



Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Southwell and Calverton

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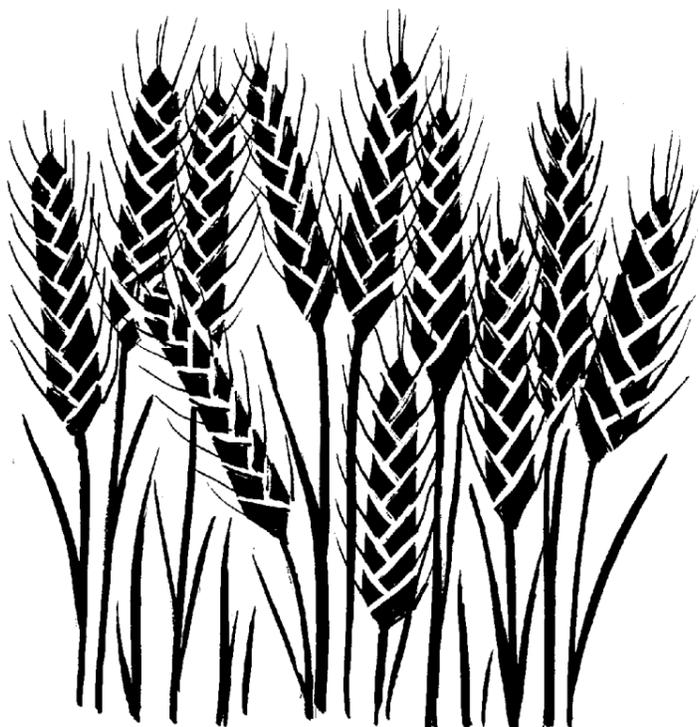
26th July 2020 : Seventeenth Sunday of the Year

The Gospel readings for these Sundays all have an agricultural theme, speaking of sowing, reaping, and harvests. Pope Francis used this theme in his Angelus address last Sunday, giving us a reflection about patience and hope:

In today's Gospel (*Matthew 13:24-43*) we once again encounter Jesus who is intent on speaking to the crowd in parables about the Kingdom of Heaven. I will reflect only on the first one, that of the weeds, through which Jesus helps us understand *God's patience*, opening our hearts to *hope*.

Jesus narrates that, in the field in which good seed was sown, weeds sprout up as well. This term sums up all the toxic vegetation that infests the soil. Among us, we can say that even today the soil has been devastated by so many herbicides and pesticides that, in the end, cause harm both to the weeds, to the earth, and to our health. This is in parentheses. The servants then go to the master to know where

the weeds come from. He responds: "An enemy has done this!" (v. 28). Because we sowed good seed! An enemy, someone who is in competition, came to do this. They [the servants] want to go right away to pull them up, the weeds that are growing. Instead, the master says no, because that would risk pulling the vegetation – the weeds – up together with the wheat. It is necessary to wait for harvest time: only then, will the weeds be separated and burned. This is also a common-sense story.



A way of looking at history can be read in this parable. Alongside God – the master of the field – who only and always sows good seed, there is an adversary, who sows weeds to impede the wheat’s growth. The master acts in the open, in broad daylight, and his goal is a good harvest. Instead, the other, the adversary, takes advantage of the darkness of night and works out of envy and hostility to ruin everything. The adversary has a name – the adversary that Jesus refers to has a name: it is the devil, God’s quintessential opponent. The devil’s intention is to hinder the work of salvation, to stonewall the Kingdom of God through wicked workers, sowers of scandal. In fact, the good seed and the weeds do not represent good and bad in the abstract, no; but we human beings, who can follow God or the devil. Many times we have heard that a peaceful family begins to be at war, or envious... a neighbourhood that was peaceful, then nasty things begin to happen... And we are used to saying: “Eh, someone went and sowed weeds there”, or “that person in the family sowed weeds by gossiping”. Destruction always happens by sowing evil. It is always the devil who does this or our own temptations: when we fall into the temptation to gossip to destroy others.



