



Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Southwell and Calverton

Our Lady of Victories, Southwell and Saint Anthony, Calverton

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As we come to the end of this period of Ordinary Time, and Lent is just around the corner, we might ponder of God's love for us, in allowing his Son to suffer that we might have life, and pray that our prayer, fasting and charity in Lent might be united to that of Christ. Sunday's readings remind us that we are to be holy (first reading) for we are God's temple (second reading), and that we live this out by our love, even for our enemies (Gospel). The reflection below, from Saint Maximus, gives us a treatise about love, charity, as we meditate on Sunday's readings and as we prepare for Lent starting on Wednesday.

Charity is a right attitude of mind which prefers nothing to the knowledge of God. If a man possesses any strong attachment to the things of this earth, he cannot

possess true charity. For anyone who really loves God prefers to know and experience God rather than his creatures. The whole set and longing of his mind is ever directed towards him. For God is far superior to all his creation, since everything which exists has been made by God and for him. And so, in deserting God, who is beyond compare, for the inferior works of creation, a man shows that



he values God, the author of creation, less than creation itself.

The Lord himself reminds us: *Whoever loves me will keep my commandments. And this is my commandment: that you love one another.* So the man who does not love his neighbour does not obey God's command. But one who does not obey his command cannot love God. A man is blessed if he can love all men equally. Moreover, if he truly loves God, he must love his neighbour absolutely. Such a man cannot hoard his wealth. Rather, like God himself, he generously gives from his own resources to each man according to his needs. Since he imitates God's generosity, the only distinction he draws is the person's need. He does not distinguish between a good man and a bad one, a just man and one who is unjust. Yet his own goodness of will makes him prefer the man who strives after virtue to the one who is depraved.

A charitable mind is not displayed simply in giving money; it is manifested still more by personal service as well as by the communication of God's word to others: In fact, if a man's service towards his brothers is genuine and if he really renounces worldly concerns, he is freed from selfish desires. For he now shares in God's own knowledge and love. Since he does possess God's love, he does not experience weariness as he follows the Lord his God. Rather, following the prophet Jeremiah, he withstands every type of reproach and hardship without even harbouring an evil thought towards any man. For Jeremiah warns us: *Do not say: "We are the Lord's temple."* Neither should you say: "Faith alone in our Lord Jesus Christ can save me." By itself faith accomplishes nothing. *For even the devils believe and shudder.*

No, faith must be joined to an active love of God which is expressed in good works. The charitable man is distinguished by sincere and long-suffering service to his fellow man: it also means using things aright.

Prayers before Mass : and the Year of the Word

We pray before Mass the Angelus (in preparation for the Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary) and the Prayer of the Year of the Word. Thanks to the parishioners who lead these prayers, about five minutes before the Mass each day.

Changes to Mass times this week

Father Simon is undertaking further studies in Canon Law in the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. During his time out of the parish he will offer Mass each day for parishioners' intentions, especially each Sunday, when he will offer Mass for all the people of our parish, living and dead. Father Simon returns on Saturday 7th March.

Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday !

We begin Lent this week, the traditional forty-day period of prayer, fasting and almsgiving which reminds us of Jesus' own forty days in the wilderness as he prepared for his public ministry, during which time he was tempted by Satan. The Church asks us to fast (those who are aged between 16 and 60 are to eat only one meal, and a collation) and abstain (those who are 14 and over are to refrain from eating meat) on Ash Wednesday (and also on Good Friday), and we are encouraged to come to church and to receive ashes on our forehead, made from burning the palms from last year's Palm Sunday, as a sign of our repentance and conversion.

