

Parish News

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25th /26th June

Thirteenth Sunday of the Year

We come to this service because we are followers of Christ. Christ goes ahead of us and we follow in the path he chose. We come together this morning to thank Christ for putting us on the right path and to renew our determination to follow him.



Responsorial psalm

It is you, Lord, who are my portion

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

At the Masses this weekend:

There will be a collection for Peter's Pence.

This is taken worldwide and provides the means the Vatican requires to finance missions and to contribute to charities which deal with needs in the Third World.

Sunday and weekday services

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

Thirteenth Sunday of the Year **Mass: 10.00 am**
(Father Mark Hartley)
3.00 pm Service of prayer and reflection, followed by Benediction

Monday St. Cyril of Alexandria **Mass: 10.15 am**
(R. Woodward)

Tuesday St. Ianeus **Mass: 10.15 am**
(Holy Souls [M. Crawford])
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the sacristy:
8.00 am to 5.00 pm
7.00 pm first Mass of SS Peter and Paul
(our parish family)

Wednesday SS Peter and Paul Apostles **Mass: 9.00 am**
(CathThompson [Veronica Dilcock])
Holiday of Obligation

Thursday The first martyrs of the Holy Roman Church **Eucharistic service: 10.15 am**

Friday St. Oliver Plunkett, martyr **Mass 11.30 am**
(Those souls mentioned in our November list)

Saturday Feria **Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11.00 – 11.30 am**

Saturday for Sunday **Mass: 6.00 pm**
(Susan Calcagno Kath Cole)

Fourteenth Sunday of the Year **Mass: 10.00 am**
(Bill Tupholme [Lesley and Tony Weldon])

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 25th/26th June

Car park	Eamonn Greene Amanda Hemmant
Welcoming	Philip Hunt Jim Ryan
Altar linen	Kath Cole
Church cleaning Group 5	Charlita O'Neill Maria Burrows
Flowers	Alice Rossiter
Little Church	Merla/Lisa
Offertory collection	Colin Faria Richard Hannah
Offertory procession	Bill Martindale Little Church
Readers: Saturday for Sunday	David Stodart Denice Middlebrook
13 ^h Sunday of the Year	Barbara Swaby Ivan Rossiter

Week ending 2nd/3rd July

Car park	Marion Smith Jane McGovern
Welcoming	Michael Browning Nick Spolton
Altar linen	Marjorie Fitzgibbons
Church cleaning Group 6	Jane Szokalo
Flowers	Trish Brocklebank
Little Church	Merla/Sheena
Offertory collection	Colin Faria Bill Bush
Offertory procession	Anne Mear/Marion Smith Little Church
Readers: Saturday for Sunday	Liz Peto Tom Martin
14 ^h Sunday of the Year	Krys and Jane Szokalo

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

The Year of Mercy

Spiritual and corporal works of mercy

The final session of this series of discussions will be on Monday, 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, celiabirmingham@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 **this afternoon at 3.00**. All welcome! (See also the service on 24th July.)

Pilgrimage to the Cathedral

There will be a pilgrimage to St. Barnabas Cathedral on **Thursday, 14th July**, during the course of which there will be an opportunity to go through the Year of Mercy door and receive the indulgences attached to this; a conducted tour of the cathedral; a visit to the crypt, where several of the bishops of the diocese are buried; a visit to the Mother Mary Potter centre in Regent Street - a five-minute walk from the Cathedral; and an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

I suggest that we time our arrival for the 1.00 pm Mass; this will give the opportunity to enjoy a picnic lunch in the Cathedral Hall afterwards. It would be really lovely to have a shared table.

The tour will begin at 2.00 pm and last about two hours. The mode of transport will be determined by the demand, so please put your name on the list in the porch as soon as you can if you would like to go. For those at work that day it is hoped to arrange another pilgrimage there for the early autumn. No charges will be involved.

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.**

St. Mary Magdalene

The Supreme Pontiff, Pope Francis, has established that, from now on, the celebration of St. Mary Magdalene should be inscribed in the General Roman Calendar with the rank of feast, rather than memorial, as is presently the case. The day dedicated to the celebration of St. Mary Magdalene remains the same as it appears in the Roman Calendar: 22nd July. It is right that the celebration of this woman should have the same rank as feast as that given to the apostles in the General Roman Calendar, and that the special mission of this woman should be underlined: she who is an example and model for all women in the Church.

Bishop Patrick

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 Wednesday lunch is on 13th July. There is no lunch in August. **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.

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**

Family barbecue starting at noon

There will be a barbecue for all the family on **10th July** at the home of Sue and David Stodart, 51 Chapel Lane, Leasingham. Tickets available after the Masses this weekend, price £5 per adult, children free.

Annual Padley pilgrimage

This year's pilgrimage in honour of Bl Robert Ludlam and Bl. Nicholas Garlick at Grindleford is on **10th July**. The procession to the chapel starts at the station at 3.00 and the Mass begins at 3.30 pm. Bishop Patrick is the preacher. I think this will be his first visit there, unless he went while he was a priest in Birmingham

Prayer and healing service

Our final service celebrating the Year of Mercy before the summer break will be the

monthly prayer service on **24th July at 3.00 pm**. At this healing service we shall be able to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

Sacrament of Confirmation: advance notice

I hope that Bishop Patrick will come to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation early in 2017. To be eligible to receive this sacrament you must be 15 years old or nearly so, and be willing to attend the preparatory sessions beforehand. It is not too soon to be giving some thought to this now. To decide whether or not to receive this sacrament involves serious thought, prayer and preparations.

First Communion, 2017

If your child is in Year Three, or above, and you would like him/her to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Eucharist, please apply in writing to Father Michael before **Sunday, 31st July**.

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. 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 make new friends. Sign up now, taking note of whether the list is for a Saturday or Sunday. **Also can those who already take part in these activities please add their n**

One Hundred Club: Winners for June

£75: Ivan Rossiter and Mary Canvin; £50: Susan Stodart and Marjorie Cole' £25: Roy Wiseman and Violet Smith.: Congratulations! And better luck next time to the rest of you.

Offertory giving – May, 2016

Gift Aided Standing orders	£2,302.50
Gift Aided envelopes	£242.50
Gift Aided other	£15.00
Total Gift Aided	£2,560.00
Non-Gift Aided standing orders	£141.00
Loose plate	£960.00
Total non-Gift Aided	£1,101.00
Total offertory giving	£3,661.00