



Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Southwell and Calverton

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

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## 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020 : Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year

This week we are blessed with two celebrations of angels: on Tuesday we recall the archangels, Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael on their feast; and on Friday we bring to mind our individual Guardian Angels, on their day. These are the only times in the year when the angels are celebrated in this way, and as well as hearing in the bible about the great archangels, messengers of God, it's a joy to remember that each one of us is blessed with a Guardian Angel to help us in our spiritual lives. At the end of the sixth century the then pope, Saint Gregory the Great, preached about the angels and archangels in this way:



You should be aware that the word “angel” denotes a function rather than a nature. Those holy spirits of heaven have indeed always been spirits. They can only be called angels when they deliver some message. Moreover, those who deliver messages of lesser importance are called angels; and those who proclaim messages of supreme importance are called archangels. And so it was that not merely an angel but the archangel Gabriel was sent to the Virgin Mary. It was only fitting that the highest angel should come to announce the greatest of all messages.

Some angels are given proper names to denote the service they are empowered to perform. In that holy city, where perfect knowledge flows from the vision of almighty God, those who have no names may easily be known. But personal names are assigned to some, not because they could not be known without them, but rather to denote their ministry when they came among us. Thus, Michael means “Who is like God”; Gabriel is “The Strength of God”; and Raphael is “God’s Remedy.”



Whenever some act of wondrous power must be performed, Michael is sent, so that his action and his name may make it clear that no one can do what God does by his superior power. So also our ancient foe desired in his pride to be like God, saying: *I will ascend into heaven; I will exalt my throne above the stars of heaven; I will be like the Most High.* He will be allowed to remain in power until the end of the world when he will be destroyed in the final punishment. Then, he will fight with the archangel Michael, as we are told by John: *A battle was fought with Michael the archangel.*

So too Gabriel, who is called God’s strength, was sent to Mary. He came to announce the One who appeared as a humble man to quell the cosmic powers. Thus God’s strength announced the coming of the Lord of the heavenly powers, mighty in battle. Raphael means, as I have said, God’s remedy, for when he touched Tobit’s eyes in order to cure him, he banished the darkness of his blindness. Thus, since he is to heal, he is rightly called God’s remedy.

**May our Holy Guardian Angels Pray for Us!**

## **Pope’s Prayer Intentions for September**

### **Respect for the Planet’s Resources**

We pray that the planet’s resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

## **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.

## Coming back to Mass

Many of our parishioners have now come back to Mass, some each week, and some periodically to help allow space for others to come on other Sundays. It's very good to see all those who have come back, and to see new faces each Sunday. Even with the Government's new 'rule of six' there is no change to our Mass routines: we are still able to come to church with a maximum (including priest and stewards) of 20 in Southwell and 24 in Calverton.

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.

## 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;
- ✘ Enter via the car park and follow the one-way signs, waiting by the 2 metre markers in front of the church door if others have arrived before you;
- ✘ Entry will be via the main door of the church;
- ✘ Ensure you bring a mask to wear throughout the time in church, except when receiving Holy Communion;
- ✘ Please use the hand-sanitiser (provided) on arrival;
- ✘ Please take one of the Mass Sheets, and a Newsletter, and take them home with you after Mass;

- ✘ Put your weekly offering into the basket in the narthex;
- ✘ There won't be any holy water available, the repository will be closed, and there are no Catholic papers currently available;
- ✘ Please sit on the seat to which you are directed, following the (marked) one-way system. Seating will be from the front of church first, and parishioners will be seated at two-metre intervals (in Southwell couples can sit next to each other, and families in a single pew; in Calverton the chairs have been laid out singularly, and so each person will be at a two-metre distance from the next person);
- ✘ Please avoid any contact with other parishioners; please don't speak before Mass unless necessary;
- ✘ Only the disabled toilet will be available for use, and only if absolutely necessary. If you do use the toilet, please do so before you are seated, and then go to your seat (in Southwell, by exiting the hall lobby, walking around the side of the church, and re-entering the church through the main door, following the one-way system);
- ✘ Windows and doors will be open to enable as much ventilation as possible;
- ✘ The Mass Sheet will explain the changes in the way Mass is celebrated, please ensure you read it before Mass, and follow the directions during Mass. In particular:
  - There will be no congregational singing;
  - Responses will be made with quiet voices;
  - There will be no ministries (eg altar servers, readers) during Mass;
  - There will be no sign of peace;
  - Holy Communion will be distributed immediately following Mass;
- ✘ After Mass you will be invited to receive Holy Communion; please then leave the church following the one-way system, out into the car park (in Southwell, through the parish hall lobby) and please leave immediately.
- ✘ Since it is not now permitted to gather publicly in groups of more than six, although we are exempt in church for Mass, groups of more than six in the church car park could be deemed to be breaking this restriction. Please ensure that you don't linger, tempting as it is to chat with fellow parishioners!
- ✘ Hopefully it might be possible to reduce the number of open doors and windows as the weather becomes a little cooler, and to try to heat our two churches, but please dress appropriately for the weather and temperature.

