

# Parish News

## Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

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### 9th/10th July Fifteenth Sunday of the Year

Not one of us lives entirely alone. We live in a community with others, and we meet with people wherever we go. Some of those whom we meet are in need and we ask ourselves whether we should go out of our way to help them, or whether we should pass them by. We ask ourselves: "Is that person who is in trouble really my neighbour?" We know, of course, the answer which Jesus gave in the parable of the traveller from the foreign country of Samaria who showed mercy even although he was a stranger.



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

Father Kenneth O'Riordan

### Responsorial psalm

Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

### Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia!

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

## Sunday and weekday services

**Saturday for Sunday** **Mass: 6.00 pm**  
(In thanksgiving [Kath Cole])

**Fifteenth Sunday of the Year** **Mass: 10.00 am**  
(our parish family)

**Monday St. Benedict** **Mass: 10.15 am**  
(Father Michael's intentions [Lesley and Tony Weldon])

**Tuesday Feria** **Mass in school: 9.00 am**  
(Bobby Lear [Rosemary Horn])  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** in the sacristy:  
8.00 am to 5.00 pm

**Wednesday St. Henry** **Mass: 10.15 am**  
(Ivan Cole [Kath Cole])

**Thursday St. Camillus de Lellis** **Mass: 1.00 pm in St. Barnabas Cathedral**  
(for the intentions of our pilgrims)

**Friday St. Bonaventure** **Mass 11.30 am**  
(our parish family)

**Saturday Our Lady of Mount Carmel** **Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11.00 – 11.30 am**

**Saturday for Sunday** **Mass: 6.00 pm**  
(Michael Giffney)

**Sixteenth Sunday of the Year** **Mass: 10.00 am**  
(John Day [Joan Day])

### 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.

**Collection next weekend for the Apostleship of the Sea.**

## Week ending 9th/10th July

**Car park** Michael Browning  
Nick Spolton

**Welcoming** Doreen Noble  
Bill Bush

**Altar linen** Maureen Mawditt

**Church cleaning Group 1** Anne Hobbs  
Jane McGovern  
Anne McGrath

**Flowers** Imelda Elkington

**Little Church** Merla/Sheena

**Offertory collection** Denice Middlebrook  
Robert Vink

**Offertory procession** Anne Mear &  
Michael Browning  
Little Church

**Readers: Saturday for Sunday** Bill Martindale  
Marion Smith

**Fifteenth Sunday of the Year** Nick Spolton  
Pat Hudson

## Week ending 16th/17th July

**Car park** Fred Cork  
Robert Vink

**Welcoming** Sue Donegan  
Roy Canvin

**Altar linen** Pat Blakeman

**Church cleaning Group 2** Mike and Barbara Swaby

**Flowers** Kay Hockmeyer

**Little Church** Judy/Melissa

**Offertory collection** Ben Hanwell  
Richard Hannah

**Offertory procession** Maureen Mawditt  
Bill Martindale  
Little Church

**Readers: Saturday for Sunday** Ben Hanwell  
Denice Middlebrook

**Sixteenth Sunday of the Year** Krys and Jane Szokalo

## The Year of Mercy

### Spiritual and corporal works of mercy

The final session of this series of discussions will be on **Monday, 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, 014778 426310.

### 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.

### Pilgrimage to the Cathedral

Our parish pilgrimage to St. Barnabas Cathedral in Nottingham will take place on Thursday, of this week, **14<sup>th</sup> July**.

The coach will leave from outside Yorkshire Trading on Southgate at **11.00 am**. I anticipate that we shall arrive back there around 5.30 pm. Please bring something to eat for lunch, which I should like to be a shared table. We shall eat this in Cathedral Hall. Tea and coffee will be provided, so you won't need to bring any drinks with you. We shall have lunch after the 1.00 pm Mass.

For the tour of the cathedral and the visit to the Mary Potter Centre we shall be divided into two groups. One group will tour the cathedral while the other group visits the Mary Potter Centre and then change round.

There will be an opportunity to go through the Year of Mercy door in order to gain the Year of Mercy indulgences.

As I have said, I hope that it will be possible to arrange another pilgrimage there in the autumn for those of you who are at work during the week and so are only free at weekends

### 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, Tom and Brenda McLaughlin, 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.**

### Apostleship of the Sea collection

**Next weekend** there will be a collection at the Masses for the Apostleship of the Sea. It is the official maritime and mission agency of the Catholic Church in Britain.

It supports more than a million seafarers arriving in our ports every year. It is a vitally important mission to a hidden group of people, many of whom are Catholic.

You will be able to Gift Aid your donation: envelopes will be available. Please give as generously as you can. I am sorry we have had so many special collections recently, but your generosity will surely be blessed by God.

### Family barbecue today, starting at noon

There will be a barbecue for all the family **today** at the home of Sue and David Stodart, 21 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 Grindle-ford is **today**. 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

### 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: 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. Also, drop in for lunch on **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> 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**

### Secular Franciscan order

The Secular Franciscans will meet in the hall on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> July, at 12.00 pm after the Friday morning Mass.

### Prayer and healing service

Our final service to mark the Year of Mercy before the summer break will be the usual prayer service but will include a **healing service**. During the service we shall all be able to receive that wonderful sacrament, the Sacrament of the Sick. Please put this date in your diary now: **24<sup>th</sup> July, 3.00 pm.**

### 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, 31<sup>st</sup> July**.

### 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.

### 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@evergreen-sleaford.org.uk](mailto:info@evergreen-sleaford.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.

### Ethiopian appeal

Thank you for your generosity in the recent collection for the poor people of Ethiopia. £770 was given and, of this, £400 was Gift Aided. This means that the total donation from our parish family amounted to £870. (*What a difference the Gift Aid scheme has made: let us bear this in mind for future appeals.*) Thank you very much indeed; your generosity will be blessed by God.

### Note for all workers in parish ministries

Please pick up your copy of the list of parish volunteers. (See the table on the right as you come in to church.) As you will see, we can still do with more people to help, especially in the offertory collections, especially on Saturday evenings and the offertory processions on Sundays when the schools are on holiday. A new schedule will be out soon.