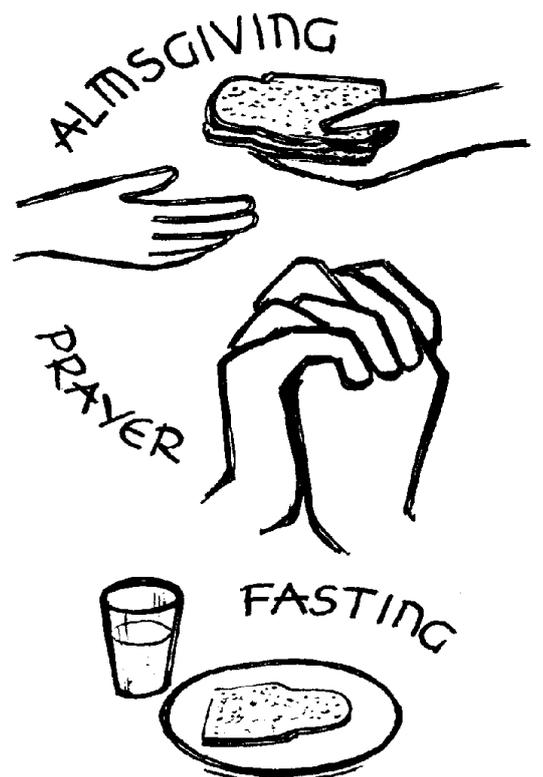
Masses on Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at 9.30am (in Southwell) and at 7.00pm (in Calverton) and the Distribution of Ashes will be at each Mass. Although Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation coming to church is a good way of beginning this season.

We are called to pray more in Lent. Bishop Patrick has asked that we pray this year especially for Vocations, and so we might pray the Diocesan Vocations Prayer (below) each day, or perhaps make another prayer a regular part of our daily devotions. The Bishop also encourages us to come to church and pray for vocations before the Blessed Sacrament.

We are called to fast in Lent. Fasting can take many forms – we might consider:

- ✘ giving up something that we enjoy eating or drinking; or perhaps giving up some other pleasurable activity, such as watching television or spending time on social media; the time saved could be spent in a little prayer too;
- ✘ giving up things that divert us from God, such as criticising other people, judging others' actions, or using bad language.

Finally our Lenten actions call us to give alms, perhaps time or perhaps money, to those who are in need of our help. This can take different forms, and we usually support the Cafod Lent Fast Day which this year falls on Friday 6th March. Consider ways in which we can give of our plenty to those very much in need.



The Diocesan Prayer for Vocations

God Our Father,
we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom,
as Priests, Deacons, and as Religious Men and Women.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others
to respond generously and courageously to your call.
May we continue to support and encourage vocations
in our families and in our parish community.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen.

Mary Immaculate : pray for us.

Saint Hugh of Lincoln : pray for us.

Saint John Henry Newman : pray for us.

All the Saints of our Diocese : pray for us.

Welcome to Father Frank

During Father Simon's time in Leuven Father Frank Carvill will celebrate our Sunday Masses. Father Frank will also celebrate Masses on Ash Wednesday, with the imposition of Ashes, at 9.30am in Our Lady of Victories' church, Southwell, and at 7.00pm in Saint Anthony's church, Calverton. It's good to have a 'permanent supply' with Father Frank, who will no doubt be made very welcome in our parish.

Forthcoming Events in our parish, community and diocese

ASH WEDNESDAY and the start of Lent – Wednesday 26th February
A day of Fasting and Abstinence, with Masses at 9.30am and 7.00pm

As part of Fairtrade Fortnight, which runs from Monday 24th February until Sunday 8th March, Churches Together in Southwell is hosting an exhibition outlining the benefits of Fairtrade at Southwell Library on **Saturday 29th February** from 10.00am until 1.30pm. Please come along and enjoy a Fairtrade tea or coffee and biscuits.

Cafod's Lent Fast Day will be held on **Friday 6th March**. Look out for more details in the newsletter over the next few weeks.