**If you have difficulties with these instructions please contact Father Simon directly. The stewards are volunteers and parishioners and are following the Bishop's guidelines when asking you to follow the rules. They shouldn't have to accept rudeness from fellow parishioners, so please be considerate !**

## 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/UCaf7upUMsn3KI8GD79FotjQ/featured?fbclid=IwAR1JRpqkdO0rHZY98bsnSC\\_N9TKbvSKXv0L5bT4yVCcMTHaVmAwaW4g-rAk](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf7upUMsn3KI8GD79FotjQ/featured?fbclid=IwAR1JRpqkdO0rHZY98bsnSC_N9TKbvSKXv0L5bT4yVCcMTHaVmAwaW4g-rAk)

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

- <https://ndcys.com>

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

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

## A Spiritual Communion

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

***From Saint Alphonsus Liguori:***

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

## Prayer during the Coronavirus Pandemic

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

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

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

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

## Prayer for the Year of the Word

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

V. Your word is our path and your truth is our light.  
R. This day and every day.

Our Lady of the Annunciation : Pray for us.  
Saint Matthew : Pray for us.  
Saint Jerome : Pray for us.

## Prayer for the Season of Creation

*We are invited to pray this prayer during the Season of Creation (until 4<sup>th</sup> October):*

Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you with all your creatures  
and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of Your hands.  
We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility  
that You give us as stewards of Your creation.  
In our ignorance we have done damage to our common home  
and our brothers and sisters are suffering.  
Through faithfully following your Son  
guide and direct us to prepare for a better future.  
Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the universe,  
for all things speak of You.  
Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all You have created,  
using wisely all that you have entrusted to us.  
Holy Spirit,  
who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew order out of the chaos  
help us to build your kingdom of justice, love, peace and beauty  
where the poor of the earth are crying out.  
You, who live and reign, world without end.  
Amen.

## **106<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees : Pope Francis' Message**

### ***Like Jesus Christ, forced to flee. Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating internally displaced persons***

At the beginning of this year, in my Address to the members of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See, I pointed to the tragedy of internally displaced people as one of the challenges of our contemporary world: 'Situations of conflict and humanitarian emergencies, aggravated by climate change, are increasing the numbers of displaced persons and affecting people already living in a state of dire poverty. Many of the countries experiencing these situations lack adequate structures for meeting the needs of the displaced' (9 January 2020).

The Migrants and Refugees Section of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has issued the document 'Pastoral Orientations on Internally Displaced People' (Vatican City, 5 May 2020), which aims to inspire and encourage the pastoral work of the Church in this specific area.

For these reasons, I have decided to devote this Message to the drama of internally displaced persons, an often unseen tragedy that the global crisis caused by the covid-19 pandemic has only exacerbated. In fact, due to its virulence, severity and geographical extent, this crisis has impacted on many other humanitarian emergencies that affect millions of people, which has relegated to the bottom of national political agendas those urgent international efforts essential to saving lives. But 'this is not a time for forgetfulness. The crisis we are facing should not make us forget the many other crises that bring suffering to so many people' (Urbi et Orbi Message, 12 April 2020).

In the light of the tragic events that have marked 2020, I would like this Message, although concerned with internally displaced persons, to embrace all those who are experiencing situations of precariousness, abandonment, marginalization and rejection as a result of covid-19.

I would like to start with the image that inspired Pope Pius XII in his Apostolic Constitution *Exsul Familia* (1 August 1952). During the flight into Egypt, the child Jesus experienced with his parents the tragic fate of the displaced and refugees, 'which is marked by fear, uncertainty and unease (cf. Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23). Unfortunately, in our own times, millions of families can identify with this sad reality. Almost every day the television and papers carry news of refugees fleeing from hunger, war and other grave dangers, in search of security and a dignified life for themselves and for their families' (Angelus, 29 December 2013). In each of these people, forced to flee to safety, Jesus is present as he was at the time of Herod. In the faces of the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, strangers and prisoners, we are called to see the face of Christ who



pleads with us to help (cf. Matthew 25:31-46). If we can recognize him in those faces, we will be the ones to thank him for having been able to meet, love and serve him in them.