The servants’ intention is to eliminate evil immediately, that is, evil people. But the master is wiser, he sees farther. They must learn to wait because enduring persecution and hostility is part of the Christian vocation. Certainly, evil must be rejected, but those who do evil are people with whom it is necessary to be patient. This does not mean that type of hypocritical tolerance that hides ambiguity; but rather, justice tempered by mercy. If Jesus came to seek sinners more than the righteous, to cure the sick first before the healthy (cf *Matthew* 9:12-13), so must the actions of His disciples be focused not on suppressing the wicked, but on saving them. Patience lies here.

Today’s Gospel presents two ways of acting and of living history: on the one hand, the master’s vision who sees far; on the other, the vision of the servants who just see the problem. What the servants care about is a field without weeds; the master cares about good wheat. The Lord invites us to adopt His own vision, one that is focused on good wheat, that knows how to protect it even amidst the weeds. Those who are always hunting for the limitations and defects of others do not collaborate well with God, but, rather, those who know how to recognise the good that silently grows in the field of the Church and history, cultivating it until it becomes mature. And then, it will be God, and He alone, who will reward the good and punish the wicked. May the Virgin Mary help us to understand and imitate God’s patience, who wants none of His children to be lost, whom He loves with the love of a Father.

Reopening of our two parish churches – Update 23rd July

A productive meeting was held on Tuesday evening: thank you to all those who attended or had been in touch with ideas and suggestions beforehand. As a result of studying the Bishop's guidelines for reopening our churches for the celebration of Mass a clearer way forward is emerging, and some specific areas in which parishioners' help is needed have been identified.

We're aiming to re-open both churches from the solemnity of the Assumption, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th August. It's likely that Mass in Southwell would be celebrated on Saturday at 6pm, and in Calverton on Sunday at 10.45am. However the Sunday obligation remains suspended and so there is no requirement for parishioners to come to Mass, especially if they or a member of their household is particularly vulnerable or has underlying health issues.

Areas in which parishioners' help is needed in particular:

- ✘ organising a telephone booking-line for those wishing to attend Mass (*a parishioner has volunteered to undertake this role*);
- ✘ preparing risk assessments for the safe celebration of Mass in each church, based on diocesan templates;
- ✘ checking the church building for health and safety issues prior to reopening (*two parishioners have volunteered for this in Southwell*);
- ✘ creating signage for the church one-way system, etc (*a parishioner has volunteered for this*);
- ✘ cleaning the churches before the first opening, including moving pews / chairs to ensure the 2 metre distance between each person;
- ✘ cleaning the churches before and after each Mass (teams of two parishioners for cleaning before, and two for cleaning after, each Mass);
- ✘ stewarding during each Mass (a team of three parishioners is needed for each Mass; to do this volunteers need to be under 70 years old, and complete a short volunteer form).

Please consider if you are in a position to offer to help

Without parishioners' help it won't be possible to open our churches at this time for public Masses to be celebrated. The more parishioners who are able to volunteer (especially for the cleaning and stewarding duties) the more we will be able to create rotas and allow flexibility in how often the duties are undertaken. If you have any questions contact Father Simon directly, and together we can celebrate Mass again!

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

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

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

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>

Other On-line Prayers and Pilgrimage Places

The Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France, has for more than 160 years been an essential place for millions of people who visit each year, seeking hope, healing, fraternity and deepened faith. Navigating the top of the homepage at www.lourdes-france.org/en/ it is also possible to request a Mass, light a candle and place a prayer petition in the grotto.

The Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land oversees 55 sanctuaries in Israel, the Palestinian territories and Jordan. Visitors at www.custodia.org/en/sanctuaries can

get a more in-depth look at these sacred places, especially the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, revered as the site of Jesus's tomb, in Jerusalem.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal offers live daily broadcasts of praying the rosary and Mass at www.fatima.pt/en/pages/online-transmissions The same link also provides a gallery of pictures, videos and "sounds," including an audio library of Marian hymns.

Though only in Italian, the **Holy House of Loreto** in Italy posts videos of their daily Masses and the recitation of the rosary on their YouTube channel "Santa Casa Loreto" at www.youtube.com/channel/UCT9uLSAfEfqgXbArvYyHzQg Their main website at santuarioloreto.it/ has links for sending prayer intentions and for photos and videos of the sanctuary, which tradition holds is where Mary was born and raised and where the Holy Family was thought to have lived when Jesus was a boy.

