

# Parish News

## Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

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14<sup>th</sup> /15<sup>th</sup> May, 2016  
Pentecost

Today we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost. It is the feast of God's Spirit. The power of evil spirits has come to an end.

We know how the evil spirit of envy can poison our heart. We know the evil spirits of anger and greed. The spirit of hatred destroys happiness and peace. We are afraid of these spirits of evil and death.

Today, however, we praise the great deeds of God. He breathes over us with the spirit of power. His breath is like storm and fire. Today the evil spirits become afraid; their power is broken.

We have come together to open ourselves to God. We allow him to breathe on us as he breathed upon the first Christians in Jerusalem.

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### Responsorial psalm

Send forth your Spirit. O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

### Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

We pray for the souls of all those who have died about this time, including:

### Clergy of our diocese:

Father Derl J. Daly

## Sunday and weekday services

### Saturday for Pentecost

**Mass: 6.00 pm**  
(for all those who have been forced to leave their homes to seek a better life in a new country, especially children and young people)

### Pentecost

**Mass: 10.00 am**  
(John Day [Joan])  
**3.00 pm** A service of prayer, scripture readings and quiet reflection in honour of Mary, the mother of Jesus

### Monday Feria

**Mass: 10.15 am**  
(our parish family)

### Tuesday Feria

**Mass in school: 9.00 am**  
(Ivor Morris)

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** in the sacristy: 8.00 am to 5.00 pm

### Wednesday St. John I, priest and martyr

**Mass: 11.00 am**  
(for those named on our November list)

### Thursday St. Dunstan

**Mass: 10.15 am**  
(Holy Souls [Margaret Crawford])

### Friday St. Bernadine of Siena

**Mass: 11.30 am**  
(Sally O'Halloran)

### Saturday St. Christopher Magallanes

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11.00 to 11.30 am**

### Saturday for Sunday

**Mass: 6.00 pm**  
(our parish family)

### The Most Holy Trinity

**Mass: 10.00 am**  
(Susan Calcagno)

### Prayer to be said during the Year of Mercy at the end of the bidding prayers:

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy. Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and, after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary..

V Pray for us, O holy Mother of God

R That we may be made worthy of

the promises of Christ.

### Week ending 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> May

### Car park

Tom Doherty  
Mary McAleavy

### Welcoming

Philip Hunt  
Roy Carvin

### Altar linen

Trish Brocklebank

### Church cleaning Group 5

Charlita O'Neill  
Maria Burrows

### Flowers

Alice Rossiter

### Little Church

Anne/Lisa

### Offertory collection

Colin Faria  
Jane McGovern

### Offertory procession

Anne Mear/  
Michael Browning  
Little Church

### Readers:

### Saturday for Sunday

Bill Martindale  
Maureen Mawditt

### Pentecost Sunday

Nick Spolton  
Pat Hudson

### Week ending 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> May

### Car park

Fred Cork  
Jane McGovern

### Welcoming

Bill Martindale  
Veronica Dilcock

### Altar linen

Kath Cole

### Church cleaning Group 6

Jane Szokalo

### Flowers

Trish Brocklebank

### Little Church

Anne/Martha

### Offertory collection

Denice Middlebrook  
Jim Ryan

### Offertory procession

Maureen Mawditt  
Little Church

### Readers:

### Saturday for Sunday

Ben Hanwell  
Marion Smith

### Trinity Sunday

Jane McGovern  
Barbara Swaby

The piety shop is open

after the 6 pm Mass

on Saturdays and 10 am Mass

on Sundays.

The Year of Mercy  
Spiritual and corporal works of mercy

To enter into the spirit of this special year of grace, monthly meditation and reflection sessions will be held to think about one of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, using them as the basis for prayer. The next two sessions will be on Mondays, 13<sup>th</sup> June and 11<sup>th</sup> July, from 2.30 to 3.30 pm at 52 Foxley Court, Bourne, PE10 9TY. You will be most welcome.

Celia Bermingham, 014778426310,

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### Year of Mercy prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the Heavenly Father, and have told us that, whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved.

You are the visible face of the invisible Father. Let the Church be the visible face of forgiveness and mercy in the world. You willed that your ministers would feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel loved and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with His anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Works of Mercy

The works of mercy for May are: house the homeless and comfort the afflicted. Please see the leaflet that is provided for you. The next day of prayer and reflection is on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, at 3.00 pm. All are welcome.

### Amoris Laetitia

The Bishops' Conference has prepared a summary of Pope Francis' exhortation on the family. It runs to four pages, so to keep expense down, I have decided to make it available to order.

If you would like a copy, please sign the sheet which is on the notice board in the church porch. If you have recently asked for a copy, please check the table at the back of the church.

