



Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Southwell and Calverton

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

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## 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021 : Seventeenth Sunday of the Year

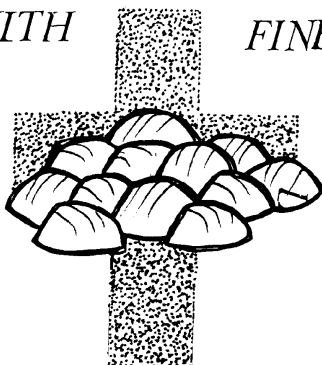
*We begin this Sunday to hear Gospel readings not from Saint Mark's gospel, but rather from the Gospel of Saint John. Mark's gospel is the shortest and there simply isn't enough to fill each Sunday of the year; so instead we have Saint John's beautiful teaching about how Jesus feeds us, first (this Sunday) in a human way, and as the weeks progress, in a spiritual way with his own flesh and blood. We might consider these Gospels over the coming five Sundays, recognising that during the pandemic we have been deprived of this Bread of Life. Although we can follow Mass through live-streams, and pray at home on Sundays, these are poor second-bests compared to coming to Mass and receiving that gift of Christ himself, in His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. We can find some food for thought in the passage below, from Saint Thomas Aquinas:*

Since it was the will of God's only-begotten Son that men should share in his divinity, he assumed our nature in order that by becoming man he might make men gods. Moreover, when he took our flesh he dedicated the whole of its substance to

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our salvation. He offered his body to God the Father on the altar of the cross as a sacrifice for our reconciliation. He shed his blood for our ransom and purification, so that we might be redeemed from our wretched state of bondage and cleansed from all sin. But to ensure that the memory of so great a gift would abide with us for ever, he left

his body as food and his blood as drink for the faithful to consume in the form of bread and wine.

O precious and wonderful banquet, that brings us salvation and contains all sweetness! Could anything be of more intrinsic value? Under the old law it was the flesh of calves and goats that was offered, but here Christ himself, the true God, is set before us as our food. What could be more wonderful than this? No other sacrament has greater healing power; through it sins are purged away, virtues are increased, and the soul is enriched with an abundance of every spiritual gift. It is offered in the Church for the living and the dead, so that what was instituted for the salvation of all may be for the benefit of all. Yet, in the end, no one can fully express the sweetness of this sacrament, in which spiritual delight is tasted at its very source, and in which we renew the memory of that surpassing love for us which Christ revealed in his passion.

It was to impress the vastness of this love more firmly upon the hearts of the faithful that our Lord instituted this sacrament at the Last Supper. As he was on the point of leaving the world to go to the Father, after celebrating the Passover with his disciples, he left it as a perpetual memorial of his passion. It was the fulfilment of ancient figures and the greatest of all his miracles, while for those who were to experience the sorrow of his departure, it was destined to be a unique and abiding consolation.

## **Changes to Mass times this week**

In order that Father Simon can undertake some of his canon law studies, in preparation for exams in August and especially the revision of his second thesis, he will be away during the first part of this week; the parish and presbytery isn't always the most conducive atmosphere in which to find uninterrupted time to work. Consequently there won't be daily Mass celebrated in the parish on Monday Tuesday or Wednesday this week; Masses will recommence on Thursday (9am in Calverton) and Friday (9am in Southwell). Father Simon will offer Mass each day, for the intentions listed on the back page of the newsletter. During this time if you need to contact Father Simon please do so either by his mobile telephone (07760 372105) or by email ([simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk)).

Thank you to those parishioners who check our church in Calverton each day, and open and close our church in Southwell each day, so that people (parishioners and non-parishioner alike) are able to come into this sacred space and encounter Almighty God in an atmosphere of quiet and contemplation.

## World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

*Earlier this year Pope Francis inaugurated the World Day of special prayer for grandparents and the elderly, stating that it was to be celebrated annually on the last Sunday in July. This Sunday we celebrate this Day for the first time, recognising the love, wisdom and support which so often comes to us from our grandparents, and the connection they give us to more distant family, sometimes unknown. Whether our grandparents are still with us and visited frequently, or have long since left this life on earth, Sunday is an opportunity to pray for them, to give thanks to God for their lives (and the life they have handed on to us), and perhaps also to pray for ourselves, if we have grandchildren, that we might be models of faith-in-Christ to that newest generation.*

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence:  
even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence,  
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family  
and for having blessed me with a long life.

