



Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Southwell and Calverton

# Our Lady of Victories, Southwell and Saint Anthony, Calverton

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**29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020 : Twenty-second Sunday of the Year**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September marks the “World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.” This day of prayer was instituted in the Catholic Church in 2015 by Pope Francis, although it has been celebrated in the Orthodox church since 1989. It also marks the start of the “Season of Creation,” which unites Christians in prayer and action for the protection of our common home. The Season of Creation ends on 4<sup>th</sup> October, the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi. During this season we are encouraged to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

Especially at this time we pray for those in positions of power and influence to be effective ‘guardians of God’s creation,’ which includes all of us who exercise influence as consumers. We all have our part to play in caring for our common home, and in the Church’s recent statement, “Guardians of God’s Creation” we are encouraged to live out a Christian spirituality of ecology, and a call to a new lifestyle, beginning in personal and family life. As disciples, we are invited to be part of the redeeming mission of Christ and to approach our task with joy and gratitude. “Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise [Laudato Si’, 12].”



We are invited to pray on 1<sup>st</sup> September, and throughout the Season of Creation, to prayer overleaf:

Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you with all your creatures and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of Your hands.

We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility that You give us as stewards of Your creation.

In our ignorance we have done damage to our common home and our brothers and sisters are suffering.

Through faithfully following your Son guide and direct us to prepare for a better future.

Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of You.

Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all You have created, using wisely all that you have entrusted to us.

Holy Spirit,

who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew order out of the chaos help us to build your kingdom of justice, love, peace and beauty where the poor of the earth are crying out.

You, who live and reign, world without end, Amen.

## Change of email address

On Thursday evening the diocesan Chief Operating Officer advised that all the clergy in the diocese are to use new email addresses with effect from Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August. This change is to increase email security and to help comply with data protection legislation. Accordingly, and with apologies for the very short notice, the parish email address (olv.rcchurch@gmail.com) will no longer be operative; nor will Father Simon's email address (simon@nottinghamcatholic.com). Please start to use this new email address:

**simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk**

for both Father Simon and for the parish. Hopefully it will be possible to have a new parish email address in due course also.

## Pope's Prayer Intentions

*For August* **The Maritime World** We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

*For September* **Respect for the Planet's Resources** We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

## Welcome back to Mass

We are now in our third week of being able to offer Sunday Masses publicly, thanks to the generosity of many parishioners who are acting as stewards, cleaners, and booking-clerks, and well as those who continue to maintain the two churches in our parish. It is hoped that we can continue this pattern each week:

**Our Lady of Victories church, Southwell, on Saturdays at 6.00pm,**

**Saint Anthony's church, Calverton, on Sundays at 10.45am.**

All are more than welcome to come back to church, even though the Sunday Obligation to attend Mass is still suspended by the Bishops of England and Wales, and so attendance is currently optional. For those parishioners who would like to come to Mass, it's necessary to book a place since the capacity of each church is reduced to allow for socially-distanced seating.

To book a place telephone Kathleen and Robert Dixon on 01636 813874, at any reasonable time from Monday morning until Friday evening; if there's no reply leave a message, with your name and number, and they'll return your call. Please note:

- ✘ A place needs to be booked for each individual who plans to attend;
- ✘ You'll be asked to provide a telephone number, to be passed onto Public Health England if needed as part of the 'Test and Trace' system. Providing your telephone number is voluntary, and you can come to Mass without doing so;
- ✘ For Sunday Masses bookings can be made only during the preceding week, from Monday morning, until Friday evening, running up to the Sunday Mass booked.

## What to expect when coming to Mass

In order to comply with the Bishop's guidelines on celebrating Masses in the covid-19 period there'll be some differences in that way we come to Mass and the way Mass is celebrated. These will be outlined when you book for Mass, and when you arrive at church. If you haven't booked to come to Mass please don't simply turn up: unfortunately you won't be allowed to enter. Please follow these directions, and recognise that those asking you to follow the directions are volunteers themselves:

- ✘ Please don't attend if you show any symptoms of covid-19;
- ✘ Try to arrive no earlier than half an hour before Mass, and no later than ten minutes before Mass, to allow time for each person to enter one-by-one;
- ✘ Even if you arrive on foot, enter via the car park and follow the one-way signs, waiting by the 2 metre markers in front of the church door if others have arrived before you;

