the requisites before Mass;
- ✘ any service sheets should be single use, and removed by each individual after Mass, with any remaining removed by the priest;
- ✘ congregational singing is suspended;
- ✘ it's possible for the priest to celebrate with a minimal involvement of other ministers (altar servers; readers, Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion) to help maintain social distancing and avoid multiple contact of areas such as the lectern;

- ✘ the procession into and out of the church should be short, avoiding any close proximity with members of the congregation;
- ✘ homily should be brief and the intercessions omitted;
- ✘ the presentation of the offerings is omitted, and likewise the collection (with a basket at the church door for donations to be given);
- ✘ the sign of peace is omitted;
- ✘ Holy Communion may be distributed either at the usual time, or immediately after Mass has finished. In either case, the acclamation of the true presence of Christ (“The Body of Christ: Amen.” “The Blood of Christ: Amen.”) takes place as the priest receives Holy Communion, so that the faithful, when they come forward, receive in silence. A barrier (such as a prie Dieu) should be placed between the faithful and the priest, to maintain a social distance, and the faithful receive on their hand, arms at ‘full stretch’;
- ✘ after Mass the priest should only greet the people once he has removed his vestments (which may need to be washed immediately), and at a safe distance, and without encouraging parishioners to linger;
- ✘ the altar linens used, etc, should be washed, along with the vessels used;
- ✘ the church should be closed after Mass, cleaned by the stewards (as above), and the priest should ensure no service sheets, etc, remain.

**With regard to those volunteering to be stewards:**

- ✘ potential stewards should already be formal volunteers in the parish (or in a neighbouring parish) in whatever role;
- ✘ it is advised that one volunteer present at each session at least should have undertaken some safeguarding training (although this does not have to have been through the Church);
- ✘ anyone not currently volunteering in a formal capacity with the parish can apply but an application will need to be made to the diocese under the Safer Recruitment Process and references taken up;
- ✘ those who are aged under 18, or who are shielding, or living with someone who is shielding, would not be suitable to steward;
- ✘ those who are aged over 70, and healthy, and parishioners, and confident in keeping themselves safe with appropriate equipment provided by the church, might also be eligible to act as stewards.

There is also the potential for Mass to be celebrated outdoors, within the grounds of a church, if there’s sufficient space for social distancing, and following all of the relevant guidelines above.

Further to the information in the newsletter over the past two Sundays a total of four responses have been received from parishioners, all wishing the churches to be reopened but none able to offer to steward if the churches can be reopened. Clearly from the above protocols there's also a need for people to assist with preparing the risk assessments, preparing the churches before each is opened for the first time (moving chairs and pews, thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting, etc), preparing the single-use Orders of Service, as well as stewarding for the time the church is open, whether for private prayer or for Mass.

Based on the requirements of Bishop Patrick, and on the responses received from parishioners to date, **Father Simon has determined that, for the foreseeable future, neither of the churches in our parish will open, either for private prayer or for the celebration of Mass.**

**To see if at some stage as a parish we could open our two churches, whether for private prayer or indeed for the celebration of Mass, and even for just an hour or two, it would be very helpful to know the opinions of parishioners, and to know which parishioners might be willing to volunteer in whatever capacity. Please email Father Simon ([simon@nottinghamcatholic.com](mailto:simon@nottinghamcatholic.com)) with your thoughts. Thank you to those who have emailed already.**

At present simply opening the church is not possible and it will depend on whether, as a community, we are able to meet these requirements (for both churches: it would be good to open both, rather than disadvantaging one portion or other of the parish) and have the resources in place before diocesan permission can be sought.

## **From the Archbishops of England**

*A Message from the Metropolitan Archbishops of the Catholic Church in England regarding the resumption of collective worship in England:*

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

On Tuesday we heard the announcement that, from 4<sup>th</sup> July this year, places of worship will be able to reopen for prayer and services. We welcome this news with great joy. Since the lockdown began, members of all faiths have faced restrictions on how they have been able to celebrate important religious festivals. Our own experience of Easter was unlike any other we have known. Now, in our churches,



and with our people, we can look forward again to celebrating the central mysteries of our faith in the Holy Eucharist.