### Please pray...

... for Caleb William Carrington and William Herne, who will be baptised during May. "Through the sign of the cross they are claimed for Christ."

### Please pray also for the sick of the parish:

Theresa Abram, Tony Armstrong, Eric Blakeman, Christopher and Catherine Brown, Tony Brown, Mark Bush, Marcello Calcagno, Paul Croker. David and Kate

Davies, Mark Eddington, Vivienne Field, Christopher Fordham, Patricia Gainey, Veronica and John Garratt, Michael Griffith, Mimi Gunn, Peggy and Stan Hart, Jennifer Holdsworth, Eric Keating, Dianne Keaton, Sheila Morse, Eileen Mulrooney, Richard Neill, Roger Peto, Winifred Phillips, Gladys Powell, Maureen Renfrew, Mrs. Slattery, Delia Teszkowska, Teresa Todd, Bill Tupholme, Jane Walker, and Anne and Ken Woods. Please inform Father Michael if there are any other names to be added, **or, indeed, if someone has recovered.**

### A clarification

The levy on this parish to the diocese has been increased to £1,087 each month and not by £1,087 as was stated in last week's newsletter. This is to pay for the overdue quinquennial inspection of all diocesan property. Instead of each parish paying for its own inspection, the Council of Priests deemed the fairest way of doing it was to increase the levy on each parish by 25% for this financial year only, otherwise many small parishes would have been unduly burdened.

### Monday coffee mornings

In town on Monday mornings? Stop off for a cup of tea or coffee in our church hall; we're open from 10.00 am till 12 noon. Bring a friend!

*June Ellis.*

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Please try to come and spend some time in prayer and adoration with Jesus on Tuesdays in the sacristy from 8.00 am till 5.00 pm. We are so blessed to have this opportunity.

### Know more about the Church

If you would like to know more about the teachings of the Church, come and join us in the presbytery at 6.30 pm on a Tuesday. Our next meeting is on 17<sup>th</sup> May.

### Parish Bingo

Come and join us in the hall on a Tuesday evening at 8.00 for a couple of games of bingo. You won't win a fortune, but you will have a pleasant social evening. *Kath Duthie*

### Christian Aid week: 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> May

Christian Aid week starts this weekend. If you still want to help, please contact Marion Smith on 01529 415095 in the next day or two. As we cannot cover all our usual streets this year, Father Michael has kindly allowed for a retiring collection on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Envelopes will be provided on the benches. If you wish to contribute, please place your donation in the envelope and seal it. If you pay income tax, and fill in the declaration form on the envelope, you can boost your gift by 25%. Many thanks.

### Fashion show update and parish quiz

**a.** The fashion show was a huge success, as well as a very enjoyable evening. All the models were amazing, and several contracts are currently under negotiation! We raised £205 after deductions, and we'll be holding another one next year in the autumn, giving you the opportunity to get your Christmas party dresses early, plus there will be a discount available on the night.

**b.** Tickets for the parish quiz on **Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> May**, are available after Mass, or from the parish office, costing just £5, including a light supper. This is a quiz for all ages and covers a wide range of subjects. *Everyone* knows *some* of the answers; it's definitely NOT University Challenge. Come along to support our church and have a fantastic night into the bargain. There will, of course, be the ever-popular snatch raffle! Children will be very welcome, and those with children on their team will have an advantage when it comes to the "Children's Round". *Jane McGovern*

### Fund raising appeal

We are running low on good quality saleable items for our fund raising for the church. For the tombola stall at the Leasingham fête we need soft toys of any size, but in good condition, bottles of wine and small gifts, as well as wrapping paper, tissue paper and gift bags. Thank you for your help with the monthly bric-a-brac sales: we made £153 last month. We need items for these sales as well.

*Sue Stodart and Barbara Carey*

### First Communion Sunday

Our parish children make their First Holy Communion on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> May, at the 10.00 am Mass. Please could we have some volunteers to serve refreshments to them and their families after the Mass. If you are able to help, please ring either Jackie Griffiths on 01526 833492 or Lesley Weldon on 01529 305759.

### Pilgrimage in honour of Mary: 30<sup>th</sup> May

This is on bank holiday Monday in Lincoln. For the full programme for this very special pilgrimage to Lincoln, please see the handout with your parish newsletter.

### Walsingham pilgrimage

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham in honour of Mary will be on 19<sup>th</sup> June. I have arranged to join with St. Mary's, Grantham, so we shall have 20 places on the coach. The cost will be £12 per person, but we can come to an arrangement for families. There is a list in the church porch.

### One Hundred Club

The winners for May are: £75 – Krys Szokalo; £50 – Valerie Higgins; £25 – Jacqueline Fordham. Congratulations to these three. But don't despair – it could be your turn next month!

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