

Parish News

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

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11th/12th June

Eleventh Sunday of the Year

To be said at the end of Mass, after the Prayer after Communion and before the Final Blessing.

Prayer for the Queen

V. O Lord, save Elizabeth, our queen

R. And hear us on the day we call upon you.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer

R. And let my cry come before you.

V. The Lord be with you

R. And with your spirit.

Almighty God, we pray, that your servant, our Queen, who, by your providence, has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour, may, with her consort and the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Frs. Ben Choyce and John Shaw

Responsorial psalm

Forgive, Lord, the guilt of my sin.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no-one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Sunday and weekday services

Saturday for Sunday **Mass: 6.00 pm**
(Bill Tupholme [Jennifer and Tim Doherty])

Tenth Sunday of the Year **Mass: 10.00 am**
our parish family
4.30 pm Reception of the body of Dave Griffiths,

Monday St. Anthony of Padua **Mass: 11.30 am**
Funeral Mass for Dave Griffiths, followed by his burial at Digby

Tuesday Feria **Mass in school: 9.00 am**
(Sean Kelly)

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

Wednesday Feria **Mass: 9.30 am**
(Father Adrian Chatterton)

Thursday St. Richard of Chichester **Mass: 9.00 am**
(Jennifer Holdsworth – in thanksgiving)

Friday Feria **Mass 11.30 am**
(Dave Griffiths [Lesley and Tony Weldon])

Saturday St. Barnabas **Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11.00 – 11.30 am**

Saturday for Sunday **Mass: 6.00 pm**
(our parish family)

Eleventh Sunday of the Year **Mass: 10.00 am**
(Susan Calcagno (Jane, Sue and Val))

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 11th/12th June

Car park Fred Cork Robert Vink

Welcoming Michael Browning Jane MxcGovern

Altar linen Pat Blakeman

Church cleaning Group 3 Roy & Mary Canvin Marjorie Fitzgibbons

[Flowers Kay Hockmeyer

Little Church Judy/Melissa

Offertory collection Ben Hanwell Nick Spolton

Offertory procession Michael Browning Little Church

Readers: Saturday for Sunday Bill Martindale Maureen Mawditt

11th Sunday of the Year Pat Hudson Pat Blakeman

Week ending 18th/19th June

Car park Tom Doherty Michael Browning

Welcoming June Ellis Alice Rossiter

Altar linen Trish Brocklebank

Church cleaning Group 4 Fred Cork Michael & Maureen Griffith

Flowers Charlita O'Neill

Little Church Lesley/Rose

Offertory collection Denice Middlebrook Robert Vink

Offertory procession Ben Hanwell Little Church

Readers: Saturday for Sunday Ben Hanwell Marion Smith

12th Sunday of the Year Mary & Brendan McAleavy

The piety shop is open after the 6 pm Mass on Saturdays and the 10am Mass on Sunday

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, 014778 426310, celiabermingham@talktalk.net

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 soul of James Berry, who died on 7th June. Please remember his loved ones as they grieve his loss, that God will comfort them at this sad time.

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.**

Ethiopian appeal

There will be a retiring collection after the Masses, as I announced last weekend, for Cafod'si appeal for Ethiopia.

Ethiopia is in its worst drought for years. It has ten million people in dire need of food; 5.8 million people in need of clean water, and 400,000 children who are suffering from malnutrition. I know you will all give as generously as you can.

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. *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

Instruction classes and talks on the faith on Tuesday evenings will resume in September after the summer break. Please contact Deacon Tony if you have any questions or queries.

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*

Fund raising committee

The postponed meeting of the fund raising committee will take place on **Tuesday** evening at 7.00 in the presbytery.

Parish pastoral council

A reminder – there will be a meeting of the parish pastoral council on **Wednesday** evening in the presbytery at 7.00.

Deanery meeting

The next deanery meeting will be on Thursday at Skegness, hence the Mass will be at 9.00 am. It is quite a journey to Skegii!

Walsingham pilgrimage

There are 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!

Mark Bush

We thank everyone who took part in the funeral Mass for Mark: Father Michael, Deacon Tony, the altar servers, the reader, the organist, the flower arranger and the members of the parish who attended. This was a great comfort to our family. God bless you all. *June and Bill Bush*

Thank you

Again, my thanks to all who came to be with me at the Mass on my ordination anniversary. It really meant a great deal to me. Thank you, also, for the cards; I have them on the mantelpiece in my sitting room.

Evergreen Sleaford ...

... has been running for nearly four years and has supported 80 lonely and isolated people in Sleaford and district. If you, or someone you know, has an hour or two to spare to befriend someone, please contact "Friends of Evergreen on 07707 260822 or info@evergreensleaford.org.uk.

Evergreen Sleaford is supported financially by local businesses and individuals through our "Friends of Evergreen Sleaford" scheme. A donation of as little as £12 a year could really make a difference to an elderly person.

Volunteers needed to help our parish

There are some activities that need new volunteers to help our parish run smoothly, for example like the car parking in the Girls' High School grounds, washing the altar linen, taking the weekend collections, etc. Please look at the table on the right as you come into church for lists for volunteers. If you are new to the parish, this is a good way to get to know people. Sign up now, taking note of Saturday or Sunday activity.

Offertory giving – April, 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