The website of the **Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi** offers opportunities at www.sanfrancescopatronoditalia.it/web-cam-cripta-di-san-francesco-assisi and a livestream of daily Mass in the basilica at www.sanfrancescopatronoditalia.it/messa-diretta-streaming-oggi

While a special online exposition of the **Shroud of Turin** was held April 11 for prayer and contemplation during the coronavirus epidemic, the recorded event, with commentary in English, can be found online at www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7BmsSE_4Wk

Access to a Priest or the Sacraments

Although our two churches remain closed at the present time Mass is still celebrated every day for the intentions of all the parishioners of Southwell and Calverton, and for the specific intentions you have requested. If you need to contact Father Simon, please get in touch.

Funeral Services can still be held, at the cemetery or crematorium, and a Requiem Mass or Memorial Mass can be celebrated later, when it's possible to gather again in church.

If you or someone you know wishes to be anointed with the **Sacrament of the Sick** please speak with Father Simon.

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

A Spiritual Communion

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

Local Catholic churches now open in our Diocese

Nottinghamshire

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

Lincolnshire

- ✠ **Saint Hugh, Lincoln:** Saturdays, 9.00 - 12.00
- ✠ **Saint Augustine, Barton-upon-Humber:** Mondays, 12.00 - 13.00; Thursdays, 19.00 - 20.00; Saturdays, 10.00 - 11.00

No information has been circulated about those churches in which Mass is now being celebrated, and booking is required for Masses in any church. Check the relevant websites for more information. The following local churches are celebrating at least some public Masses:

- ✠ **Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham**
- ✠ **Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe**
- ✠ **Holy Spirit, West Bridgford**
- ✠ **Saint Paul, Lenton**
- ✠ **Holy Trinity, Newark**
- ✠ **Saint Philip Neri, Mansfield**
- ✠ **Saint Patrick, Forest Town**

Prayer during the Coronavirus Pandemic

In these days when our churches are not open it's a comfort to know that God is close to us and that he holds each of us in the palm of his hand. We are encouraged to use the Holy Father's prayer, to Our Lady, as we seek Divine protection:

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself,

and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross,

to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test

and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

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.

Parish clergy moves and additional responsibilities : summer 2020

Bishop Patrick has asked the following priests to undertake new parochial ministries. We keep these priests in our prayers, and those communities whom they will serve:

- ✠ **Father Liam Carpenter**, Deceased Clergy Registrar, following the retirement of Canon Owen O'Neill.
- ✠ **Father Michael Gilligan**, parish priest of Saint Mary's Brigg and Saint Augustine Webster, Barton-upon-Humber, and continuing as Chaplain at HMP Hull.
- ✠ **Father Kevin Gradwell**, from Saint John Fisher and Saint Thomas More, Chapel-en-le-Frith and The Annunciation, New Mills and Saint Mary's, Marple Bridge to Saint Mary's, Grantham as Parish Priest.
- ✠ **Canon Ka Fai Lee**, from Our Lady of Lourdes, Mickleover to All Saints, Ashbourne and Our Lady and Saint Theresa of Lisieux, Wirksworth as Parish Priest.
- ✠ **Father Gerry Murphy**, Parish Priest of Saint John Fisher and Saint Thomas More, Chapel-en-le-Frith continuing as Parish Priest of Saint Anne's, Buxton.
- ✠ **Father Paul Newman**, from Our Lady and St Edward's, Thorneywood to Our Lady of Good Counsel, Eastwood as Parish Priest, and also Chaplain to The Briars Youth Retreat Centre in addition to his responsibility as Diocesan Vocations Director.
- ✠ **Canon Christopher O'Connor**, from Saint Mary's, Grantham to Our Lady of Victories, Market Harborough and Saint Mary's, Husband's Bosworth as Parish Priest.
- ✠ **Father Clement Orango**, returning to the Divine Infant of Prague, Syston and Saint Gregory's, Sileby, as Parish Priest.
- ✠ **Father Daniel Palmer**, from Saint Charles Borromeo, Hadfield, The Immaculate Conception, Charlesworth and Saint Margaret's, Gamesley to The Annunciation, New Mills and Saint Mary's, Marple Bridge as Parochial Administrator.
- ✠ **Father John St John**, from the Divine Infant of Prague, Syston and Saint Gregory's, Sileby to Our Lady of Lincoln, Lincoln as Parish Priest.
- ✠ **Father Paul Smith**, from Saint Mary's, Derby, Holy Family, Allestree and Christ the King, Mackworth to Saint Philip Neri, Mansfield, Saint Bernadette's, Bolsover, Saint Theresa's, Market Warsop and Saint Joseph's, Shirebrook as Assistant Priest.
- ✠ **Father Joe Wheat**, Parish Priest, Our Lady and St Edward's, Thorneywood and Saint Augustine, Apostle of England, Woodborough Road continuing as Parish Priest of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Carlton and Sneinton.
- ✠ **Father Jonathan Whitby-Smith**, from Saint Philip Neri, Mansfield, Saint Bernadette's, Bolsover, Saint Theresa's, Market Warsop and Saint Joseph's, Bolsover to Our Lady of Lourdes, Mickleover as Parochial Administrator, also appointed as Catholic Chaplain to Derby University.
- ✠ **Father Benedict Bullem Abuo** and **Father Colum Kelly** have left their temporary assignments in our diocese, with sincere thanks for the work they have done.



