



Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Southwell and Calverton

Our Lady of Victories, Southwell and Saint Anthony, Calverton

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7th and 8th March 2020 : Second Sunday of Lent

On this Second Sunday of Lent we hear the Gospel of Jesus' Transfiguration; a moment of encouragement for those three disciples taken high up the mountain, just as it is for us in our journey through Lent. Saint Leo the Great (Pope 440-461) gives us this mediation as to how the Law was given through Moses, but that grace and truth came through Jesus Christ

The Lord reveals his glory in the presence of chosen witnesses. His body is like that of the rest of mankind, but he makes it shine with such splendour that his face becomes like the sun in glory, and his garments as white as snow. The great reason for this transfiguration was to remove the scandal of the Cross from the hearts of his disciples, and to prevent the humiliation of his voluntary suffering from disturbing the faith of those who had witnessed the surpassing glory that lay concealed.

With no less forethought he was also providing a firm foundation for the hope



of holy Church. The whole body of Christ was to understand the kind of transformation that it would receive as his gift: the members of that body were to look forward to a share in that glory which first blazed out in Christ their head. The Lord had himself spoken of this when he foretold the splendour of his coming: *Then the just will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.* Saint Paul the apostle bore witness to

this same truth when he said: *I consider that the sufferings of the present time are not to be compared to the future glory that is to be revealed in us.* In another place he says: *You are dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.*

This marvel of the transfiguration contains another lesson for the apostles, to strengthen them and lead them into the fullness of knowledge. Moses and Elijah, the law and the prophets, appeared with the Lord in conversation with him. This was in order to fulfil exactly, through the presence of these five men, the text which says: *Before two or three witnesses every word is ratified.* What word could be more firmly established, more securely based, than the word which is proclaimed by the trumpets of both old and new testaments, sounding in harmony, and by the utterances of ancient prophecy and the teaching of the Gospel, in full agreement with each other? The writings of the two testaments support each other. The radiance of the transfiguration reveals clearly and unmistakably the one who had been promised by signs foretelling him under the veils of mystery. As Saint John says: *The law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.* In him the promise made through the shadows of prophecy stands revealed, along with the full meaning of the precepts of the law. He is the one who teaches the truth of the prophecy through his presence, and makes obedience to the commandments possible through grace. In the preaching of the holy Gospel all should receive a strengthening of their faith. No one should be ashamed of the cross of Christ, through which the world has been redeemed.

No one should fear to suffer for the sake of justice; no one should lose confidence in the reward that has been promised. The way to rest is through toil, the way to life is through death. Christ has taken on himself the whole weakness of our lowly human nature. If then we are steadfast in our faith in him and in our love for him, we win the victory that he has won, we receive what he has promised. When it comes to obeying the commandments or enduring adversity, the words uttered by the Father should always echo in our ears: *This is my Son, the beloved, in whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*

Prayers before Mass : and the Year of the Word

We pray before Mass the Angelus (in preparation for the Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary in three weeks' time) and the Prayer of the Year of the Word (throughout 2020). Thanks to the parishioners who lead these prayers, about five minutes before the Mass each day.

Changes to Mass times this week

Father Simon has now returned from his studies in Leuven, and will celebrate the Sunday Masses this weekend. Along with the newly-ordained priests in our diocese, he will participate in on-going formation with Bishop Patrick this week, and will leave after Mass on Monday. Father Simon will be back for Sunday Masses next weekend.

Thanks to Father Frank

During Father Simon's time in Leuven Father Frank Carvill has been celebrating our Sunday Masses and Ash Wednesday Masses. We thank Father Frank most sincerely for his time in our parish, and no doubt he will be back with us again soon!

Forthcoming Events in our parish, community and diocese

On **Saturday 14th March** at 2.00pm Deacon Bill Myers is speaking about **Firmly I believe and truly, Newman's Vindication**, at the Rosmini Centre, LE7 4SJ. Further details from www.rosminicentre.co.uk or contact 01509 813078

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

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

Fields of Hope: the Churches Together in Southwell Ecumenical Lent Lunch takes place on **Sunday 15th March** in the Minster State Chamber at 12.45pm for 1.00pm. Join us for this sociable soup lunch and compete in the table top quiz. Tickets are £5.00 per person, available from Theresa Martin or Lesley McKenzie, or contact SouthwellChristianAidCommittee@gmail.com. Funds raised will go to Christian Aid.