Displaced people offer us this opportunity to meet the Lord, 'even though our eyes find it hard to recognize him: his clothing in tatters, his feet dirty, his face disfigured, his body wounded, his tongue unable to speak our language' (Homily, 15 February 2019). We are called to respond to this pastoral challenge with the four verbs I indicated in my Message for this Day in 2018: welcome, protect, promote and integrate. To these words, I would now like to add another six pairs of verbs that deal with very practical actions and are linked together in a relationship of cause and effect.

You have to know in order to understand. Knowledge is a necessary step towards understanding others. Jesus himself tells us this in the account of the disciples on the road to Emmaus: 'While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him' (Luke 24:15-16). When we talk about migrants and displaced persons, all too often we stop at statistics. But it is not about statistics, it is about real people! If we encounter them, we will get to know more about them. And knowing their stories, we will be able to understand them. We will be able to understand, for example, that the precariousness that we have come to experience as a result of this pandemic is a constant in the lives of displaced people.

It is necessary to be close in order to serve. It may seem obvious, yet often it is the contrary. 'But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where the man was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him' (Luke 10:33-34). Fears and prejudices - all too many prejudices - keep us distant from others and often prevent us from 'becoming neighbours' to them and serving them with love. Drawing close to others often means being willing to take risks, as so many doctors and nurses have taught us in recent months. This readiness to draw near and serve goes beyond a mere sense of duty. Jesus gave us the greatest example of this when he washed the feet of his disciples: he took off his cloak, knelt down and dirtied his hands (cf. John 13:1-15).

In order to be reconciled, we need to listen. God himself taught us this by sending his Son into the world. He wanted to listen to the plea of suffering humanity with human ears: 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son... that the world might be saved through him' (John 3:16-17). A love that reconciles and saves begins with listening. In today's world, messages multiply but the practice of listening is being lost. Yet it is only through humble and attentive listening that we can truly be reconciled. In 2020, silence has reigned for weeks in our streets. A dramatic and troubling silence, but one that has given us the opportunity to listen to

the plea of the vulnerable, the displaced and our seriously ill planet. Listening gives us an opportunity to be reconciled with our neighbour, with all those who have been 'discarded', with ourselves and with God, who never tires of offering us his mercy.

In order to grow, it is necessary to share. Sharing was an essential element of the first Christian community: 'Now the company of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had everything in common' (Acts 4:32). God did not want the resources of our planet to benefit only a few. This was not the Lord's will! We have to learn to share in order to grow together, leaving no one behind. The pandemic has reminded us how we are all in the same boat. Realizing that we have the same concerns and fears has shown us once more that no one can be saved alone. To grow truly, we must grow together, sharing what we have, like the boy who offered Jesus five barley loaves and two fish... yet they proved enough for five thousand people (cf. John 6:1-15)!

We need to be involved in order to promote. As Jesus was with the Samaritan woman (cf. John 4:1-30). The Lord approaches her, listens to her, speaks to her heart, and then leads her to the truth and makes her a herald of the Good News: 'Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did! Can this be the Christ?' (v. 29). Sometimes the impulse to serve others prevents us from seeing their real riches. If we really want to promote those whom we assist, we must make them agents in their own redemption. The pandemic has reminded us of how essential co-responsibility is, and that only with the contribution of everyone - even of those groups so often underestimated - can we face this crisis. We must find 'the courage to create spaces where everyone can recognize that they are called, and to allow new forms of hospitality, fraternity and solidarity' (Meditation in Saint Peter's Square, 27 March 2020).

It is necessary to cooperate in order to build. That is what the Apostle Paul tells the community of Corinth: 'I appeal to you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement' (1 Corinthians 1:10). Building the Kingdom of God is a duty common to all Christians, and for this reason it is necessary that we learn to cooperate, without yielding to the temptation to jealousy, discord and division. In the present context it should be reiterated: 'This is not a time for self-centredness, because the challenge we are facing is shared by all, without distinguishing between persons' (Urbi et Orbi Message, 12 April 2020). To preserve our common home and make it conform more and more to God's original plan, we must commit ourselves to ensuring international cooperation, global solidarity and local commitment, leaving no one excluded.