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.

The Year of the Word : Online Resources

The God who Speaks campaign	www.godwhospeaks.uk
Daily Bible Reflections	www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/daily-reflection
Ignatian retreats	www.ignatianspirituality.com
The Liturgy Office	www.liturgyoffice.org.uk
Magnificat online – daily readings	www.us.magnificat.net/free
Pray as you Go	www.pray-as-you-go.org
Pathways to God	www.pathwaystogod.org
Portsmouth Bible podcasts	www.godwhospeaks.org/media
Sacred Space	www.sacredspace.ie
Stop! In the name of God	www.retreats.org.uk/stop.php
Thinking Faith	www.thinkingfaith.org
Universalis	www.universalis.com
You Version Bible app	www.youversion.com/the-bible-app
David Suchet reads Mark's Gospel	www.youtube.com/watch?v=JjOgcMQXvSc

2020 is the 'Year of the Word' in the Catholic Church in England and Wales – to celebrate, share and live out faith through deeper Scriptural engagement. However the Bishops have decided that the 'God Who Speaks' Scripture initiative is extended through 2021 to take into account the cancellation of many non-digital events planned for this year. Even in this lockdown time we can find ways of deepening our love of Sacred Scripture. If you've read the bible for a while don't be put off by the size; say a prayer for wisdom to the Holy Spirit, open the bible, and begin to read ...

The Parish at the Service of Evangelisation

The Vatican's Congregation for the Clergy has released a new document to help guide the reform of parish communities. It is entitled "The pastoral conversion of the Parish community in the service of the evangelizing mission of the Church." The precis below gives an idea of the considerations which the Church sees as being important in our understanding of the parish and those who form the parish.

By Isabella Piro

The Church offers space for everyone to find their place, while respecting the vocation of each individual. This idea forms the core of the Instruction on the parish, which the Vatican's Congregation for the Clergy released on Monday 20th July. The document does not promulgate any new legislation, but proposes methods to better apply existing rules and canonical norms. The aim is to encourage the co-responsibility of the baptized and to promote pastoral care based on closeness and cooperation between parishes. What emerges most forcefully from the Instruction is the urgency of missionary renewal, a pastoral conversion of the parish, so that the faithful may rediscover the dynamism and creativity which allows the parish to be always "going forth", aided by the contribution of all the baptized faithful.

The Instruction consists of 11 chapters and can be divided into two parts: the first (chapters 1-6) offers a broad reflection on pastoral conversion, missionary outreach, and the value of the parish in the contemporary context. The second part (chapters 7-11) dwells on the subdivisions of parish communities, various pastoral roles that make them up, and the ways in which the governing norms are applied.

The parish: 'A house among houses'

The Instruction describes the parish as "a house among houses" – a permanent sign of the Risen One in the midst of His people, according to the first part of the document. The missionary nature of the parish is fundamental for evangelization. Globalization and the digital world have altered its specific link with the territory it encompasses. Therefore, the parish as such is no longer just a geographical space, but an existential space. It is precisely in this context that the parish's 'flexibility' emerges, allowing it to respond to the demands of the times and to adapt its service to the faithful throughout history.