There will be **Coffee for CAFOD** on **Wednesday 18th March** after the 9.15am Mass in the presbytery. All are warmly welcome to join in coffee, cake, convivial company and campaigning for the common good.

The Rosmini Centre's **Lenten Retreat Day** is being held on **Saturday 21st March**, from 10.00am. Further details from www.rosminicentre.co.uk or contact 01509 813078

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

On **Saturday 28th March** at 3.00pm the Rosmini Centre (LE7 4SJ) is hosting a session entitled **Sharing Scripture in my life**. Full details are available from www.rosminicentre.co.uk or contact 01509 813078.

Friday 3rd April is this year's **Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse**; Bishop Patrick will offer a Holy Hour in reparation, from 12.00 noon until 1.00pm, and then followed by Mass, in Saint Barnabas Cathedral. All are invited.

Some events for Lent in Calverton

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

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

A **Prayers for Lent** service will be held on **Sunday 5th April** from 4.00pm in Saint Wilfrid's church, hosted by Churches Together in Calverton. All are very welcome!

Outside the Walls : Further Screenings

Further screenings of this film about life at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey are:

- ✠ The Ritz Cinema Belper, Thursday 12th March, 7.30pm
- ✠ QUAD Cinema Derby, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March

Knit a Chick Challenge : for Faith in Families

As part of its Easter Appeal **Faith in Families** needs your help to knit or crochet Easter Chicks to place over chocolate eggs. Contact Pati Colman – 01636 813260 or pati.c@talktalk.net for a copy of the pattern; alternatively you can donate small chocolate eggs (the size of a Cadbury's Creme egg). Donations by **Sunday 15th March** please. All proceeds will go to the work that FiF does with children. Many thanks!

Saint John's Passion : Saturday 7th March

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

Youth Ministry Day : Saturday 28th March

Are you interested in working with young adults? The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies Youth Module is being held on **Saturday 28th March** at Our Lady and Saint Patrick's church hall, Nottingham NG2 1JQ from 9.30am until 4.30 pm and is tutored by Tom Baptist, our Youth Service Director. The modules include: a basic understanding of youth culture; how to work in the area of faith and spirituality in a manner appropriate to young people; skill sets necessary for good youth work practice; how to apply those skills in a youth ministry context. The cost is £25, and places can be booked via: adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Faith in Action : Saturday 28th March

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

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

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

Marriage Encounter Weekend

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

Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

Bishop Patrick will lead parishioners from around the diocese to Lourdes this summer, responding to Our Lady's call to come in pilgrimage to this holy place. The Pilgrimage departs (by train from Nottingham and air from East Midlands) on Sunday 12th July, returning on Friday 17th July, and with prices starting from £655 for full board and all transfers, etc. Posters are in each church porch, or ask Father Simon for a booking form and further details. This year's theme is 'I am the Immaculate Conception', a beautiful way to deepen our devotion to Our Blessed Lady, especially as parishioners in a parish dedicated to Mary under her title of Our Lady of Victories.

Forthcoming Pilgrimages

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

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

52nd International Eucharistic Congress

This Congress is taking place this year in Budapest from 14th until 21st September. The Diocese of Nottingham will be participating, and if you would like to go, Tangney Tours are organising the pilgrimage. This Congress offers a deep spiritual experience along with cultural programmes, it brings together people from all over the world. For more information and costs see the poster at the back of church, or visit: www.iec2020.hu or www.tangney-tours.com/iec-2020

Job Opportunity within the Diocese

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

Saint Vincent de Paul Society : Cash for Coins

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

Parish Financial Statement, Standing Orders, and Gift Aid Forms

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

Thank You from Pope Francis

Bishop Patrick has received a letter from the Apostolic Nuncio thanking the faithful of the Diocese of Nottingham for the sum of £17,269.68 collected in 2019 to support the Holy Father in carrying out his universal ministry of caring for the entire Church. The Bishop has asked that thanks be passed on to parishioners for their generosity.

The majority of this money is raised each year by the annual Peter's Pence collection. The proceeds are used by the Pope to fund charitable activity, especially when, in his pastoral journeys, he visits parts of the world which are in material need.

Newsletter via email

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

Green Gas is used in our Parish

Last year the Inter-diocesan Fuel Management (IFM), the Catholic Church's UK energy procurement group, entered into a new contract with British Gas Business, reportedly one of the largest green energy contracts in the UK. More than 4,500 churches and schools, including those of the Diocese of Nottingham, are now supplied with renewable gas and electricity under this contract.

