

Parish News

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Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year 25th September

It is very enjoyable to come together for a meal. Today we come with joy to this holy communion, because it is God's meal with us. But although it is true that every meal should be something enjoyable, something beautiful, it is also true that even a meal can become something ugly. For instance, if there is no sharing, no love.

We read today the shocking story of one such ugly meal: the meal of the rich man who ignored the poor Lazarus standing at his gate.

As we are about to approach the table of the Lord, to receive the food which comes from God, we promise God that we will not close our eyes to those in need. We also ask forgiveness for our failure to share in the past.

Responsorial psalm

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

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.

Please note:

Cafod's Harvest Fast Day is on 7th October. There will be collections at the Masses on 8th and 9th October. Envelopes will be available soon.

Sunday and weekday services

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

Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year **Mass: 10.00 am**
(Mary Feeney)

Service of prayer and Benediction: 3.00 pm

Monday SS Cosmas and Damian **Mass: 10.15 am**
(Kevin Loftus)

Tuesday St. Vincent de Paul **Mass: 10.15 am**
(Michael Dempsey)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the 8.00 am–4.30 pm in the sacristy.

Wednesday St. Wenceslaus **Mass : 10.15 am**
(Phyllis O'Brien)

Thursday SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels **Mass: 10.15 am**
(Michael O'Sullivan)

Friday St. Jerome **Mass: 11.30 am**
(Sam Taylor)

Saturday St. Therese of the Child Jesus **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
11.00 – 11.30 am

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

Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year **Mass: 10.00 am**
(Peggy Spriggs)

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.

From 24th/25th September

Car park Eugene Krajewski
To be arranged

Welcoming Veronica Hay
Alice Rossiter

Altar linen Marjorie Fitzgibbons

Church cleaning group 6 Jane Szokalo

Flowers Trish Brocklebank

Offertory collection Ben Hanwell
Jim Ryan

Offertory procession Ben Hanwell
Jim Ryan
Little Church

Little Church No Little Church today

Readers:

Saturday for Sunday Maureen Mawditt
Liz Peto/David Stodart

Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year Jane and Krysz Szokalo

From 1st/2nd October

Car park Charmaine Jones
Robert Vink

Welcoming Jim Ryan
Nick Spolton

Altar linen Pat Hudson

Church cleaning group 1 Anne Hobbs
Anne McGrath
Jane McGovern

Flowers Isobel Carrington

Offertory collection Colin Faria
Bill Bush

Offertory procession Anne Mear
Marion Smith

Little Church Rose/Judy

Readers:

Saturday for Sunday Liz Peto
Ben Hanwell

Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year Ivan Rossiter
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, 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 this afternoon at 3.00 pm, followed by Benediction.. Deacon Tony

A service for the end of the Year of Mercy will be held in SS Peter and Paul's church, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln, on **Sunday, 23rd October**, from 2.30 to 4.30 pm.. All parishes in Lincolnshire are invited. Bishop Patrick hopes to be present for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The service will be led by the Lincolnshire spirituality group, with the Bishop's blessing and encouragement.

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 Gainey, 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.**

Parish baptisms

Please pray for Eleanor Robins and Pola Gawlowski who will be welcomed into the community of God through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend. **Deacon Tony**

Monday coffee mornings ...

...are held in our church hall, from 10.00 am till 12 noon. Future lunches will be on Monday, 3rd October, and Wednesday. 12th October, at 12 for 12.30 pm. **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 4.30 pm.** in the sacristy . We are so blessed to have this opportunity.

Instruction in the Faith

Please note that instruction in the Catholic faith is held on **Tuesdays 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.

Parish bingo

Our weekly bingo session in the parish hall is on Tuesday at 8.00 pm. You won't win a fortune, but you but you will have an enjoyable evening **Kath Duthie**

End trafficking

A diocesan awareness-raising event, will be held at St. Norbert's, Spalding, on Wednesday, 28th September, 6.00 -8.30 pm, hosted by Bishop Patrick McKinney. For speakers, see the notice in the church porch. If you wish to attend, **Transport is provided.** Add your name to the list in the church porch. Refreshments and drinks will be provided, no charge.

Harvest weekend - coming events

Trish Brocklebank is asking for your gifts of fruit and vegetables for the harvest display in the church over the first weekend in October. Please bring them in on Saturday morning (1st).

The harvest festival lunch is on **Sunday, 2nd October at 12 for 12.30 pm**, tickets now available after the Masses - £5 for adults. children free.

Other events to come

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!

Bric-a-brac sale

Our next monthly sale in the parish hall will be on **Saturday, 30th October**, from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. There are always great bargains to be had. **Barbara and Sue**

Little Church ...We meet every Sunday during term time and welcome all children. Below-school age children needing supervision should be accompanied by an adult. We leave the main church together at the beginning of the service and rejoin the congregation before communion. Each meeting - in the church hall - has a DBS-checked leader and helper. If you feel able to volunteer to join our rota as either a helper or leader, we should be absolutely delighted. (contd.)

Tea and coffee: Many thanks to all those who support us. Now the tea urn is working again the service of tea and coffee after Sunday Mass is resumed.

I have had the privilege of sending a cheque for £320 to Mary's Meals on your behalf. Mary's Meals is a fantastic charity that works in Africa providing breakfast for children before the school day starts. This encourages attendance at school and is often the only meal these children get all day.. **Merla**

Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Patrick is coming here to give the Sacrament of Confirmation on **31st March, 2017**. If you would like to receive this sacrament and will be 15 years old or over on 31st March, please write a letter to me, giving your reasons why, and a promise that you will participate wholeheartedly in the spiritual journey to the sacrament. Beginning early in October, this journey will involve you in an evening meeting every two weeks, and various other activities. Please ensure that I receive your letter by the end of September, 2016.

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.**

Christmas Day dinner

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!

Faith in Families boxes

Will all those who have Faith in Families collection boxes please return them to the presbytery as soon as possible for the contents to be counted.. Many thanks. **Kath Duthie**

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.

Another coming event:

The Manchester pilgrims will be making their usual stop here at about 12.30 pm.on the way to Walsingham on **Sunday, 9th October**. I'll be making the usual appeal to you for donations of food for them nearer that date.