Missionary renewal

The Instruction, therefore, stresses the importance of a missionary renewal of parish structures. Such renewal should steer clear of self-referentiality and rigidity. Rather, it should focus instead on spiritual dynamism and pastoral conversion based on the proclamation of the Word of God, the sacramental life, and the witness of charity. The "culture of encounter" should provide the necessary context for promoting dialogue, solidarity, and openness to all. In this way, parish communities will be able to develop a true 'art of accompaniment'. In particular, the Instruction recommends the witness of faith in charity and the importance of caring for the poor which the parish evangelizes. Every

baptized person must be an active protagonist in evangelization. Therefore, a change of mentality and interior renewal is essential in order to carry out a missionary reform of pastoral care. Naturally, these processes of change must be flexible and gradual, since every project must be situated in the real life of a community, without being imposed from above and without 'clericalizing' the service of pastoral care.

Diocesan subdivisions

The second part of the Instruction opens with the analysis of the subdivisions within the diocesan territory. First, the document explains, parishes should follow the key factor of proximity, while taking into account the similarities of the population and the characteristics of the territory. The document then dwells on the specific procedures relating to the incorporation, merging or division of parishes, and on those relating to the Vicariates Forane (also known as a Deanery), which bring together several parish units, and the pastoral units that group several Vicariates Forane.

Parish priest: 'pastor' of the community

The Instruction then delves into the theme of assigning the pastoral care of parish communities, both in ordinary and extraordinary ways. First of all, the role of the parish priest as 'pastor' of the community is underlined. He is at the service of the parish, and not the other way around. His role 'involves the full care of souls.' The parish priest must therefore have received the Order of the Presbyter, excluding any other possibility. He is the administrator responsible for parish property and is the juridical representative of the parish. He ought to be appointed for an indefinite period of time, since the good of souls demands stability and implies knowledge of the community. However, the Instruction recalls that a Bishop may appoint a parish priest for a determined period, provided it is not less than five years and that the Episcopal Conference has established this by decree. When he has reached the age of 75, the parish priest has the 'moral duty' to present his resignation, though he does not cease from office until the Bishop has accepted it and communicated his acceptance in writing. In any case, acceptance will always be for a 'just and proportionate cause', so as to avoid a 'functionalistic' conception of the ministry.

Deacons: ordained ministers, not 'half-priests and half-laymen'

A portion of the eighth chapter is dedicated to deacons. They are collaborators of the Bishop and the priests in a singular mission of evangelization. Deacons are ordained ministers and participate to a degree of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, especially in the area of evangelization and charity, including the administration of goods, the proclamation of the Gospel, and service at the Eucharistic table. They are not to be considered as 'half-priests and half-laymen', according to the Instruction which quotes Pope Francis, nor is their vocation to be considered from the perspective of clericalism or functionalism.

Witness of consecrated persons and generous commitment of laity

The Instruction published by the Congregation for the Clergy also reflects on consecrated men and women, as well as the laity, within parish communities. Consecrated men and women contribute in the first place from their 'being, that is, from the witness of a radical

following of Christ.’ Lay faithful participate in the evangelizing action of the Church. They are called upon to make a ‘generous commitment’ through the general witness of their daily lives, lived in conformity with the Gospel, while placing themselves at the service of the parish community. Lay faithful can also be instituted as Lectors and Acolytes (ie for service at the altar) on a stable basis, by means of the relevant rite. But they must be in full communion with the Catholic Church, have received adequate formation, and lead exemplary personal lives. In addition, in exceptional circumstances, they may receive other assignments from the Bishop, ‘at his prudent judgement’. These include celebrating the Liturgy of the Word and funeral rites, administering Baptism, assisting at marriages – with the Holy See’s permission – and preaching in a Church or oratory in case of need. Under no circumstances, however, may lay people give the homily during the celebration of the Eucharist.