The recent reopening of our churches for individual private prayer was an important milestone on our journey towards resuming communal worship. Our churches that have opened have put in place all the measures needed to ensure the risks of virus transmission are minimised. This includes effective hand sanitisation, social distancing, and cleaning. We remain committed to making sure these systems of hygiene and infection control meet Government and public health standards.

We want to thank everyone within the Catholic community for sustaining the life of faith in such creative ways, not least in the family home. We thank our priests for celebrating Mass faithfully for their people, and for the innovative ways in which they have enabled participation through live-streaming and other means. We are grateful for the pastoral care shown by our clergy to those for whom this time of lockdown has been especially difficult, and, in particular, towards those who have been bereaved. We recognise too the chaplaincy services that have played a vital role in supporting those most in need. Gaining from the experience of all that we have been through, and bringing those lessons into the future, we must now look forward.

With the easing of restrictions on worship with congregations, we tread carefully along the path that lies ahead. Our lives have been changed by the experience of the pandemic and it is clear that we cannot simply return to how things were before lockdown. We remain centred on the Lord Jesus and His command at the Last Supper to “do this in memory of me.” We must now rebuild what it means to be Eucharistic communities, holding fast to all that we hold dear, while at the same time exploring creative ways to meet changed circumstances.

It is important to reaffirm that, at present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. A significant number of churches may remain closed as they are unable to meet the requirements for opening for individual prayer. Fulfilling these requirements is a precondition for any church opening after 4<sup>th</sup> July for the celebration of Mass with a congregation.

Please be aware that there will be a limit on the number of people who can attend Mass in our churches. This will be determined locally in accordance with social distancing requirements. We therefore need to reflect carefully on how and when we might be able to attend Mass. We cannot return immediately to our customary practices. This next step is not, in any sense, a moment when we are going ‘back to normal’.

We ask every Catholic to think carefully about how and when they will return

to Mass. Our priests may need to consider whether it is possible to celebrate additional Masses at the weekends. Given there is no Sunday obligation, we ask you to consider the possibility of attending Mass on a weekday. This will ease the pressure of numbers for Sunday celebrations and allow a gradual return to the Eucharist for more people.

Moving forward, there will still be many people who cannot attend Mass in person. We therefore ask parishes, wherever possible, to continue live-streaming Sunday Mass, both for those who remain shielding and vulnerable, and also for those unable to leave home because of advanced age or illness.

When we return to Mass there will be some differences in how the celebration takes place. For the time being, there will be no congregational singing and Mass will be shorter than usual. None of this detracts from the centrality of our encounter with the Risen Christ in the Eucharist. We ask everyone to respect and follow the guidance that will be issued and the instructions in each church.

“As I have loved you,” said the Lord Jesus, “so you must love each other” (John 13:34). The lockdown has brought forth remarkable acts of charity, of loving kindness, from Catholics across our communities as they have cared for the needy and vulnerable.

We have seen love in action through charitable works, and through the service of many front-line keyworkers who are members of our Church. Now we can begin to return to the source of that charity, Christ himself, present for us sacramentally, body, blood, soul and divinity, in Holy Communion. As we prepare to gather again to worship, let us, respectful of each other, come together in thanksgiving to God for the immense gift of the Holy Eucharist.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

✠ **Vincent Cardinal Nichols**, Archbishop of Westminster

✠ **Malcolm McMahon OP**, Archbishop of Liverpool

✠ **Bernard Longley**, Archbishop of Birmingham

✠ **John Wilson**, Archbishop of Southwark

## Catholic churches now open in our Diocese for private prayer

- ✠ **Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham:** weekdays, 10.00 - 12.00; weekends, 11.00 - 12.00
- ✠ **The Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe:** Sunday, 9.00 - 13.00; Saturday, 9.00 - 13.00 and 15.00 - 19.00; weekdays, 10.00 - 13.00 and 16.00 - 19.00