I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,  
for the dreams that have already come true in my life  
and for those that are still ahead of me.

I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace,  
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,  
to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,  
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.

Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,  
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,  
the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness  
and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me,  
in the certainty that you are with me every day,  
even until the end of the age.

Amen.

## Coming to Mass

In the current partial lockdown public Mass is available on Saturday in Southwell at 6.00pm and on Sunday in Calverton at 10.45am. Currently we are precluded from social interaction in church (outside of our bubble), and recommended not to linger too long outside of church. We can come to church with a maximum (including priest and stewards) of 24 people in Southwell and 30 people in Calverton.

To book a place telephone Kathleen and Robert Dixon on 01636 813874, at any reasonable time from 8.30am Monday morning until 4.30pm Friday afternoon; if there's no reply leave a message with your name and number, or try ringing again a few minutes later. Don't use any other number to contact Kathleen and Robert, and please also 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;
- ✘ Sunday Masses bookings can be made during the preceding week only.

## 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. 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 at two metre distances in front of the church door if others have arrived before you;
- ✘ Ensure you bring a mask to wear throughout the time in church, except when receiving Holy Communion; the mask should be worn so as to fully and snugly cover the wearer's mouth and nose;
- ✘ 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 one-way system; seating is 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);
- ✘ Please avoid any contact with other parishioners; don't speak 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 some doors will be open to enable as much ventilation as possible;
- ✘ The Mass Sheet will explain the changes in the way Mass is celebrated, especially:
  - 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;
- ✘ After Mass you will be invited to receive Holy Communion; then exit the church following the one-way system, out into the car park, and leave immediately.
- ✘ Please don't linger too long, or with too many others, in the car park after Mass, tempting as it is to chat with fellow parishioners!
- ✘ Please dress appropriately for the weather and temperature, noting that the necessary ventilation in church can produce draughts.

## NHS Covid-19 App and the QR Code in Church

If you have a smart-phone please scan the QR code as you come in to either church, enabling you to 'check in' and assisting with the Government's Track and Trace system. Please note this is in addition to booking a place at Mass, and not instead – please continue to book for Mass as well!

## Covid Precautions : A Reminder

- ✘ An effective vaccine is the best way to protect people from coronavirus and will save thousands of lives.
- ✘ Following extensive safety trials and authorisation by the independent medicines' regulator, the MHRA, effective covid-19 vaccines are available in the UK for free.
- ✘ It is essential that everyone continues to stay at home if possible to protect the NHS and save lives. Follow the link to make a vaccine booking:

**[https://www.swiftqueue.co.uk/nottinghamc19vpatient.php?fbclid=IwAR0nHe0lfONdVaFT8vwQIDjb5UQJ0\\_DQbEjxdLAKEdqdeGIHHATF35ENOEI](https://www.swiftqueue.co.uk/nottinghamc19vpatient.php?fbclid=IwAR0nHe0lfONdVaFT8vwQIDjb5UQJ0_DQbEjxdLAKEdqdeGIHHATF35ENOEI)**

## 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>

**Mass**, celebrated by Bishop Patrick, will be broadcast from his chapel at Bishop's House during the week, on various days and at various times:

- [www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf7upUMsn3Kl8GD79FotjQ/featured?fbclid=IwAR1JRpqkdOOrHZY98bsnSC\\_N9TKbvSKXv0L5bT4yVcCMTHaVmAwaW4g-rAk](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf7upUMsn3Kl8GD79FotjQ/featured?fbclid=IwAR1JRpqkdOOrHZY98bsnSC_N9TKbvSKXv0L5bT4yVcCMTHaVmAwaW4g-rAk)

A **Livestream from the Grotto in Lourdes** can be followed each day, with Mass broadcast in English at 9.00am (8.00am our time) each morning, and the Rosary, together with other prayers and devotions, in various languages, during the day:

- <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:

- <https://ndcys.com>
- <https://www.youtube.com/ndcyslives>

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

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

For children of primary school age the **Mark 10 Mission** gives a reflection for each Sunday's Gospel, and a challenge for the week ahead:

- <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/>

## Pope's Prayer Intention for July

### Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

## **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.

## Statement from the Catholic Bishops of England

### Sunday – it is our Day (Saint Jerome, *In Die Dominica Paschae II*)

On 19<sup>th</sup> July, the current legislative powers which assist the mitigations against the covid-19 virus transmission were rescinded by HM Government. Nevertheless, there is an encouragement to personal and corporate responsibility in this area; as the Prime Minister said in his most recent statement “The pandemic is not over.” Even without this legislation in place, the Church in England and Wales will be adopting a cautious approach to capacity and activity within our buildings, especially at corporate acts of worship.

We are mindful of the certain fact that the covid-19 virus is still circulating in society. Vaccines provide genuine protection against the worst effects of the virus, yet we recognise the legitimate fear on the part of some who otherwise desire to gather for Holy Mass. It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God.

It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church.

In April, following our Plenary Assembly, we offered a reflection on the experience of the extraordinary long months of the pandemic. It was titled The Day of the Lord. We also began to look at the way forward. We spoke about the important invitation to restore the Sunday Mass to its rightful centrality in our lives. We asked for a rekindling in our hearts of a yearning for the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist, as our response to the total, sacrificial love that Jesus has for us. We said: “The Eucharist should be the cause of our deepest joy, our highest manner of offering thanks to God and for seeking his mercy and love. We need to make it the foundation stone of our lives.”

May this continue to be our striving during these coming months as we journey back to the full celebration of our Sunday Mass and our renewed observance of The Day of the Lord.

As a consequence of the Bishops’ decision the Sunday Obligation continues to be suspended; we are encouraged to seriously reflect on the place of Sunday Mass in our lives, and to seek ways to participate meaningfully with our faith.



## How we might make changes in our two churches

Thank you to those parishioners who have made suggestions, in light of the Bishop's statement (published in last Sunday's newsletter) about how we might continue to relax the covid-19 restrictions in our churches. Some of the suggestions include:

- ✘ I would very much like to see the Sunday morning Mass at OLV reinstated. I understand that there are many things to take into consideration and that this may not be possible. If this was possible and the after-Mass coffee could also resume it would be great to see and talk to all our friends again.
- ✘ I would prefer to return to some sort of new normal at the earliest convenience: a return to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, return the seating to its original position, a return to Saturday vigil and Sunday morning Mass with coffee afterwards would be a great start.
- ✘ The church should be fully open for worship. There is plenty of room for people to practice social distancing if they so choose but, it should not be mandatory. The same applies to the wearing of masks that it should be a choice and not a requirement. Sanitisers and masks should be made available for those who do wish to use them. The majority of people have acted responsibly thus far and will continue to do so. Opening the church fully will demonstrate that it is a safe place to attend.
- ✘ Having appraised scientific advice and recommendations from those I consider have not to have ulterior motives, I don't think it's safe to be mixing indoors with others unless and until cases numbers have decreased and are lowering- and 85% plus of the population are protected. September at the earliest. It will not be a case of "coming back to Mass" – I have attended Mass on-line every week of the pandemic and found the experience to be spiritually very rewarding.
- ✘ Some sort of register will need to be kept of those attending, since very few use the QR code, so this will need to be done manually, either by pre- booking, or by completing a register when people come to Mass.
- ✘ The pews should be returned to their normal positions, but perhaps a maximum of three people on each pew.
- ✘ The notion of singing whilst wearing a mask seems rather odd.
- ✘ Mass times will be decided upon by Canon Michael, however there is a clear division in the parish (Southwell) between those who attend on Saturday evening and those who have previously attended on Sunday morning. Having only one Mass is likely to exacerbate this divide.

