

Parish News

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16th/17th July

Sixteenth Sunday of the Year

How does one welcome a friend? We all know what to do There are many ways of showing somebody that we welcome them as a friend. But what do we do if it is not just anybody at all who comes to us, but God himself.

We who are gathered here have actually gathered for this very purpose: to welcome God.



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

Hugh Gainey

Responsorial psalm

The just will live in the presence of the Lord

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

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
(Michael Giffney)

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

Monday Feria Mass: 10.15 am
(Carol Godfrey [Lesley and Tony Weldon])

Tuesday Feria Mass: 10.15 am
(Patrick Coyle)
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the sacristy:
8.00 am to 5.00 pm

Wednesday St. Apollinaris, Bishop Mass: 10.15 am
(Jennifer Holdsworth)

Thursday St. Laurence of Brindisi Mass: 10.15 am
(Holy Souls [Margaret Crawford])

Friday St. Mary Magdalene Mass 11.30 am
(Karen Gillen)

Saturday St. Bridget of Sweden Sacrament of Reconciliation:
11.00 – 11.30 am

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

Seventeenth Sunday of the Year 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.

Collection this weekend for the Apostleship of the Sea.

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

Fifteenth Sunday of the Year Krys and Jane Szokalo

Week ending 23rd/24th July

Car park Tom Doherty
Mary McAleavy

Welcoming June Ellis
Veronica Dilcock

Altar linen Trish Brocklebank

Church cleaning Group 3 Roy and Mary Canvin
Marjorie Fitzgibbons

Flowers Liz Peto

Little Church No Little Church

Offertory collection Colin Faria
Jane McGovern

Offertory procession Anne Mear/
Michael Browning
Kath Duthie/Veronica Dilcock

Readers: Saturday for Sunday Sarah Weldon
Maureen Mawditt

Sixteenth Sunday of the Year Barbara Swaby
Pat Blakeman

The Year of Mercy

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, who you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

This 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.

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. 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*

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 of 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*

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: **24th July, 3.00 pm.**

Monthly bric-a-brac sale

It is coming up to the monthly bric-a-brac sale on **Friday, 29th July**. We are still in need of good saleable items, especially games, toys and anything else that is in good condition. We thank you for your generosity.

And thank you to our helpers as well, who give up their time to help us. *Barbara and Sue*

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**.

External decoration

The painting of the outside of the house, parish hall and sacristy/toilet block is under way, the last being almost completed; and a

start has been made on the parish hall. We hope that the more-or-less fine weather continues! The cost is £4,370. There will be an additional cost for scaffolding for the third floor front bay windows of the house.

Family barbecue

Last Sunday's family barbecue was a great success and much enjoyed by all present. It was especially lovely to have the oldest member of our parish family with us, Mimi Gunn. She is now 101 years old and thriving!

The day raised £256 for parish funds. A big thank you to all helpers and to those who came!

Barbara and Sue Stodart

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.

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.

Thank you ...

...to the clergy and parishioners at Sleaford church: to say a great thank you for all your prayers and good wishes for my recovery from a massive heart attack on 17th November, 2015, when I was not expected to survive. But, thanks to you for all the prayers, I am now finally recovered and eager to go back to work soon, looking after retarded adults. Once again, many thanks.

Karen Anne Bunce

[niece of Pat and Peter Hudson]

One hundred club winners

Congratulations to the July winners: £75 – Jackie Griffiths; £50 – Ian Gourlay; £25 – Frances Grant. For all other club members: don't despair, it could be your turn next month!

Offertory giving– June 2016

Gift Aided standing orders	£2,277.50
Gift Aided envelopes	£179.50
Gift Aided other	£15.00
Total Gift Aided	£2,472.00
Non-Gift Aided standing orders	£241.00
Loose plate	£641.22
Total non-Gift Aided	£882.22
Total offertory giving	£3,354.22