- ✘ **Our Lady and Saint Joseph, Matlock:** Tuesday, 11.00 - 12.30; Wednesday, 11.00 - 12.30; Friday, 18.00 - 20.00
- ✘ **Saint Mary, Derby:** daily, 11.00 - 13.00
- ✘ **Sacred Heart, Leicester:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10.00 - 12.00; Wednesdays and Fridays, 17.00 - 19.00
- ✘ **Holy Cross, Leicester:** Tuesday to Sunday, 14.00 - 17.00
- ✘ **Saint Hugh, Lincoln:** Saturdays, 9.00 - 12.00
- ✘ **Our Lady and Saint Thomas of Hereford, Ilkeston:** weekdays, 12.00 - 14.00; weekends, 9.00 - 10.00 (subject to changes)
- ✘ **Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Swadlincote:** Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, 11.00 - 13.00
- ✘ **Saint Paul, Lenton:** daily 11.00 - 13.00
- ✘ **The Annunciation, New Mills:** Wednesdays, 16.00 - 18.00; Fridays, 11.00 - 13.00
- ✘ **Saint Anne, Buxton:** Wednesdays, 18.00 - 19.00; Fridays, 11.00 - 12.00; Saturdays, 11.00 - 12.00
- ✘ **Saint Augustine, Barton-upon-Humber:** Mondays, 12.00 - 13.00; Thursdays, 19.00 - 20.00; Saturdays, 10.00 - 11.00
- ✘ **Saint Patrick, Leicester:** Sundays, 10.00 - 12.00; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 17.00 - 19.00

## 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.

## A Spiritual Communion

Spiritual Communion is the heartfelt desire to receive Our Lord, even when we are unable because of the distance or for some other reason, such as in the present circumstances. If you are at home and 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 below:

**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 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.

In the midst of all the changes necessitated by the coronavirus pandemic it's possible that our celebration of the **Year of the Word** might have become a little lost and forgotten. In a time when we can't physically get to Mass the use of sacred scripture, spending time with God through reading our bibles and meditation on what we find there, is more important than ever. Starting next Sunday there'll be a series of suggestions of different readings in the bible which might be suitable for different times in our lives. Perhaps too consider reading the daily Mass readings day by day, which are listed each week on the back page of this newsletter.

## A message from Mary's Meals

I am deeply moved by the way churches across the UK have embraced technology to reach out to their congregations at this time. This has inspired us to create a series of special messages especially for churchgoers. These short films will include updates on how Mary's Meals is feeding hungry children through this pandemic and personal reflections on how faith is bringing hope and comfort.

I am pleased to now share the second message, from Mary's Meals' leaders in India and Kenya, here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ek0x5FbAypk>

May the Lord bless and keep you,

**Daniel Adams**, UK Executive Director, Mary's Meals

## Churches Together in Southwell

The Christian Aid Week house to house collection, which raises around £8,000 each May, did not happen because of the coronavirus pandemic, however the essential work of the charity continues. Christian Aid is responding to the coronavirus outbreak in Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean. It is working together with partners and faith leaders to inform people about the risks, offering vital hygiene training, equipping health facilities with supplies, and providing food packages to the most marginalised families.

Super Cyclone Amphan on 20<sup>th</sup> May has increased the threat of coronavirus having left millions in India and Bangladesh in urgent need of safe water, hygiene supplies, masks and sanitisers to prevent the spread of infection. More funds are desperately needed and there is a local 'Just Giving' page for donations, where even £2 could make a big difference. So far we have raised £1,682.

The site is accessed at [www.justgiving.com/campaign/CAWeek2020](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/CAWeek2020) and is open until 30<sup>th</sup> June. Scroll through the teams to donate via 'Southwell Christian Aid Committee'. Thank you for your continuing generosity at this difficult time.

## Forthcoming Event

The Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth will be holding their next on-line-by-Zoom meeting on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July** at 7.30pm. A warm invitation is extended to anyone interested in helping us put together new ideas to share "Faith and Fun" with our young people. Our recent "Via Lucis" Stations of the Resurrection, held on the feast of Pentecost, via Zoom, was well supported on line! The ID is 753 4350 3073 and contact Pauline ([paulinepayne@hotmail.com](mailto:paulinepayne@hotmail.com)) for the password.

## Some practical points

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.

Since there are no Sunday collections 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!**

If you'd like to receive the parish newsletter by email simply email the parish office, at [olv.rcchurch@gmail.com](mailto:olv.rcchurch@gmail.com), asking to be added to the list. It's helpful to have parishioners' consent to send out the newsletter, and other messages, via email.