## What changes we might make

I'm more than happy to continue to receive comments, thoughts and suggestions about how the parish might return to a 'new normal' in the post-pandemic time. At the same time I recognise that the 'return to normal' will be significantly impacted by a change of parish priest, and by the pastoral provision in Calverton being received from the parish of the Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe. Changes which are made over the coming weeks will be made in consultation with Canon Michael and Canon Philipp, so that (as far as possible) changes made now won't have to be changed again, in September. I'm aware that this might mean the pace of change is a little slower than some parishioners might want; at the same time I recognise how difficult change can be for us, and that a slower pace-of-change with a more stable outcome is likely to be preferable to faster changes, which change and change again. Having listened to what parishioners have told me verbally, as well as to the comments mentioned on the previous page, I'm convinced that the most important element of reopening our parish is the availability for as many as possible to come to Mass. There is no substitute for making represent the bloodless sacrifice of Calvary, for receiving the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, and being able to spend time in the Real Presence of God, living in our tabernacles. It is for these reasons that priests celebrate Mass every day, even when away from their parishes, even if on their own.

With this in mind some initial thoughts are:

- ✘ It would be good to allow even slightly more capacity in our churches; at the same time restoring Holy Communion to its normal place, and allowing parishioners to return to their places for Thanksgiving after receiving Holy Communion, would help to normalise the celebration of Mass. Both of these could be achieved by reducing the social distancing to 1.5 metres.
- ✘ Other aspects of the covid-19 regime, such as the wearing of face masks, use of hand-sanitiser, provision for ventilation and fresh air, and limiting the time indoors through a shorter Mass (no intercessions, singing, short homily etc) are no longer mandatory, but appear to be good practices for individuals to exercise according to their own prudent judgement. Providing hand-sanitiser at the church doors, for example, is a simple thing to continue to do.
- ✘ With the possible change in Sunday Mass times from September it seems inopportune to restore any of the lay ministries at Mass (readers, altar servers, musicians, sacristans etc) since people volunteering for Masses now might not be in a position to volunteer should the Mass time change.

- ✘ Likewise the reintroduction of regular times for other parish liturgies, such as Confessions, Sung Sunday Vespers, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of Morning and Evening Prayer, and praying the Rosary, would seem to be more prudently undertaken when the weekly schedule of Masses is known, with the possibility that some liturgies might coincide (for example, a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after a mid-week morning Mass, with Confessions available at that time too).
- ✘ The social aspect of the parish is clearly important and refreshments after Mass play a significant part in developing this atmosphere. Gathering and chatting after Mass in the car park is a good way of building this community spirit, and is a first step towards returning to the previous post-Mass refreshments.

Very little has been sent to me by any parishioners who regularly worship in Saint Anthony's church, Calverton: this might be because there is little to say, or perhaps parishioners are still contemplating what could be done. I'm keen, at least for the time being, to keep changes and relaxations aligned in each church, and so would welcome any further comments from parishioners before I make definite decisions.

Finally I'm also aware that the parish hall in Southwell has a great history of use by both parishioners and local residents. I don't know whether this will continue from September onwards, but in order for Canon Michael to make an informed decision about the hall's use it would be helpful to have details of those groups which have used it in the past. If you're involved in one, please let me know when you met, and who the contact person was, etc.

With continuing thanks and prayers, as we journey together,

*Father Simon*

## 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.

## Forthcoming Events in our parish and wider community

**Faith and Reason: A Catholic Integration:** A residential summer course exploring the relationship of faith with philosophy, science and culture, and particularly helpful for catechists and teachers fielding commonly-asked questions around Catholicism, as well as anyone wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic Faith. The summer course will run from **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August**. For more info and to register please follow the link:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/>

**What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like?** Growing Caritas close to home, on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August** from 7.00pm until 8.30pm. Whether you are already a Friend in Caritas or are interested to find out more, join this workshop. We'll gather on Zoom from across the diocese, but spend time in breakout rooms with people from our own (county) Hub. We'll get to know each other a little and share our hopes for life after lockdown. And we'll explore:

- What the Friends in Caritas scheme can offer you and your parish - and what you might be able to offer fellow Friends;
- How the local Hub can help your parish rebuild after lockdown, and meet the needs the pandemic has revealed;
- How to build foundations to underpin vibrant Catholic social action for the long term, locally and globally.