One aspect of the contract is the supply of green gas. Green gas is made from biomethane and comes from renewable sources, such as food or farm waste. The organic matter is broken down in a process called anaerobic digestion. The green gas it creates is then fed into the gas grid and supplied to our churches and schools. Unlike gas derived from fossil fuels, burning biomethane is carbon neutral – in other words, the process releases the same amount of carbon dioxide that the organic matter used when it was growing. Our latest Green Gas Certificate shows that last year 71% of the gas supplied by British Gas to the Diocese of Nottingham was generated by renewable sources, up from 59% the previous year. The Catholic Church is now one of the largest consumers of green gas in the country.

In 2002, when writing 'The Call of Creation', the Bishops of England and Wales, said that "care for the environment presents a major challenge for the whole of humanity in the 21st century." The increasing adoption of renewable energy by Catholic churches and schools reflects the continuing commitment of the Church to answering this challenge and delivering the vision Pope Francis outlined in *Laudato Si'*. See the poster in the porch as a reminder of our commitment!

Settlement Scheme for European Union Citizens

All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at: [gov.uk/eusettledstatus](https://www.gov.uk/eusettledstatus) Information on assistance for those applying is available at: [gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme](https://www.gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme) The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a valued part of our parishes, schools and communities.

Thank You for your Generosity

The main collection, Sunday 1st March : £183.38

Coronavirus : Advice from the Bishops of England and Wales

We have received the advice below as a preventative measure. Please read it and implement any of the advice which applies. The key things for parishes to do are:

Stage 1: Current status (very few cases in the UK, no cases in local parishes)

1. Ensure everyone maintains good hygiene (we should be doing this already) especially at Mass and parish events. The best way of protecting us from spread is for everyone to use universal good hygiene, which will effectively disrupt spread of the virus. Display the public information poster which states: ▪ Catch it - sneeze into a tissue ▪ Bin it - bin the tissue ▪ Kill it - wash your hands with soap and water or alcohol hand gel ▪ Do not touch your face unless you've washed your hands
2. Ask anyone with cold or flu symptoms to refrain from the physical sign of peace, taking communion from the Chalice and advise they should receive the host on the hand only. (We should be doing this anyway, every 'flu season.). Ensure good regular cleaning of surfaces lots of people touch regularly, including such things as door handles.
3. Ask everyone attending Mass to sanitise their hands as they come into church using sanitized gel dispensers (make these available in porches or entrances).
4. Ensure ExtraOrdinary Ministers of Holy Communion sanitise their hands before and after distributing communion (we should be doing this anyway as a matter of course. This can be done by washing hands thoroughly (for 20 seconds at least with soap and water) discreetly before proceeding to the sanctuary or using good quality hand gel discreetly. Remember to use good hand washing and gel use technique.
5. People who do catering are especially important for hand hygiene, and it is very important to ensure cups and utensils are properly washed and cleaned and surfaces cleaned.
6. There is no need as things stand for the Chalice to be withdrawn or the sign of peace suspended, such as was advised during the 2009 'flu pandemic. This advice would only come if we had a very serious epidemic in the UK and at the time of writing this is unlikely. People with cold and flu like symptoms should refrain from the sign of peace if they are present.
7. When visiting parishioners at home, wash hands before giving the sacraments. No pastoral visits to people who are self-isolating until isolation ends. However, do offer phone support.
8. Visits to people in care homes or hospitals should follow advice from the staff on infection control.

Join the 'Fight Infections in Africa' Appeal

As you may know, Bishop Patrick is Patron of this small, but very efficient and effective, charity in Leicestershire which offers medical care to some of the poorest people in sub-Saharan Africa. The charity has Catholic roots and ongoing support, and it works closely with the Catholic Religious Sisters who run the few local small hospitals or Medical Centres. The Bishop is asking if each parish in the diocese would be prepared to raise £100 to support this appeal. Too many vulnerable children and adults in sub-Saharan Africa are suffering or dying from treatable infections, and they desperately need our help. £100 could treat 380 patients with diarrhoeal disease. For further details please take a quick look at this short video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eqy2Jbr1COg> or go to <https://intercare.org.uk>

We won't have a specific collection for this appeal – but if any one is able to make a donation please place it in an envelope and put it on the collection plate, during Lent. Let's see if, as a parish, we can raise £100 before Easter?

Prayers for ...