- ✘ Entry will be via the main door of the church;
- ✘ Ensure you bring a mask to wear throughout the time in church, except when receiving Holy Communion;
- ✘ Please use the hand-sanitiser (provided) on arrival;
- ✘ Please take one of the Mass Sheets, and a Newsletter, and take them home with you after Mass;
- ✘ Put your weekly offering into the basket in the narthex;
- ✘ There won't be any holy water available, the repository will be closed, and there are no Catholic papers currently available;
- ✘ Please sit on the seat to which you are directed, following the (marked) one-way system. Seating will be from the front of church first, and parishioners will be seated at two-metre intervals (in Southwell it might be possible to seat couples next to each other, and families in a single pew; in Calverton the chairs have been laid out singularly, and so each person, except for babes-in-arms, will be at a two-metre distance from the next person);
- ✘ Please avoid any contact with other parishioners; please don't speak before Mass unless necessary;
- ✘ Only the disabled toilet will be available for use, and only if absolutely necessary. If you do use the toilet, please do so before you are seated, and then go to your seat (in Southwell, by exiting the church hall lobby, walking around the side of the church, and re-entering the church through the main door, following the one-way system);
- ✘ Windows and doors will be open to enable as much ventilation as possible;
- ✘ The Mass Sheet will explain the changes in the way Mass is celebrated, please ensure you read it before Mass, and follow the directions during Mass. In particular:
  - There will be no congregational singing;
  - Responses will be made with quiet voices;
  - There will be no ministries (eg altar servers, readers) during Mass;
  - There will be no sign of peace;
  - Holy Communion will be distributed immediately following Mass;
- ✘ After Mass you will be invited to receive Holy Communion; please then leave the church following the one-way system, out into the car park (in Southwell, through the parish hall lobby) and please leave immediately.

**If you have difficulties with these instructions please contact Father Simon directly.**

**Thank you to all those who have come back to Mass, and found it to be a very safe and secure environment, with all the necessary precautions in place.**

## 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.english.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)

**Resources for children and young people** can be found via the Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service's (NDCYS) website:

- <https://ndcys.com>

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

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

## A Spiritual Communion

Spiritual Communion is the heartfelt desire to receive Our Lord, even when we are unable to do so. If you are live-streaming the Mass, or praying the texts of the Mass, when it comes to the time for receiving Holy Communion pray instead the prayer:

***From Saint Alphonsus Liguori:***

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as being already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

## Prayer during the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary,  
you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you,  
Health of the Sick.  
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.  
You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.  
We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,  
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:  
He who took our sufferings upon Himself,  
and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection.  
Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.  
Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test  
and deliver us from every danger,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

## A Prayer to my Guardian Angel when I can't get to Mass

Dear Guardian Angel,  
go for me to the church, there kneel down at Mass for me.  
At the Offertory, take me to God, and offer him my service:  
what I am, what I have, offer as my gift.  
At the Consecration, with your seraphic strength,  
adore my Saviour truly present,  
praying for those who have loved me, for those who have offended me,  
and for those now deceased, that the blood of Jesus may purify them all.  
During Holy Communion, bring to me the Body and Blood of Jesus  
uniting him with me in spirit, so that my heart may become his dwelling place.  
Plead with him, that through his sacrifice  
all people throughout the world may be saved.  
When the Mass ends,  
bring home to me and to every home, the Lord's blessing. Amen.

## Prayer for the Year of the Word

Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.



V. Your word is our path and your truth is our light.

R. This day and every day.

Our Lady of the Annunciation : Pray for us.

Saint Matthew : Pray for us. Saint Jerome : Pray for us.

## Thursday : Feast of Saint Gregory the Great

Born in Rome in 540, Saint Gregory was the first of the sixteen Popes named Gregory. He came from a patrician family and was for a time the chief civil magistrate of Rome. He became a monk when he was about 35, having given his wealth away to establish several monasteries. His papacy lasted fourteen years, from 590 until 604 AD. During this time Gregory was tireless, energetic and charitable.

One of his most far-reaching decisions, and very significant for our parish, came about after he saw blonde Anglo Saxon slaves for sale in the market. 'They are not Angles, but Angels,' he said, and decided to send missionaries to England. He chose Saint Augustine, and together with a band of monks sent him to convert the Angles, which he did from 597AD.

