

# Parish News

## Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

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20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> August

## Twenty-first Sunday of the Year

As we gather for this service we are full of joy. We come together to praise God and to give him thanks.

Yet sometimes we have to read those passages of scripture which are not joyful, but which act as warnings to us. Today Christ warns us to choose the narrow path of truth, for otherwise he will say to us: "I do not know you – away from me."

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### Responsorial psalm

Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

### Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

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 (Robert Braddick)

Twenty-first Sunday of the Year Mass: 10.00 am (Angela Murphy {Morley})  
Prayer service for the Year of Mercy: 3.00 pm

Monday The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass: 10.15 am (Deceased members of the Swain family [Buttigieg])

Tuesday St. Rose of Lima Mass: 9.00 am (Private intention)  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the sacristy: 8.00 am – 5.00 pm

Wednesday St. Bartholomew, apostle Mass: 10.15 am (Deceased members of the Buttigieg family [Antonia])

Thursday St. Louis Mass: 10.15 am (Holy Souls)

Friday Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God Mass: 7.00 pm (For the repose of the soul of Father Jacques Hamel, who was murdered a month ago today. See overleaf.)

Saturday St. Monica Sacrament of Reconciliation 11.00 a.m. – 11.30 am

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

Sunday 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.

## Week ending 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> August

Car park Fred Cork  
Isobel Carrington

Welcoming Michael Browning  
Nick Spolton

Altar linen Kath Cole

Church cleaning group 2 Barbara and  
Mike Swaby

Flowers Kay Hockmeyer

Offertory collection Colin Faria  
Jane McGovern

Offertory procession Michael Browning  
Anne Mear

Richard Hannah  
Jim Ryan

Readers

Saturday for Sunday Denice Middlebrook  
Bill Martindale

Twenty-second Sunday of the Year Mary and Brendan  
McAleavy

## Week ending 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> September

Car park Tom Doherty  
Richard Hannah

Welcoming Sue Donegan  
Roy Canvin

Altar linen Pat Blakeman

Church cleaning group 3 Roy and Mary Canvin  
Marjorie Fitzgibbons

Flowers Charlita O'Neill

Offertory collection Ben Hanwell  
Jim Ryan

Offertory procession Anne Mear and  
Marion Smith

Bill and June Bush

Readers:

Saturday for Sunday Liz Peto  
Marion Smith

Twenty-second Sunday of the Year Pat Blakeman  
Ivan Rossiter

## 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.

**The next prayer service for the Year of Mercy will be on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> August, at 3.00 pm.**  
Deacon Tony

### Please pray also for the sick of the parish:

Theresa Abram, Martin Bell, Eric Blakeman, Christopher and Catherine Brown, Tony Brown, Marcello Calcagno, Paul Croker. David and Kate Davies, Peter Doyle, Mark Eddington, Vivienne Field, Christopher Fordham, Patricia Gaaney, John Garratt, Michael Griffith, Mimi Gunn, Alan Hanley, 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.**

### 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 14<sup>th</sup> September..

*June Ellis.*

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Please try to come and spend some time in prayer and adoration with Jesus on Tuesdays from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm. in the sacristy . We are so blessed to have this opportunity. .

### Father Jacques Hamel

On Friday there will be Mass at **7.00 pm** for the happy repose of the soul of Father Jacques Hamel, who was murdered by ISIL terrorists in Normandy, while he was saying Mass.

Let us include in this Mass our prayer that the adherents of ISIL will all come to realise the error of their ways and seek forgiveness and peace.

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The Mass will be in the evening so that all of you who are at work during the day can attend. It will be an opportunity to help in some way all those affected by ISIL.

### Instructions in the Faith

Please note that instruction in the Catholic faith begins again on **13<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30 pm** in the presbytery. All are welcome, especially those thinking of becoming a Catholic. Those who are Catholic, but would like to know more about the faith are also welcome to attend.

### Penitential service

As you know, Pope Francis has urged us to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation more frequently, especially during this Year of Mercy. Therefore there will be a penitential service on **Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> September, at 7.00 pm.** Make a note in your diary now! I hope to have Father Peter Wade from Skegness coming to help.

### Coming events in the autumn

During 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:

★ Tea dance	18 <sup>th</sup> September
★ Harvest festival weekend and harvest festival lunch	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> October
★ Race night	29 <sup>th</sup> October
★ Remembrance Day concert	11 <sup>th</sup> November
★ Parish winter fair	19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> November
★ Christmas draw and social evening	10 <sup>th</sup> December

Get all these dates in your diary now!

### Harvest festival lunch

Looking ahead a bit, there will be a harvest festival lunch on 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 12 for 12.30 pm. Tickets are now available after the Masses - £5 for adults. children free.

### Christmas Day dinner

I don't know how many shopping days it is till Christmas, but I have been asked by several people over the past couple of weeks if we shall be providing our usual Christmas Day dinner in the parish hall. I am happy to say that we shall be!

### 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 **as soon as possible.**

### One hundred club

The winners for the August draw are: £75 – Jackie Fordham; £50 – Lily Armstrong; £25 – Anne McGrath. Congratulations to them.

Don't despair, it just might be your turn next month!

### Parish newsletters

My thanks to those of you have brought parish newsletters from churches where you have been at Mass while you were on holiday. They are most interesting, with ideas we might try here. So far we have had newsletters from Australia, the United States, Ireland and various parishes in this country. Keep them coming, please.

### If you go to hospital

... when you are admitted, or as soon as possible after that, make sure that the fact that you are a Catholic is entered in your notes. Make sure the ward sister knows that, should you become very ill, the hospital chaplain should be called to give you the Sacrament of the Sick. If you are in hospital for more than 2 or 3 days, ask the ward sister to ask the chaplain to bring you Holy Communion. If you can let me know when you are going into hospital, I can let the hospital chaplain know that you are there and I can give you the Sacrament of the Sick before you go.

### If you are sick at home ...

... and are not able to get out to Mass, or if you need some help with shopping, collecting a prescription, etc., please let me know. A visit from a Eucharistic minister can be arranged so that you can have Holy Communion, or you can contact one of the Eucharistic ministers yourself.

### Garage sale – 28/29<sup>th</sup> August ...

... to be over the August bank holiday weekend at 67 Westcliffe Road, Ruskington, NG34 9AX. Indoors if wet. Contact: Michael Eddington, on 01526 834269.

### Offertory giving – July 2016

Gift Aided standing orders	£2,227.50
Gift Aided envelopes	£236.00
Gift Aided other	£107.00
<b>Total Gift Aided</b>	<b>£2,570.50</b>
Non-Gift Aided standing orders	£106.00
Loose plate	£844.76
<b>Total non-Gift Aided</b>	<b>£950.76</b>
<b>Total offertory giving</b>	<b>£3,521.26</b>

### Pope Francis: reflections on the "Our Father"

He is a Father who listens to us in secret, just like Jesus advised us to pray in secret. It's through this Father that we receive our identity as children. And when I say "Father" this goes right to the roots of my Christian identity is to be his child, and this is a grace of the Holy Spirit. Nobody can say "Father" without the grace of the Spirit. "Father" is the word that Jesus used in the most important moments: when he was full of joy or emotion: "Father I bless you for revealing these things to little children"; or weeping in front of the tomb of his friend, Lazarus: "Father I thank you for hearing my prayer"; or else at the end, in the final moments of his life.