Have you ever thought about becoming a Religious Sister or Brother? **Come and Ask afternoon** on **Saturday 14th March**, from 2.30pm until 4.00pm, at Our Lady and Saint Edward, Nottingham NG3 2LG. See the poster in the porch for more details, or contact Sister Maureen Brennan maureenbrennancsjp@gmail.com, Sister Susan Richert religious@nrcdt.org.uk or 07751 196124 or The Nottingham Vocation team nottinghamvocations@hotmail.co.uk

A **Charity Saint Patrick's Folk Night** will be held on **Saturday 14th March** in Our Lady of Victories' parish hall, from 7.00pm until 11.00pm, including a buffet, tea and coffee (but bring your own tipples if you wish), music and singing. Tickets cost £5, with the proceeds going to the Newark Emmaus Trust, and will be on sale after each Sunday Mass from this weekend. All are very welcome.

Fields of Hope: the annual Churches Together in Southwell Ecumenical Lent Lunch, takes place on **Sunday 15th March** in the Minster State Chamber at 12.45pm for 1pm. Please join us for this sociable soup lunch and compete in the table top quiz. Tickets are £5.00 per person, available from Theresa Martin or Lesley McKenzie, or contact SouthwellChristianAidCommittee@gmail.com. Funds raised will go to Christian Aid.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society members invite you to join them for **Coffee and Croissants** after Mass on **Sunday 22nd March** : any donations made will go towards projects including the Children's Summer Camp sponsorship. They have appreciated parishioners' support in the past which has helped in many ways.

Outside the Walls : Further Screenings

The director and distributor of the film *Outside the Walls*, Nick Harmer, has received enquiries about its release on DVD. He has advised that this is too costly (about £2,500 and is looking for funding. Meanwhile further screenings of this documentary film about Mount Saint Bernard Abbey in Leicester have been arranged:

- ✘ The Century Theatre Coalville, Saturday 29th February, 2.30pm
www.centurytheatre.co.uk
- ✘ The Venue Cinema, Lincoln, Friday 6th March, 7.30pm
www.thevenuelincoln.co.uk
- ✘ The Ritz Cinema Belper, Thursday 12th March, 7.30pm
www.ritz-belper.co.uk
- ✘ QUAD Cinema Derby, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March
www.derbyquad.co.uk

A Day for Catholic Women : Saturday 29th February

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

World Day of Prayer : Friday 6th March

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

Saint John's Passion : Saturday 7th March

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

Faith in Action : Saturday 28th March

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



Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Under the leadership of Bishop Patrick McKinney

Lourdes theme for 2020
"I am the Immaculate Conception"

12th - 17th July
by air and train

www.tangney-tours.com/nottingham - 01732 886666

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Borough Green, Kent,
TN15 8AF, UK



See Father Simon for further details and booking forms

Forthcoming Pilgrimages

An **Easter Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine**, will be held from 8th April, costing £649 per person, with a single person supplement of £100. Further information is available from Patricia on 01268 762278, 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Nevers by Coach June 13th – 20th Picking up in Nottingham, Derby and Leicester, the cost is £595 per person. For a booking form, please contact Father John McCay at jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk or 0115 981 0320.

Year of the Word : Day of Prayer : Saturday 16th May

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

Marriage Encounter Weekend

From Saturday 4th until Sunday 5th July there is an opportunity for all married couples to enrich their marriage and renew their commitment to one another. A non-residential Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held at Savio House, Bollington, SK10 5RW. Most couples and many priests find this a very rewarding experience. Book now at www.wvme.org.uk or for more information contact Charles and Krysia Golabek on 01625 263627 (charles.golabek@ntlworld.com).

Job Opportunities within the Diocese

The directors of the Nottingham Roman Catholic Education Service are seeking to appoint an Assistant Director to take a leading role in the continuing development of all areas of Catholic Life within our diocesan schools. Full details are available at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/education/recruitment/diocesan-education-service. The closing date for applications is Thursday 2nd April.

Marriage Care is seeking to appoint a part time Team Leader to head their Appointment Service. The successful applicant will help to support adult relationships through the marriage preparation and relationship counselling services and will support a gifted team of 600 volunteers across England and Wales. For more information please visit www.marriagecare.org.uk/get-involved. The closing date for applications is Thursday 27th February.