Because of his decision to send missionaries to our country he is known as The Apostle of the English, and was the first Pope to use the title 'The Servant of the Servants of God', a title still used by Pope Francis today.



## From the Poyser family

The Poyser family is very grateful indeed for the very many expressions of sympathy and Masses said for Pamela, who was a very long standing member of this and previous local parishes in the Diocese of Nottingham since moving here in the 1950s.

Also for the very many good wishes received on the birth of Thomas Brockway Poyser, late on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August, to Emily and Michael.

**Cancel the Debt!** Coronavirus is causing devastation right across the world. Many of the world's poorest nations are not only dealing with this health emergency but also facing unimaginable financial hardship as a result of the global economic slow-down. Many countries are being plunged into a new debt crisis as they respond to the threat of the virus while managing spiralling debt payments. If these payments were cancelled money could be diverted to fund vital healthcare and help countries to recover and rebuild from the crisis. The World Bank and IMF will gather in October for their Annual Meeting. The UK is a powerful shareholder in both, and has an important role to play in ensuring these global institutions act fast to avoid the pandemic causing lasting damage to the world's poorest peoples. As they gather CAFOD will be ready, presenting them with the faces of thousands of people from all over the world saying it is time to #CancelTheDebt.

**You can support the campaign by:**

- ✘ Taking a selfie creatively displaying the words "Cancel the Debt" with, if possible, a local image or town sign in the background. Share the image on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram with the hashtag #CancelTheDebt and tag @cafod. Alternatively send the photo to [campaign.writer@cafod.org.uk](mailto:campaign.writer@cafod.org.uk)
- ✘ Sign the petition to the Prime Minister at [cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns](http://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns)
- ✘ Join the on-line talk about how the debt crisis is affecting the Global South on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September from 6.00pm. Sign up at [cafod.org.uk/debtinjustice](http://cafod.org.uk/debtinjustice)

**Prayers for the Season of Creation** Inspired by *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis has established 1<sup>st</sup> September as *The World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation*, encouraging the Catholic Community around the world to pray for our common home. The World Day of Prayer falls at the beginning of Creation Time, running until 4<sup>th</sup> October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. To mark Creation Time join CAFOD in using the Novena to Saint Francis – nine brief reflections asking Saint Francis to pray for us and our world based on the Canticle of the Sun. See [cafod.org.uk/novena](http://cafod.org.uk/novena)

**Coronavirus Emergency Appeal** CAFOD has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk, as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at [cafod.org.uk/coronavirus](http://cafod.org.uk/coronavirus) to help CAFOD scale up its coronavirus response through our global Church family. Or use CAFOD's Summer of Hope fundraising ideas with your family and friends to transform lockdown and raise money for the appeal: [cafod.org.uk/summerofhope](http://cafod.org.uk/summerofhope)

## Walk the Way with us

Donations to the Southwell Churches Together collection for Christian Aid this year are down 75% from previous years. Consequently from 1<sup>st</sup> September until 4<sup>th</sup> October, Creation Time, Southwell and Villages Christian Aid Supporters Group will be virtually walking, running, cycling and mobility scooting the Camino de Santiago de Compostela, following the French route from Saint Jean de Port in southern France, across the western Pyrenees to Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain. It will be a full month of pilgrimage and prayer with a few pounds raised for the work of Christian Aid raised along the way. If parishioners you would like to walk some miles with the Group please contact [southwellchristianaidcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:southwellchristianaidcommittee@gmail.com) or telephone Lesley on 01636 814721 by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August. Please join in prayer and reflection along the way and if possible, and consider sponsoring the Group too. See [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/casouthwellandvillagespilgrimage2020](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/casouthwellandvillagespilgrimage2020) for news and updates on the pilgrimage, prayers and progress. Thank you for helping our global neighbours who are still facing crisis.

## Financial Support of our Parish

Father Simon celebrates Mass each day; if you wish to have a Mass offered for an intention put a Mass envelope through the presbytery letterbox, or email Father Simon directly. The Mass intentions are published in the newsletter, and currently **there are no Mass intentions to be celebrated**. This is one of the traditional ways in which parishioners support the parish, so do consider if you'd like to have a Mass offered for a particular person or occasion.

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!**

## Parish Newsletter by email

If you'd like to receive the parish newsletter by email simply email Father Simon at [simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk), asking to be added. It's necessary to have parishioners' consent to send the newsletter, and other messages, via email.

