

# Parish News

## Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

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## Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2016

### 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.

### Responsorial psalm

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.

### Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia"

### Please pray for a member of our parish

family: Phyllis Docherty

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)

**Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year** **Mass: 10.00 am**  
(In thanksgiving for the harvest and all the talents and the gifts which God has given to each one of us.)

**Monday Feria** **Mass: 10.15 am**  
(Phyllis Docherty)

**Tuesday St. Francis of Assisi** **Mass: 10.15 am**  
(Carol Godfrey [Lesley and Tony Weldon])  
**Please note this day:**  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, **8.00 am–4.00 pm** in the sacristy.

**Wednesday Blessed Robert Sutton and companions, the Blessed Martyrs of Leicestershire** **Mass: 9.00 am in school**  
(Our parish family)

**Thursday St. Bruno, priest** **Mass: 10.15 am**  
(For those named on our November list)

**Friday Our Lady of the Rosary** **Mass: 11.30 am**  
(Our parish family)

**Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary** **Mass: 10.30 am**  
(For peace in the world, especially in Syria, and for refugees everywhere.)

After Mass until 12.30 pm the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for private prayer. We shall end with Benediction.

**Saturday for Sunday** **Mass: 6.00 pm**  
(Charlie Grant [Pauline])

**Twenty-eighth Sunday of the Year** **Mass: 10.00 am**  
Nick & Casia Spolton's intentions [Trish Brocklebank]

### 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 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
Bill and June Bush

**Little Church** Judy/ Rose

**Readers:**  
**Saturday for Sunday** David Stodart  
Ben Hanwell

**Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year** Ivan Rossiter  
Pat Blakeman

## From 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> October

**Car park** Marion Smith  
Isobel Carrington

**Welcoming** Bill Martindale  
Bill Bush

**Altar linen** Maureen Mawditt

**Church cleaning group 2** Barbara and Mike  
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**Flowers** Imelda Elkington

**Offertory collection** Ben Hanwell  
Richard Hannah

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

**Little Church (in the house today)** Merla/Lisa

**Readers:**  
**Saturday for Sunday** Maureen Mawditt  
Marion Smith

**Twenty-eighth Sunday of the Year** Jane McGovern  
Mary McAleavy

**Please pray** for the happy repose of the soul of Olive Davies, who died recently. Her funeral Mass is to be on 11<sup>th</sup> October. May she rest in peace.

#### **Also pray for the sick of the parish:**

Theresa Abram, Josie and Ken Adams, 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, Della 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.**

#### **Harvest thanksgiving**

My thanks to all of you who have given fruit and vegetables with which to decorate the church this weekend. They will all be donated to the Community Larder at the New Life church and I know that they will be gratefully received. Our harvest lunch is at 12.00 for 12.30 pm.

#### **Walsingham collection**

As I announced last weekend, the bishops have asked that a collection be taken in every parish in the country to help with the costs of the renovations being undertaken at Our Lady's shrine at Walsingham.

This will replace the diocesan levy collection this weekend. Pope Leo XIII said "When England goes back to Walsingham, Our Lady will come back to England."

#### **Winter home**

From Monday morning, Mass on weekdays will be in the sacristy so that we can keep warm as winter comes in! You can't pray properly if you're cold!

#### **Monday coffee mornings ...**

...are held in our church hall, from 10.00 am till 12 noon. Future lunches will be on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, and Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> 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 will have an enjoyable evening *Kath Duthie*

#### **There are no words ...**

... to describe the appalling atrocities which are being perpetrated against the people of Syria, especially in Aleppo, nor the sufferings and hardships of refugees and asylum seekers. What can we do to help bring about peace and to alleviate the sufferings of these millions of people?

On **Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October**, at 10.30 am we shall have a Mass for peace in the world. Then, until 12.30 pm, you will have an opportunity for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament exposed, and we shall finish with Benediction. I have advisedly arranged this for a Saturday morning, so that those of you who are at work or at school during the week will be able to come.

#### **Cafod**

Next weekend there will be the Autumn Harvest collection for Cafod. Please do your best to Gift Aid your donation – it makes it more valuable to Cafod. *Barbara Swaby*

#### **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.**

#### **Confirmation, 2017**

If you are 15 or older and would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation when Bishop Patrick comes to our parish on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017, **please let me know by the end of this week.**

**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.

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*

#### **Readers at Mass**

Please raise your voices slightly when reading either the scripture passages or the bidding prayers. Some parishioners, especially those in the middle or rear of the church, have trouble hearing because some readers' voices are too low.

Please also remember that the conclusion to the first and second readings is "**The word of the Lord**", not "This is the word of the Lord".

*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, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

#### **One Hundred Club**

The winners in the September draw are: £75 – Debbie Hall and Frances Grant; £50 – John Garratt and Mrs. G. Unwin; and £25 – Pete Hudson and Mary Canvin. Congratulations to them! If you didn't win this month, better luck next month!

#### **Offertory giving – August, 2016**

Gift Aided standing orders	£2,206.50
Gift Aided envelopes	£203.10
Gift Aided other	£210.00
<b>Total Gift Aided</b>	<b>£2,619.60</b>
Non-Gift Aided standing orders	£152.00
Loose plate	£713.76
<b>Total non-Gift Aided</b>	<b>£865.76</b>
<b>Total offertory giving</b>	<b>£3,485.36</b>

#### **I remembered you**

On 8<sup>th</sup> September we made our annual visit to the abbey of Notre Dame de Claimant, near Laval. It was the 60<sup>th</sup> Cistercian abbey that St. Bernard founded in France. This was in 1152; he died a year later.

We said Mass in what was the abbot's chapel and I thought of you and all your intentions. After Mass we had a wander round to see what the Friends of the Abbey had done since our last visit. It will take decades fully to restore the abbey. If you want to know more and see photographs, the internet address is [www.abbaye-de-claimant.com](http://www.abbaye-de-claimant.com).

The next day we were at Ars, where we said Mass on what is known as "the Cure's altar". St. John Vianney's body is in a glass casket above the altar. It is not often that one can offer Mass on this altar because the demand is so great; being there out of the main summer season made it easier. During this Mass, I thought of you.