Please remember in your prayers especially:

- ✘ **Sister Rita Popple**, a Rosminian Sister in Loughborough, who died on Saturday 22nd February after 72 years of Consecrated Life. May she rest in peace!
- ✘ **Sister Evelyn Sheridan**, of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Peace in Rearsby, who died on 22nd February after 71 years of Consecrated Life. May she rest in peace!
- ✘ **Archbishop Peter Smith**, formerly Bishop of East Anglia, and Archbishop of Cardiff, and of Southwark, who was diagnosed with cancer on 29th February.
- ✘ **Canon David Oakley**, a priest of Birmingham diocese, and presently Rector of Oscott Seminary, who has been named by Pope Francis as the next Bishop of Northampton. He will be ordained bishop by Cardinal Nichols on 19th March.
- ✘ **Archbishop Edward Adams**, who concluded his mission as Apostolic Nuncio in Great Britain on 30th January, having been appointed Nuncio on April 8th 2017. We give thanks for his time and ministry among us as personal representative of the Holy Father, and we pray for the appointment of his successor.
- ✘ **Clergy of our diocese who are sick at this time:** Monsignor Jonathan Moore, Canon John Berry, Fathers John Cairns, Anthony Colebrook, Hugh Doherty, James Hannigan, Peter Harvey, Christopher Hogan, James Lynch, Joe McGovern, Frank McLaughlin, Robert Rutledge, Michael Tutcher; Deacons Stephen Doona, and William Hutchinson.

A reflection from 'Marriage Matters'

Transformed by our love

Sometimes life is hard and we can get lost in the daily grind of making ends meet, of getting things done. Then, suddenly, a change occurs through a simple show of affection: a kiss, a touch, a loving glance from my beloved! In little gestures like these, we reveal again our love for each other and our relationship is transformed!

Readings at Masses this week

Monday	Daniel 9:4-10; Psalm 78(79):8-9.11.13; Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday	Isaiah 1:10.16-20; Psalm 49(50):8-9.16-17.21.23;
Wednesday	Jeremiah 18:18-20; Psalm 30(31):5-6.14-16; Matthew 20:17-28
Thursday	Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1:1-4.6; Luke 16:19-31
Friday	Genesis 37:3-4.12-13.17-28; Psalm 104(105):16-21; Matthew 21:33-43.45-46
Saturday	Micah 7:14-15.18-20; Psalm 102(103):1-4.9-12; Luke 15:1-3.11-32

Parish Ministries

	<i>This week</i>	<i>Next week</i>
	Second Sunday of Lent	Third Sunday of Lent
<i>Welcomers OLV 6pm</i>	Margaret Bell Cathy Smith	Mary Sills Bryan Sills
<i>Welcomers OLV 9am</i>	Alison Freemantle Pati Colman	Paul Wilkinson
<i>Welcomers StA 10.45am</i>	Joan Hyde	John Hodgkinson
<i>Readers OLV 6pm</i>	Barrie Birch	Cathy Smith
<i>Readers OLV 9am</i>	Margi Asker	Paul Wilkinson
<i>Readers StA 10.45am</i>	Michael Wilkes	Charlotte Parish
<i>Communion OLV 6pm</i>	Cathy Smith	Cathy Smith
<i>Communion OLV 9am</i>	Michael Gemson	Mike Asker
<i>Coffee OLV 9am</i>	Frank McKenzie Lesley McKenzie	Stephen Carr Catriona Carr
<i>Cleaners OLV</i>	Annabel Kingsbury	Eileen and Sue
<i>Counters</i>	Michael Wilkes	Michael Joyce

Masses and Services this week

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

Saturday 7th March

Commemoration of Saint John of God, religious

No public morning Mass

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

S 5.15pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Confessions

S 6.00pm Vigil Mass The work of Cafod

Sunday 8th March

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

S 9.00am Mass Margaret Bell (Golden Wedding Anniversary)

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

S 6.00pm Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church)

Monday 9th March

Commemoration of Saint Frances of Rome

S 9.30am Mass Donor's intention

Tuesday 10th March

Lenten Feria

No public Mass today

Wednesday 11th March

Lenten Feria

No public Mass today

Thursday 12th March

Lenten Feria

No public Mass today

Friday 13th March

Lenten Feria

No public Mass today

Saturday 14th March

Lenten Feria

No public morning Mass

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

S 5.15pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Confessions

S 6.00pm Vigil Mass George, Nora, Michael and James Faulkner

Sunday 15th March

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

S 9.00am Mass Sabina May Crosse RIP

C 10.45am Mass

S 6.00pm Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church)

Pope's Prayer Intentions for March

Catholics in China We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.