## Wanderings around Southwell

The last few months have been in lockdown, and suddenly, there has been nowhere to go. This prompts the question, why do we usually go anywhere at all? At the same time, our immediate surroundings have newly revealed themselves. I live in Southwell in Nottinghamshire and am normally tempted to head for the more obvious spectacle of the Peak District. But for two months now I have simply walked or cycled in my own vicinity. It turns out to be a secret area of unnamed hills, fragmentary forest, rough pasture for sheep and horse-rearing. The crops of mainly early wheat sustain the sweeps of varying green. Previously unsuspected routes take me along paths that thread the edge of fields and narrow strips of woodland, recalling the shape of the landscape before enclosure. They take me past cottages of warm rose-coloured brick, bearing curiously Roman-looking lattice-type frieze beneath their eaves. They traverse occasional holloways and numerous wooden bridges over the deep-sunken streams (“dumbles”) that are saturated with the blossom of stunted trees and offer hidden tunnels for the passage of wildlife.

One imagines quarter-staff tussles taking place on their precarious slats, in this borderland between north and south, once contested between the Crown, the Church and outlaw bands struggling to retain guild fraternity in the greenwood. Thus, I discover that my immediate region of pylons and wind-turbines is also a mythical heart of England, bearing traces of an inheritance in which legend and history, conquest and resistance are as entangled as the foliage. I lose count of the number of ancient oak trees: mighty or stunted, lone-standing or concealed. I am lost in the enigma of their symbolism. To me a walk that follows ancient paths and maps is wilder than a trek into the wilderness, because it is also a psychogeographic exploration: a traversing of the ways in which nature can come to expression through human wanderings. And always, of course, one is sure that the path one has not taken conceals the deeper mystery one was supposed to have discovered.

So what are these wanderings for? The first thing human beings did was to unnecessarily walk right round the world. Our movement has always been in excess of purpose and my local rambles reveal an older mode of globalisation. Walking traces a satisfactory circle of outgoing and return to home. It opens out the domestic to the strange while reclaiming the wild to oneself and to meaning. But it also heads in straight lines to various goals which were already sacred or thereby become so. In this way every walk is a pilgrimage. It is not empty travel to just anywhere. Yet it is more than a beating of the local bounds. The gate, the bridge, the tree or the distant spire all orient our steps beyond even the universal to our ultimate source to



## Masses and Services this week

<p><b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>No morning Mass</i></p> <p>S 6.00pm Mass</p> <p><b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August</b> C 10.45am Mass</p> <p><b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August</b> Mass</p> <p><b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b> Mass</p> <p><b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b> Mass</p> <p><b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b> Mass</p> <p><b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b> Mass</p> <p><b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>No morning Mass</i></p> <p>S 6.00pm Mass</p> <p><b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b> C 10.45am Mass</p>	<p><b>Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist</b></p> <p><b>Twenty-second Sunday of the Year</b> Pro Populo (people of the parish)</p> <p><b>Twenty-second Sunday of the Year</b> Olive and Stanley Chambers RIP</p> <p><b>Feria</b> Private intention (MB)</p> <p><b>Feria</b> Barbara Pearson RIP and Tom Sills RIP</p> <p><b>Feria</b> Donor's intentions</p> <p><b>Feast of Saint Gregory, Apostle of the English</b> Donor's intentions</p> <p><b>Feria</b> Donor's intentions</p> <p><b>Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b></p> <p><b>Twenty-third Sunday of the Year</b> Mary Back RIP</p> <p><b>Twenty-third Sunday of the Year</b> Pro Populo (people of the parish)</p>
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## Readings at Masses this week

<b>Sunday</b>	Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 62(63):2-6.8-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27
<b>Monday</b>	1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Psalm 118(119):97-102; Luke 4:16-30
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Corinthians 2:10-16; Psalm 144(145):8-14; Luke 4:31-37
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Psalm 32(33):12-15.20-21; Luke 4:38-44
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Thessalonians 2:2-8; Psalm 95(96):1-3.7-8.10; Matthew 16:13-19
<b>Friday</b>	1 Corinthians Psalm 36(37):3-6.27-28.39-40; Luke 5:33-39
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Corinthians 4:6-15; Psalm 144(145):17-21; Luke 6:1-5