

Parish News

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Twenty-eighth Sunday of the Year 9th 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

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: 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 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**
(Our parish family)

Twenty-eighth Sunday of the Year **Mass: 10.00 am**
(Charlie Grant [Pauline])

Monday St. Paulinus and the Anglo-Saxon saints of the diocese. **Mass: 10.15 am**
Nick and Casia Spolton's intentions [Trish Brocklebank]

Tuesday Feria **Mass: 10.15 am**

Please note this day:
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, **8.00 am–4.30 pm** in the sacristy.

Wednesday Wilfrid, bishop **Mass: 9.00 am in school**

Thursday St. Edward the Confessor **Mass: 10.15 am**

Friday St. Callistus I, pope and martyr **Mass: 11.30 am**

Saturday for Sunday **Mass: 6.00 pm**

Twenty-eighth Sunday of the Year **Mass: 10.00 am**

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 8th/9th October

Car park To be arranged
Isabel Carrington

Welcoming Bill Martindale
Bill Bush

Altar linen Maureen Mawditt

Church cleaning group 1 Anne Hobbs
Anne McGrath
Jane McGovern

Flowers Imelda Elkington

Offertory collection Ben Hanwell
Richard Hannah

Offertory procession Bill Martindale
Maureen Mawditt

Little Church

Little Church Merla/Lisa

Readers: Maureen Mawditt
David Stodart

Saturday for Sunday

Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year Jane McGovern
Mary McAleavy

From 15th/16th October

Car park Fred Cork
Richard Hannah

Welcoming Sue Donegan
Roy Canvin

Altar linen Marion Spiteri

Church cleaning group 3 Mary and Roy Canvin
Marjorie Fitzgibbons

Flowers Kay Hockmeyer

Offertory collection Denice Middlebrook
Jane McGovern

Offertory procession Ben Hanwell/Anne Mear

Little Church

Little Church Merla/Lisa

Readers:

Saturday for Sunday Liz Peto
Sarah Weldon

Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year Barbara Swaby
Nick Spolton

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Olive Davies, who died recently. Her funeral Mass is to be on 11th 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. The next lunch will be on 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 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?

Cafod

This 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.**

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, 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.

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
Total Gift Aided	£2,619.60
Non-Gift Aided standing orders	£152.00
Loose plate	£713.76
Total non-Gift Aided	£865.76
Total offertory giving	£3,485.36

I remembered you

On 8th September we made our annual visit to the abbey of Notre Dame de Claimant, near Laval. It was the 60th 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.

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.

When people give you a lot of help, what do you do? You don't just say a quick thank you. but instead you visit them and thank them properly, or perhaps you send them a little present. You try to show them, as clearly as possible, how grateful you are for their help.

It is for this reason that we have come together today. We want to thank God and to show him that we appreciate what he has done for us.

In our readings today we will hear of people who went out of their way to show their gratitude. These readings will encourage us still more to offer up our thanks to God.

A good way of showing our gratitude to God is to ask his forgiveness for all those times when we were ungrateful to him.