Bodies of ecclesial co-responsibility

The Instruction also reflects on parish bodies of ecclesial co-responsibility, including the Parish Finance Council, which is constituted as a consultative body, is presided over by the pastor, and is formed of at least three members. The document says the administration of a parish’s goods is ‘an important area of evangelisation and evangelical witness, both in the Church and in civil society.’ All goods belong to the parish and not to the parish priest, the Congregation for the Clergy reaffirms. The task of the Parish Finance Council will therefore be to foster a ‘culture of co-responsibility, of administrative transparency, and of service to the needs of the Church.’ The Parish Pastoral Council is also consultative in nature, and is ‘highly recommended’. ‘Far from being simply a bureaucratic organ, the Pastoral Council highlights and realizes the centrality of the People of God as the subject and active protagonist of the evangelizing mission, in virtue of the fact that every member of the faithful has received the gifts of the Spirit through Baptism and Confirmation.’ Its main function is to offer practical proposals for the parish’s pastoral and charitable initiatives, in harmony with the objectives of the diocese. Proposals require the favourable acceptance of the pastor in order to become operative.

No ‘tax on the Sacraments’: an offering is a free act

The final chapter dwells on offerings for the celebration of the Sacraments. They must be ‘a free act’ on the part of the one offering, and should not be requested as if it were a tax or a fee. Priests are urged to offer a virtuous example in their use of money, through a sober lifestyle and transparent administration of parish goods. In this way, the faithful will be encouraged to contribute willingly to the needs of the Parish, which are also their own.

Previous Instructions

It should be remembered that the new Instruction follows the interdicasterial Instruction of 1997, dedicated to the theme ‘*Ecclesia de mysterio*: On certain questions regarding the collaboration of the non-ordained faithful in the sacred ministry of the priest’, and the Instruction of 2002, published by the Congregation for the Clergy on ‘The Priest, Pastor, and Guide of the Parish Community’.

From Newark Foodbank

Thank you to all who are generously donating food and toiletries for the Foodbank. Items particularly needed during July are: tinned carrots, sugar, chocolate biscuits (eg KitKat, Penguin), sponge puddings, and shower gel. Items can be donated at the Co-op, One Stop, and Lloyds Chemist.

From Missio

The last few months have been especially tough for missionaries overseas and the Catholic communities they serve. Churches in areas of poverty and oppression have been particularly hard hit by the Covid-19 pandemic and the lockdown. The Holy Father's Covid Emergency Appeal, coordinated by Missio, has raised over £250,000 in England & Wales and has provided immediate and effective relief to those in need in Kenya, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Malawi, Ethiopia, and through the Mill Hill Missionaries in Cameroon, India, Philippines, South Sudan and Pakistan.

During this difficult time for us all, we have made every effort to keep in touch with our 2,500 parish volunteers. Many have been concerned about not being able to collect and empty the Red Boxes. To help them we have put in place some alternative ways to give including through a dedicated donation page at www.missio.org.uk/redbox To learn more about the difference Missio is making through prayer and charity please see our Impact Report, available on-line missio.org.uk/mission-today or ringing 020 7821 9755.

Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement! *Father Anthony Chantry*

From Cafod

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

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

Bishop Patrick is one of the Trustees of Cafod, and warmly commends their work to our prayers, and, if we can, to our aid through donations and financial support.

Petition : Keep Kitkats Fairtrade

Nestle have announced KitKats will no longer be Fairtrade. From October they will stop buying from cocoa and sugar farmers in Cote d'Ivoire, Fiji and Malawi on Fairtrade terms. That means ripping away around £2 million of annual Fairtrade Premium payments, in the middle of a huge health and economic crisis. Farmers will be getting less for their hard work and have less control over how they spend their money. This can't be right, especially when Nestle turned a profit of over \$10 billion last year.

Up to 27,000 farmers in Côte d'Ivoire, Fiji and Malawi will feel the impact of this devastating decision, but have had no say in change. In fact the Ivorian Fair Trade Farmer Network have made it clear - farmers want to stick with Fairtrade:

“As Fairtrade producers, our voice is heard and taken into account. We are treated with the respect and dignity we deserve. Stopping the relationship with Fairtrade is to silence our voices...” (Atse Ossey Francis, President Ivorian Fair Trade Administrative Committee)

Please consider joining in telling Nestle's CEO that we want KitKat to stay Fairtrade.

www.change.org/p/ulf-mark-schneider-nestle-global-ceo-keep-kitkat-fairtrade

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 although there's been a bit of a backlog, dates in August (and onwards) are plentiful.