Newsletter via email

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

Five reasons why you should buy Fairtrade coffee

With Fairtrade Fortnight starting on Monday, this article, from Fairtrade, gives us some insights into how changing our shopping habits can affect others' lives.

Good for people Fair trade coffee benefits the lives of growers, farmers, and exporters with a stable and fair income. Coffee harvests can vary year to year depending on temperature, rainfall, diseases such as 'coffee rust', and a whole range of other factors. This unpredictability results in an unstable coffee market which demands more coffee from growers at a lower price. Fair trade means that the coffee growers have a safety net ready when market prices fall below a sustainable level.

Good for the planet Though not all fair trade coffee is organic, for a coffee to be fair trade the coffee beans must be grown and processed using environmentally sustainable methods. These smallholder farmers grow their fair trade coffee slowly, naturally, without chemical fertilizers or pesticides, often using organic soil and shade conservation techniques under a protective canopy of native trees. When it comes to organic coffee certified by the Soil Association (such as our Eat Your Hat organic coffee range), the coffee plants create soil that holds a steady base of nutrients which then pass into the coffee beans themselves slowly, creating a smooth and memorable flavour.

Good for the community The world of coffee trade can seem enormous and overwhelming to the single smallholder coffee farmer. By grouping together in the form of co-operatives and democratically-run organisations, together these farmers can buy and distribute supplies, negotiate better prices, participate in shared learning opportunities, and build relationships across their community. The extra income they earn from fair trade coffee is often reinvested into their local area in the form of healthcare, schooling, water, and housing schemes. So, when you choose to buy fair trade coffee, it doesn't only benefit the farmers who harvested it, it benefits the whole community too!

Good for you Fair trade coffee tastes amazing! Traidcraft fair trade and organic coffee is made from the finest picked-by-hand beans, each blend bursting with its own distinct flavour. These flavours are a result of the careful attention the farmer gives to soil and water composition, and the traditional cultivation and processing methods used to produce the coffee. The world of fair trade coffee includes some of the most remarkable tasting organically grown coffees available, and in various forms, including instant coffee, ground coffee, decaffeinated coffee, and ready-to-grind coffee beans. Looking for an ethical whole bean espresso, a light as a feather fair trade light roast, or an everyday instant coffee? There's an option for you. In the old days there might not have been a lot of choice in terms of fair trade coffee, but as you can see - incredibly tasting coffee is no longer a stranger to fair trade.

Good for the movement When you buy fair trade coffee you're making a stand against corrupt trade systems that most people take for granted. Regular (non-fair trade) coffee may have gone through the hands of up to ten different farmers, exporters, brokers, processors, roasters, and retailers before it made it to your cafetière. Fair trade coffee subverts this system, eliminating the costly middle-men and connecting buyers and grower co-operatives. But you're also making a stand in another way too. In drinking fair trade drinks and eating fair trade food, you're enacting everyday activism. Making a stand doesn't always involve wearing a sandwich board or protesting outside Parliament. Sometimes it's just about making an everyday change and trying to encourage others to do it too.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society : Cash for Coins

The SVP is collecting foreign coins, or old British coins, or any old foreign coins. There is a container for old and redundant coins in the narthex of each church. Thank You!

Some events for Lent

With Lent starting on 26th February, Ash Wednesday, here are some of the events which will be taking place during this forthcoming holy season:

Stations of the Cross led by the parish Cafod Group, in Our Lady of Victories church, on **Friday 26th February** at 6.30pm.

Wednesday **Soup and Reflection** will be led in Calverton from 12.00 noon until 1.00pm in the following churches:

- ✠ 4th March in the Methodist church
- ✠ 11th March in Saint Anthony's church
- ✠ 18th March in Saint Wilfrid's church
- ✠ 25th March in the Baptist church

Prayers for ...

