

Parish News

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23rd/24th July

Seventeenth Sunday of the Year

We have come together on this Sunday because we are God's people. He knows us. We know him. He speaks to us and we speak to him. And yet, we are like the apostles. We ask again and again: Lord, teach us how to pray, teach us how to speak to you. We want to learn more about the ways in which we can pray.



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

Anne James.

Responsorial psalm

On the day I called, you answered me, O 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
(our parish family)

Seventeenth Sunday of the Year Mass: 10.00 am
(Susan Calcagno)

Prayer and healing service and Benediction:
3.00 pm

Monday St. James, Apostle Mass: 10.15 am
(those named on our November list)

Tuesday SS Joachim and Anne Eucharistic service:
10.15 am

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

Wednesday Feria Bishop Eucharistic service:
10.15 am

Thursday Feria Mass: 10.15 am
(Holy Souls [Margaret Crawford])

Friday St. Martha Mass 11.30 am
(our parish family)

Saturday St. Peter Chrysologus Sacrament of Reconciliation:
11.00 – 11.30 am

Saturday for Sunday Mass: 6.00 pm
(golden wedding anniversary of Donie and Mary O'Sullivan)

Eighteenth Sunday of the Year Mass: 10.00 am
(Anne James [Bernard and the family])

Churches Together Songs of Praise service with the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) at Brant Broughton at 6.30 pm. All welcome.

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 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

Fifteenth Sunday of the Year Barbara Swaby
Pat Blakeman

Week ending 30th/31st July

Car park Eamonn Greene
Amanda Hemmant

Welcoming Philip Hunt
Kath Duthie

Altar linen Kath Cole

Church cleaning group 4 Fred Cork
Michael and Maureen Griffith

Flowers Alice Rossiter

Offertory collection Denice Middlebrook
Jim Ryan

Offertory procession Ben Hanwell
Bill Martindale

Readers Sat. for Sunday Denice Middlebrook
Barbara Browning

Sunday Pat Hudson
Jane McGovern

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, you who 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, Jacob Taylor, 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.

Please pray...

... for the happy repose of the soul of Father Brendan Blundell, a Franciscan friar, whom many of you will know. He died suddenly on Tuesday afternoon; he had just come back from a shopping trip.

Please remember his community, friends and family who are grieving his loss. May he rest in peace.

Recently married

We congratulate and wish many happy years together – Chloe Huckle and Josh Wilson and Rachel Cousins and Stephen Stray – who have been married recently.

Prayer and healing service today

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 this afternoon we shall all be able to receive that wonderful sacrament, the Sacrament of the Sick, at **3.00 pm**.

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*

Monthly bric-a-brac sale

It is coming up to the monthly bric-a-brac sale **this 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**.

Coming events in the autumn

With the end of July and the summer break in August, there is little social activity in the parish. But our social programme starts up again in September with something for everybody to take part in:

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| * Tea dance | 18 th
September |
| * Harvest festival weekend and harvest festival lunch | 2 nd /3 rd
October |
| * Race night | 29 th
October |
| * Remembrance Day concert | 11 th
November |
| * Parish winter fair | 19 th – 21 st
November |
| * Christmas draw and social evening | 10 th
December |

Get all these dates in your diary now!

Holidays

The schools have now closed. If you are fortunate enough to be going away for a holiday, I wish you a great time.

If you could bring back a newsletter from the church where you attend Mass, it would be much appreciated. It is always interesting to see what is happening in other parishes.

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.

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