## Reservation of the Blessed Sacrament

Whilst the Blessed Sacrament has continued to be reserved in the church in Southwell, the Blessed Sacrament was removed from the church in Calverton at the start of the lockdown when it appeared that it might be difficult for Father Simon to visit the church. Since the restrictions are now more relaxed, and there is the possibility of the church being reopened, it is an opportune time to reserve once again the Blessed Sacrament. **Accordingly Father Simon will celebrate Mass in Calverton on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**, in the Old Calendar the Feast of the Most Precious Blood of Christ, and reserve the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle there, praying especially for the imminent opening of both the churches in our parish.

## New Titles in the Litany of Loreto

**Mater misericordiae** (Mother of mercy), **Mater spei** (Mother of hope), and **Solacium migrantium** (Solace of migrants) are the new invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Litany of Loreto, which is often recited at the end of the Rosary.

The additions that Pope Francis has incorporated into the Litany of Loreto were made public by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments last Saturday, the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The invocation, Mother of mercy is to be inserted after Mother of the Church, Mother of hope after Mother of Divine Grace, and Solace of migrants after Refuge of sinners.

## A reflection from 'Marriage Matters'

**The power of love** Peter, the denier, and Paul, the persecutor, both familiar with failure, were overwhelmed by the power of love and gave up their own lives. Let us rejoice in our calling to love as Jesus did, to lay down our lives for each other, willingly and gladly. Our lives might be the only Bible that some people will ever read.

## 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
- ✕ **Pamela Mary Poyser**, who died on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June aged 93, may she rest in peace. We keep her husband, **Eric**, and all her family in our prayers also
- ✕ **Father Anthony Meredith SJ**, who died on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June aged 84, a teacher of Father Simon in seminary. May he rest in peace
- ✕ **Canon Christopher Tuckwell**, Administrator of Westminster Cathedral, who died on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June aged 74. May he rest in peace
- ✕ **Monsignor Georg Ratzinger**, the 96 year-old older brother of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, who is gravely ill at this time
- ✕ **Sister Philippa RSM**, of the Convent of Mercy in Derby, who is seriously ill
- ✕ **Clergy of our diocese who are sick at this time:** Monsignor Jonathan Moore, Fathers John Cairns, Anthony Colebrook, Hugh Doherty, James Hannigan, Peter Harvey, Christopher Hogan, Michael Horrax, James Lynch, Frank McLaughlin, Robert Rutledge, Michael Tutcher; Deacons Stephen Doona, and Bill Hutchinson
- ✕ **Father Michael Mason**, a retired priest of our diocese, who celebrates the ruby jubilee of his priestly ordination on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Ad multos annos!
- ✕ **Bishop Patrick McKinney**, who celebrates the fifth anniversary of his episcopal ordination, becoming our bishop, on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Ad multos annos! Vivat!

## Masses and Services this week

During these days, although parishioners aren't able to attend Mass, Father Simon will continue to celebrate Mass each day for your requested intentions.

<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Saturday Memorial of Our Lady</b>
Mass	Andrew Baldwin RIP
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL</b>
Mass	Pro Populo (people of the parish)
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Feria</b>
Mass	Ray Robinson RIP
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Memorial of the Proto-Martyrs of Rome</b>
Mass	Peter James – intentions
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Feria</b>
Mass	Pamela Mary Poyser RIP
4.30pm Funeral Service	Pamela Mary Poyser RIP
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>Feria</b>
Mass	A bereaved daughter
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Thomas, apostle</b>
Mass	Joanne Asker – intentions
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Saturday Memorial of Our Lady</b>
Mass	Ian and Bridget Chapman – golden wedding
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Fourteenth Sunday of the Year</b>
Mass	Pro Populo (people of the parish)

## Readings at Masses this week

Sunday	Acts 12:1-11; Psalm 33(34):2-9; 2 Timothy 4:6-8.17-18; Matthew 16:13-19
Monday	Amos 2:6-10.13-16; Psalm 49(50):16-23; Matthew 8:18-22
Tuesday	Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Psalm 5:5-8; Matthew 8:23-27
Wednesday	Amos 5:14-15.21-24; Psalm 49(50):7-13.16-17; Matthew 8:28-34
Thursday	Amos 7:10-17; Psalm 18(19):8-11; Matthew 9:1-9
Friday	Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalm 116(117):1-2; John 20:24-29
Saturday	Amos 9:1-15; Psalm 84(85):11-14; Matthew 9:14-17