Please remember in your prayers especially:

- ✠ **Canon Colin Taylor**, formerly parish priest of Our Lady of Lincoln parish, Lincoln, who died on Wednesday 19th February and whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated in Lincoln on Friday 6th March. May he rest in peace!
- ✠ **Canon David Oakley**, a priest of Birmingham diocese, and presently Rector of Oscott Seminary, who has been named by Pope Francis as the next Bishop of Northampton. He will be ordained bishop by Cardinal Nichols on 19th March.

Parish Financial Statement, Standing Orders, and Gift Aid Forms

Following the presentation of parish finances last Sunday there are copies of the presentation printed in last Sunday's newsletter for any parishioners who weren't at Mass last Sunday. There are also standing order forms and gift aid forms available at the back of each church. They're printed on bright yellow paper, so they're hard to miss – please take one and complete it. If you already have a standing order in place please consider cancelling it (since it's paid to the diocese) and completing a new one (on the form provided) in favour of the parish. Thank you as ever!

Thank You for your Generosity

The main collection, Sunday 16th February : £138.35

A reflection from 'Marriage Matters'

Making the right choices

Choices! How difficult sometimes to make the right choices. What to eat today, how to save money, what clothes to wear, what we or our children need. For Christians, prayer and a set of Christian values influence the choices we make. Why not ask the Lord's help to decide what issue is uppermost for us today and dialogue about it?



Readings at Masses this week

Monday	James 3:13-18; Psalm 18(19):8-10.15; Mark 9:14-29
Tuesday	James 4:1-10; Psalm 54(55):7-11.23; Mark 9:30-37
Wednesday	Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 50(51):3-6.12-14.17; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6.16-18
Thursday	Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1:1-4.6; Luke 9:22-25
Friday	Isaiah 58:1-9; Psalm 50(51):3-6.18-19; Matthew 9:14-15
Saturday	Isaiah 58:9-14; Psalm 85(86):1-6; Luke 5:27-32

Parish Ministries

	<i>This week</i>	<i>Next week</i>
	Seventh Sunday	First of Lent
<i>Welcomers OLV 6pm</i>	Annabel Kingsbury	Bernadette Murtagh
	Marie Baldwin	Eileen Thomas
<i>Welcomers OLV 9am</i>	Mary Joyce	Mike Gemson
	Michael Joyce	Carol Tinker
<i>Welcomers StA 10.45am</i>	Bernadette Carter	Michael Wilkes
<i>Readers OLV 6pm</i>	Marie Baldwin	Cathy Smith
<i>Readers OLV 9am</i>	Theresa Martin	Gerard Law
<i>Readers StA 10.45am</i>	Gian Luca	Doug Andrews
<i>Communion OLV 6pm</i>	Madeleine Birch	Cathy Smith
<i>Communion OLV 9am</i>	Mike Asker	Theresa Martin
<i>Coffee OLV 9am</i>	Itai Matumbike	Margaret Bell
	Paul Wilkinson	
<i>Cleaners OLV</i>	Moira Back	Mary Joyce
<i>Counters</i>	Margaret Bell	Marie Baldwin

Masses and Services this week

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

Saturday 22nd February

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

S 5.15pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Confessions

S 6.00pm Vigil Mass Mike Murtagh RIP

Sunday 23rd February

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

S 9.00am Mass Ana Barreto -Pereira RIP

C 10.45am Mass Priest's intention

S 6.00pm Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church)

Monday 24th February

Feria

No public Mass today

Tuesday 25th February

Feria

No public Mass today

Wednesday 26th February

ASH WEDNESDAY

A Day of Fasting and Abstinence

S 9.30am Mass Holy Souls

C 7.00pm Mass Priest's intentions

Thursday 27th February

Lenten Feria

No public Mass today

Friday 28th February

Lenten Feria

No public Mass today

Saturday 29th February

Lenten Feria

No public morning Mass

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

S 5.15pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Confessions

S 6.00pm Vigil Mass Barbara Pearson & Tom Sills RIP

Sunday 1st March

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

S 9.00am Mass Sabina May Crosse RIP

C 10.45am Mass Priest's intentions

S 6.00pm Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church)

Pope's Prayer Intentions for February

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