If you're away on holiday or can't make it on 9<sup>th</sup> August, don't worry - there will be plenty more chances to get involved. Sign up here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeo\\_HXPcOuHQUG2b3fsHqOmQOZ3EslGuBEpjglpHcyBMj9UWg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeo_HXPcOuHQUG2b3fsHqOmQOZ3EslGuBEpjglpHcyBMj9UWg/viewform)

The annual **March for Life UK** will be held on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September** in London. More information can be found at [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk)

**The Cry of Creation *Laudato Si'*** in a nutshell, six years on, and its challenge to us in the Diocese of Nottingham, will be held on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September**, 7.00pm - 8.30pm. Whether it's climate change or the depletion of wildlife, news is coming in thick and fast of the changes our planet is undergoing. The world's poorest, who are least responsible, are being hardest hit - but all of us are beginning to feel the impact. This interactive webinar will be a curtain-raiser for the launch of the diocesan environmental programme on 20<sup>th</sup> November. To book a place visit:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvc-Gorj4rH9Fh9M8cHurBpAKfcdzi3lwp>

## Community Organising Events from Nottingham Citizens

Nottingham Citizens is an alliance of faith, education and voluntary organisations working together for justice and the common good. Two Catholic parishes are members - the Cathedral and Holy Spirit, West Bridgford - and others are welcome to join. Two opportunities are coming up to get involved:

- ✘ **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August**, 10.30am-1.00pm: a summer picnic in St Anne's Park, with a focus on low pay and mental health;
- ✘ **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November**, 9.30am-4.30pm: 'How to make change', an introduction to Community Organising through 'five steps to social change'

For more information visit: <https://linktr.ee/nottinghamcitizens>

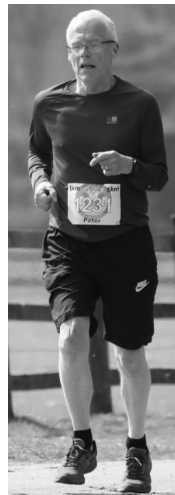
## Fundraising for Alzheimer's Research

At the end April 2021 Peter Thomas signed-up to an initiative called 'The Treble Challenge Running Down Dementia' where he pledged to running 150 kilometres by 31<sup>st</sup> August to fundraise for Alzheimer's Research. This charity is dear to both his and his wife Christine's hearts as three of their parents died from dementia. One in three people born today will develop dementia in their lifetime, and Peter's goal is to raise over £150 towards this valuable research; so far he has run over 100km!

If you wish to support this vital research please go directly to the Just Giving Page by following the link below and clicking on the orange donate button under Peter's photograph:

<https://run.thetrebblechallenge.org/pages/peters-pain>

Or email Peter at [peterthomas234@outlook.com](mailto:peterthomas234@outlook.com) or donate money directly to Peter and Christine (in Calverton) or via Father Simon. *Many thanks Peter and Christine*



## Road Closures : Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July

The Outlaw Triathlon will take place on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July**, with the cycling portion in central Nottinghamshire from 7.00am until 1.00pm. Parts of Southwell will have diversions in place, and the B6386 between Southwell and Oxton, as well as parts of the A6097 close to Calverton, will be either closed or be subject to traffic restrictions. Allow a little extra time for coming to Mass that day if this is your route to church. Further details can be seen at: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/34977400>

## Parish Newsletter by e-mail

To receive the parish newsletter electronically ask to be added to the mailing list by emailing Father Simon at [olvsouthwell.stacalverton@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:olvsouthwell.stacalverton@dioceseofnottingham.uk). Under the data protection laws it isn't possible to contact parishioners without their explicit consent: please consider completing a census form if you haven't already.

## Financial Support of our Parish

Thank you to those parishioners who give regularly via standing orders. If you don't do so, please consider what you can give, and if you can the details are:

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

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

## Supporting Newark Foodbank

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

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|---|---------------------------|
| ☒ Tinned cold meat                        | ☒ Washing-up liquid       |
| ☒ Instant mashed potato                   | ☒ Shampoo                 |
| ☒ Tinned or microwaveable sponge puddings | ☒ Deodorant               |
|   | ☒ Hand wash and soap bars |

## A reflection from 'Marriage Matters'

### Selflessness in giving

The readings recount God's continuing faithfulness to His people, and their response. Elisha's story is the forerunner to Jesus feeding at least five thousand on a few loaves and fishes. Such providence reminds us of our faithful God who gives, and gives, and then gives again. Do I do this, do we, to each other? In His strength, we can.