I would like to conclude with a prayer suggested by the example of Saint Joseph at the time he was forced to flee to Egypt to save the child Jesus:

Father, you entrusted to Saint Joseph what you held most precious:  
the child Jesus and his Mother,  
in order to protect them from the dangers and threats of the wicked.  
Grant that we may experience his protection and help.  
May he, who shared in the sufferings of those who flee from the hatred of the  
powerful, console and protect all our brothers and sisters driven by war, poverty  
and necessity to leave their homes and their lands  
to set out as refugees for safer places.  
Help them, through the intercession of Saint Joseph,  
to find the strength to persevere,  
give them comfort in sorrows and courage amid their trials.  
Grant to those who welcome them some of the tender love  
of this just and wise father, who loved Jesus as a true son  
and sustained Mary at every step of the way.  
May he, who earned his bread by the work of his hands,  
watch over those who have seen everything in life taken away  
and obtain for them the dignity of a job and the serenity of a home.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son,  
whom Saint Joseph saved by fleeing to Egypt,  
and trusting in the intercession of the Virgin Mary,  
whom he loved as a faithful husband in accordance with your will. Amen.

*Rome, Saint John Lateran, 13 May 2020  
Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Fatima.*

## **The Year of the Word : The God Who Speaks**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September marks the 1600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Saint Jerome, honoured as a Doctor of the Church for his translation of the Bible and his commentaries on the Sacred Scriptures. It is this significant anniversary which gave rise to the present 'Year of the Word of God' – encouraging us all to read and pray with the Sacred Scriptures. The 'Year of the Word of God' continues until Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Further resources are available at [www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk).

## **From the Good Counsel Network**

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed as last year this country saw the highest number of abortions ever. For details of our live saving work see [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

## Supporting Newark Foodbank

The following items are especially needed at the moment:

- ✘ Fruit juice (long life)
- ✘ Instant mashed potato
- ✘ Tinned rice pudding
- ✘ Sponge puddings
- ✘ Feminine deodorant

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

## Southwell and Villages Pilgrimage 2020

For the last four weeks Ros, Theresa, Frank and Lesley from our parish, with other members of Southwell Churches Together have been walking, running, cycling and mobility scooting The Camino de Santiago de Compostela virtually to raise funds for Christian Aid. The pilgrims have followed the French route of just under 500 miles but have actually travelled over 1500 miles, and are still travelling until they stop on 4<sup>th</sup> October, when Saint Francis of Assisi is celebrated.

The group would be delighted if parishioner would travel some miles with them, pray with them, and **sponsor them** please at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/casouthwellandvillagespilgrimage2020](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/casouthwellandvillagespilgrimage2020), where it's possible to see daily reflections and updates on the pilgrimage and progress. Alternatively, to donate sponsorship, please contact Lesley on 01636 814721. Thank you to all who are helping our global neighbours who are facing increasing problems due to the coronavirus pandemic

## Virtual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life

With great help and support from the Shrine staff this year there will be a virtual pilgrimage to Walsingham, where distance is no barrier to sharing in the day, on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September**. It can be accessed via YouTube on Walsingham Catholic TV ([www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_\\_0aJG5juz0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=__0aJG5juz0)) or at the Basilica live stream [www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/) Devotions will be streamed throughout the day, beginning with the Mass at 12.00. Full details are available on the website, including the programme for the day: [www.prolifepilgrimage.org/](http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org/)

Bishop Marcus Stock of Leeds is leading the day and will be at the Shrine in person. It is a day of prayer and reparation for the sanctity of life. Our society has attacked the Church's deep rooted teachings on these issues for a very long time. The Pilgrimage started 37 years ago with some parishioners from Spanish Place, Westminster diocese, led by Father Jeremy Davies, on a single coach. In recent times the day has been attended by up to 1,400 pilgrims.

## Marian Event in October

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

## Parish Newsletter by email

If you'd like to receive the parish newsletter by email simply email Father Simon at [simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk](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.

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.

## Financial Support of our Parish

Father Simon celebrates Mass each day; if you wish to have a Mass offered for an intention put a Mass envelope through the presbytery letterbox, or email Father Simon directly. The Mass intentions are published in the newsletter, and currently there are very few Mass intentions to be celebrated. This is one of the traditional ways in which parishioners support the parish, so do consider if you'd like to have a Mass offered for a particular person or occasion.

Sincere thanks to those parishioners who have set-up standing orders. If you've able to set one up the details are:

- Account name: **Our Lady of Victories Southwell RCP**
- Sort Code: **30-67-76**
- Account number: **45368360**

**Many thanks to all our parishioners for your continuing generosity!**

## Second Collection : Peter's Pence

This Sunday and next Sunday a second collection will be held at each Mass for **Peter's Pence**, the worldwide collection, usually taken on 29<sup>th</sup> June (the solemnity of Saint Peter and Saint Paul) which is used by the Pope to help and support charitable activities throughout the world. The collection has been delayed this year, but thank you to parishioners in advance for your generosity in assisting the Pope to give something of our surplus to those brothers and sisters who have very little.