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!

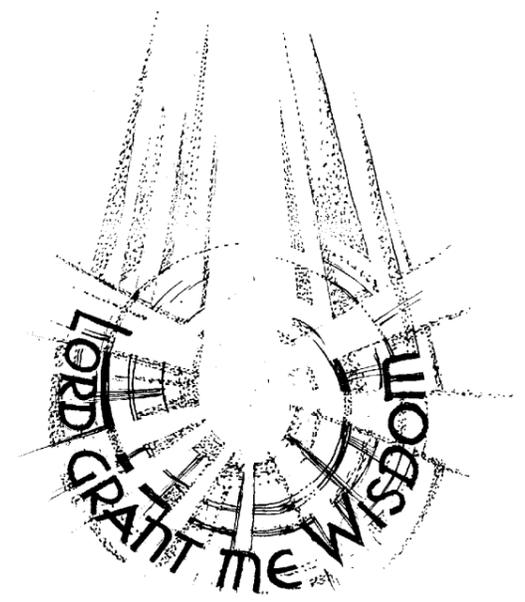
Parish Newsletter by email

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

A reflection from 'Marriage Matters'

Discover what loving really means

Instead of praying for 'treasure', King Solomon prayed for wisdom 'to discern good from evil'. When discerning what 'loving' really means, you find 'hidden treasure' in these weekly reflections on scripture. They will also help you to discover the 'hidden treasure' in each other. Sharing this, you sow 'seeds' of love in the minds and hearts of others.



The Cycle of Prayer

During Summer Ordinary Time we are asked to pray for the following intentions in our own private prayer:

- ✘ A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews;
- ✘ Those who suffer persecution, oppression, and a denial of human rights;
- ✘ Europe;
- ✘ Human life;
- ✘ Seafarers.

Prayers for ...

Please remember in your prayers especially:

- ✘ **All those affected by the coronavirus outbreak** – those infected, those caring for them, those who have died, and those who mourn.
- ✘ **Aidan Betts**, who is seriously ill in hospital at this time.
- ✘ **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 Stephen Doona, and Bill Hutchinson.
- ✘ **Canon Chris O'Connor**, parish priest of Grantham, who celebrates the silver jubilee of his priestly ordination on Thursday 30th July. Ad multos annos!

Pope's Prayer Intention for July

Our Families

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

Masses and Services this week

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

Saturday 25th July	Feast of Saint James, apostle
Mass	John and Cora Lynch RIP
Sunday 26th July	Seventeenth Sunday of the Year
Mass	Pro Populo (people of the parish)
Monday 27th July	Feria
Mass	John D Newton RIP (6 th anniversary)
Tuesday 28th July	Feria
Mass	Father John Daley IC – intentions
Wednesday 29th July	Memorial of Saint Martha
Mass	Deceased members of the Bailey family
Thursday 30th July	Feria
Mass	Brian Copley RIP
Friday 31st July	Memorial of Saint Ignatius Loyola, priest
Mass	Benny Hoyle RIP
Saturday 1st August	Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, bishop
Mass	Mary Back RIP
Sunday 2nd August	Eighteenth Sunday of the Year
Mass	Pro Populo (people of the parish)

Readings at Masses this week

Sunday	1 Kings 3:5.7-12; Psalm 118(119):57.72.76-77.127-130; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52
Monday	Jeremiah 13:1-11; Deuteronomy 32:18-21; Matthew 13:31-35
Tuesday	Jeremiah 14:17-22; Psalm 78(79):8-9.11.13; Matthew 13:36-43
Wednesday	Jeremiah 15:10.16-21; Psalm 58(59):2-5.10-11.17-18; John 11:19-27
Thursday	Jeremiah 18:1-6; Psalm 145(146):2-6; Matthew 13:47-53
Friday	Jeremiah 26:1-9; Psalm 68(69):5.8-10.14; Matthew 13:54-58
Saturday	Jeremiah 26:11-16.24; Psalm 68(69):15-16.30-31.33-34; Matthew 14:1-12