## A prayer for life

For all going through difficult pregnancies, we pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends, and local communities. Lord hear us.

Also visit: [www.righttolife.org.uk/news](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/news)

## Prayer in the Year of Saint Joseph



Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

## Prayers for ...

Please remember in your prayers especially:

- ✘ **Eileen Turner**, a parishioner in Calverton who died on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July, and whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Good Shepherd church, Arnold, at 10.30am on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. May she rest in peace.
- ✘ **Kit Stappard**, who died on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July; may she rest in peace.
- ✘ **Sister Francis Martin FSM**, a Franciscan Minoreess in Melton Mowbray, who died on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July after 64 years of religious life. May she rest in peace.
- ✘ **Father John Trenchard**, a retired priest of our diocese, who celebrated his golden jubilee of ordination on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Ad multos annos!
- ✘ **Canon Alan Burbidge**, a parish priest in Derby, who celebrated his golden jubilee of ordination on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Ad multos annos!
- ✘ **Canon Don Bowdren**, parish priest in Hadfield, who celebrates the golden jubilee of his ordination on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July. Ad multos annos!
- ✘ **Monsignor Paul Smith**, a parish priest in Salford (and Father Simon's first seminary rector), who celebrates the golden jubilee of his ordination on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July. Ad multos annos!
- ✘ **Bishop Patrick McKinney**, who celebrates the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of his priestly ordination on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July. Ad multos annos. Vivat!
- ✘ **Becky Bennett**, a parishioner in Southwell.
- ✘ **Clergy of our diocese who are sick at this time**: Monsignori Martin Cummins, Jonathan Moore; Canon Michael Moore; Fathers John Cairns, John Daley IC, Hugh Doherty, Paul Entwistle, Kevin Gradwell, James Hannigan, Peter Harvey, Christopher Hogan, James Lynch, Frank McLaughlin, Robert Rutledge, Patrick O'Doherty, Michael Tutcher; Deacons Tom Berrie, Stephen Doona, Bill Hutchinson.

## Masses this week

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

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

Mass at The Briars

**Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Pro Populo (people of the parish)

**Seventeenth Sunday of the Year**

Day of Special Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly
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S 6.00pm Mass

John D Newton RIP

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July**

**Seventeenth Sunday of the Year**

C 10.45am Mass

Moira McCluskey RIP

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

**Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne,  
parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Mass

Brendan O'Flanagan RIP

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July**

**Feria**

Mass

Gerard Law RIP

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

**Feria**

Mass

Neil O'Flanagan RIP

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July**

**Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus**

C 9.00am Mass

Joan Hyde RIP

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

**Feria**

S 9.00am Mass

Intentions of Ruth Woods

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July**

**Memorial of Saint Ignatius Loyola, priest**

*No morning Mass*

**Eighteenth Sunday of the Year**

S 6.00pm Mass

Barbara Pearson RIP & Tom Sills RIP

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August**

**Eighteenth Sunday of the Year**

C 10.45am Mass

Pro Populo (people of the parish)

## Readings at Masses this week

**Sunday** 2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 144(145):10-11.15-18; Ephesians 4:1-6;  
John 6:1-15

**Monday** Exodus 32:15-24.30-34; Psalm 105(106):19-23; Matthew 13:31-35

**Tuesday** Exodus 33:7-11. 34:5-9.28; Psalm 102(103):6-13; Matthew 13:36-43

**Wednesday** Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 98(99):5-7.9; Matthew 13:44-46

**Thursday** Exodus 40:16-21.34-38; Psalm 83(84):3-6.8.11; John 11:19-27

**Friday** Leviticus 23:1.4-11.15-16.27.34-37; Psalm 80(81):3-6.10-11; Matthew 13:54-58

**Saturday** Leviticus 25:1.8-17; Psalm 66(67):2-3.5.7-8; Matthew 14:1-12