## Congratulations to Bishop Patrick

Earlier this year Bishop Patrick was appointed to the Pontifical Council for Inter Religious Dialogue. He asks for our prayers please as he take up this new task.

The Council, part of the Papal Curia, has various responsibilities, at the behest of the Pope, in the field of dialogue with peoples of all faiths:

- ✘ The Council receives many visits from representatives of different religions. Of particular importance are the meetings with Bishops during their five-yearly "ad Limina" visits;
- ✘ The PCID operates in close collaboration with local Bishops and Episcopal Commissions for interreligious dialogue which have the principal responsibility of promoting interreligious dialogue;
- ✘ Conferences and visits are regularly scheduled with partners of other religions, in Rome and at an international level;
- ✘ The PCID publishes various materials on interreligious dialogue. The Pro Dialogo Bulletin is published regularly and includes documents of the Holy Father and the Magisterium, articles from experts and information on the activities in dialogue around the world;
- ✘ Created in 1990 the Nostra Aetate Foundation has as its aim the promotion of interreligious dialogue through granting scholarships to young people of other religions desiring to deepen their knowledge of Christianity through study at a Pontifical academic institution in Rome. The Foundation also makes grants in support of local initiatives for promoting interreligious dialogue.
- ✘ The PCID website ([www.pcinterreligious.org](http://www.pcinterreligious.org)) provides information, documents, excerpts from the Pope and the Pro Dialogo Bulletin for downloading.

If you're interested in this new work entrusted to our bishop, do have a look at the website to see how our Church is involved with so many other world faiths.

## A reflection from 'Marriage Matters'

### Maintain a common purpose

Remember our courting days and the long, thrilling conversations we had about our future together. They were part of our falling in love and of establishing a common purpose in married life. Saint Paul reminds us of the mark of a Christian: "Be united in your convictions and your love, with a common purpose and a common mind."

## 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.
- ✕ **Alan Ward** who is seriously ill in these days.
- ✕ **Clergy of our diocese who are sick at this time:** Monsignor Jonathan Moore, Fathers John Cairns, Anthony Colebrook, John Daley IC, Hugh Doherty, James Hannigan, Peter Harvey, Christopher Hogan, James Lynch, Frank McLaughlin, Robert Rutledge, Michael Tutcher; Deacons Tom Berrie, Stephen Doona, Bill Hutchinson and Robin Pollard.
- ✕ **Rt Rev Eric Varden**, Abbot of Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, Leicestershire, who is to be ordained bishop for the ecclesiastical circumscription of Trondheim on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.
- ✕ **Rev Mr Richard Beben**, ordained as a permanent deacon for our diocese in Our Lady of Lourdes parish, Mickleover, Derby, on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.
- ✕ **David and Jennifer Gillespie** (Father Simon's brother and sister-in-law) who are expecting the birth of their first child any day now.

## Masses and Services this week

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September**      **Memorial of Saints Cosmos and Damian, martyrs**  
*No morning Mass*

**Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year**

<b>Collection for Peter's Pence at Sunday Masses</b>
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S 6.00pm Mass      John and Cora Lynch RIP

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September**      **Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year**

C 10.45am Mass      Pro Populo (people of the parish)

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September**      **Feria**

Mass      Liz, Moira, John and family

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September**      **Feast of Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel and  
 Saint Raphael, archangels**

Mass      Nicola Rigby – birthday

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**      **Memorial of Saint Jerome, priest and doctor**

Mass      Father John Cairns – intentions

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October**      **Memorial of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus**

Mass      Michael Finn RIP

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**      **Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels**

Mass      Holy Souls

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**      **Saturday Memorial of Our Lady**

*No morning Mass*

**Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year**

<b>Collection for Peter's Pence at Sunday Masses</b>
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S 6.00pm Mass      Mary Back RIP

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October**      **Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year**

C 10.45am Mass      Pro Populo (people of the parish)

## Readings at Masses this week

**Sunday**      Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 24(25):4-9; Philippians 2:1-11;  
 Matthew 21:28-32

**Monday**      Job 1:6-22; Psalm 16(17):1-3.6-7; Luke 9:46-50

**Tuesday**      Daniel 7:9-10.13-14; Psalm 137(138):1-5; John 1:47-51

**Wednesday**      Job 9:1-13.14-16; Psalm 87(88):10-15; Luke 9:57-62

**Thursday**      Job 9:21-27; Psalm 26(27):7-9.13-14; Luke 10:1-12

**Friday**      Exodus 23:20-23; Psalm 90(91):1-6.10-11; Matthew 18:1-5.10

**Saturday**      Job 42:1-3.5-6.12-17; Psalm 118(119):66.71.75.91.125.130; Luke 10:17-24