

Parish News

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4th/5th June

Tenth Sunday of the Year

You can only follow a leader you know. The better you know the leader, the better you will be able to follow him or her. This is why we, when we meet for our Sunday celebration, want to get to know Christ more and more.

Christ is not just a leader like any other. To day we look at an action of his which shows clearly how far Christ is beyond all other kinds of leaders. When Jesus came to a town and saw a funeral procession approaching, he was so moved by the grief of the bereaved mother that he raised her son to life.

What does this mean for us, his followers, gathered for our Sunday celebration? What does it mean for you and me, busy with our daily tasks the whole week? What does it mean for each one of us, whether young or old, working or at home, parent or child?



Responsorial psalm

I will praise you. Lord., you have rescued me..

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

Sunday and weekday services

Saturday for Sunday

Mass: 6.00 pm

(Cecilia Parker [Pauline Parker])

Tenth Sunday of the Year

Mass: 10.00 am

(Private intention [Marjorie and Michael Fitzgibbons])

Monday St. Norbert, bishop

Mass: 10.15 am

Funeral Mass for Bill

Tupholme, followed by his burial at Sleaford Cemetery)

Tuesday Feria

Mass 10.15 am

(Georgina Swain and Joseph Buttigieg [Antonia])

Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament in the sacristy:

8.00 am to 5.00 pm

Wednesday Feria

Mass 10.15 am

(In thanksgiving for 53 years of priesthood)

Thursday St. Columba

Mass: 10.15 am

(Tony Trollope [Veronica])

Friday Feria

Mass 11.30 am

(Sean Kelly)

Saturday St. Barnabas

Sacrament of

Reconciliation:

11.00 – 11.30 am

Saturday for Sunday

Mass: 6.00 pm

(Bill Tupholme [Jennifer and Tim Doherty])

Eleventh Sunday of the Year

Mass: 10.00 am

(our parish family)

4.30 pm Reception of the remains of Dave Griffiths

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
4th/5th June

Car park

Eugene Krajewski
Nick Spolton

Welcoming

Marion Smith
Doreen Noble

Altar Linen

Maureen Mawditt

Church cleaning group 2

Mike & Barbara Swaby

Flowers

Liz Peto

Offertory Collection

Colin Faria
Bill Bush

Offertory procession (Sat.)

Anne Mear and
Marion Smith

Offertory procession (Sun)

Bill and June Bush

Readers (Sat)

Liz Peto
Tom Martin

Readers (Sun.)

Krys and Jane Szokalo

Week ending
11th/12th June

Car park

Fred Cork
Robert Vink

Welcoming

Michael Browning
Jane McGovern

Altar Linen

Pat Blakeman

Church cleaning group 3

Roy & Mary Canvin
Marjorie Fitzgibbons

Flowers

Kay Hockmeyer

Offertory Collection

Ben Hanwell
Nick Spolton

Offertory procession (Sat.)

Michael Browning

Offertory procession (Sun)

Little Church

Readers (Sat)

Bill Martindale
Maureen Mawditt

Readers (Sun.)

Pat Hudson
Pat Blakeman

The piety shop is open after the
6 pm Mass on Saturdays and
10am 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 last two sessions will be on Mondays, 13th June and 11th 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.

Year of Mercy

The monthly prayer service and benediction will be on **Sunday, 26th June at 3.00 pm**. All welcome!

Please pray...

... for the happy repose of the souls of Dave Griffiths, Mark Bush, Bill Tupholme and Anthony Armstrong, all of whom have died in recent days.

Please remember, as well, their loved ones who are grieving their loss, that God will comfort them at this sad time. May their dear souls rest in peace!

Funeral services

Mark Bush's funeral Mass was on Friday morning; Bill Tupholme's will be tomorrow morning at 10.15; Anthony Armstrong's funeral service will be 10.50 am on Friday at Lincoln Crematorium; and Dave Griffiths' funeral Mass will be on 11th June at 11.30 am.

Bill Tupholme, RIP

Bill Tupholme died peacefully at home on Monday, 30th May. He was a well-known

figure in Sleaford and was a master builder during his working life. Bill was also a lifelong member of our parish and, during the time of the Franciscans, served on the Development Committee of the parish. Bill gave his time and talents to the service of the parish and was heavily involved in renovating the church, sacristy and hall during the 1970s/80s in particular. He was also responsible for building big classroom extensions at the school during the time of Fr. Denis (1990s), May he rest in peace.

Please pray also for the sick of the parish:

Theresa Abram, Eric Blakeman, Christopher and Catherine Brown, Tony Brown, Marcello Calcagno, Paul Croker, David and Kate Davies, Mark Eddington, Vivienne Field, Christopher Fordham, Patricia Gainey, 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, 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.**

First Holy Communion

Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of the First Holy Communion day last Sunday. Please continue to pray for the children and their families.

Pilgrimage Mass at Lincoln Cathedral

Many thanks to the parish pilgrims who travelled to Lincoln Cathedral for the celebration of Mass in honour of Our Blessed Lady.

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. Our next lunch is on Wednesday, 8th June, at 12 for 12.30 pm. Book now! *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 **7th June**.

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*

St. Barnabas Hospice ...

... is holding a Candle Day service in St. Denys' Church on **Thursday, 9th June**, at 10.00 am. This is a short service of music and readings with the opportunity to light a candle for departed loved ones. All are welcome. Refreshments are available afterwards. There is a notice at the back of the church.

Christian Aid week – 15th-21st May 2016

I'm sure you will be pleased to know that £659.00 was collected for this charity. My thanks to all in the parish who contributed and especially to the few who also took part in the door to door collection. *Marion Smith*

Walsingham pilgrimage

There still some seats available on the coach for the diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham on **19th June**. The coach will leave from outside Yorkshire Trading at **9.00 am** and I expect it will arrive back here around 7.00 pm. The day includes the procession in honour of Our Lady, and Mass in the basilica in the afternoon. The fare is £12, but we can come to an arrangement for families.

Churches Together in Sleaford & District

The CTSD annual general meeting will be held on **Thursday, 23rd June, at 7.30 pm** in St. Lucia's parish church, Dembleby; the speaker will be the Revd. Nicholas Munday. All Welcome!

Padley Pilgrimage

The annual inter-diocesan Padley Pilgrimage in honour of the martyrs, Bl. Nicholas Garlick and Bl. Robert Ludlam will take place at Padley Chapel on **Sunday, 10th July**. We will assemble at Grindelford station at 3.00 pm for the rosary procession to the chapel. There will be ample additional parking on the day and stewards from the Knights of St. Columba will be there to direct you. If you would like to arrive at the chapel earlier with your picnics, please do so. The chapel will be open from about 12 noon. The usual portable WC will be parked at the ranger station opposite. Please remember to bring a folding chair or similar with you. *Celia White*

Fund raising

Last month's bric-a-brac sale raised £230. The next sale is on Friday, 24th June, 9.00 am till 12.30 pm. Please, if you have any saleable items, we would be very grateful (sorry no clothes!). Also this month is the Leasingham fête. We are having a stall there, so, if you are free, pop over to Leasingham. Thank you.

Susan and Barbara

Offertory giving – May 2016

Gift Aided standing orders £2,272.50
Gift Aided envelopes £252.00

Gift Aided other	£175.00
Total Gift Aided	£2,699.50
Non-Gift Aided standing orders	£141.00
Loose plate	£820.80
Total non-Gift Aided	£961.80
Total offertory giving	£3,661.30