

# Parish News

## Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

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## The First Week in Ordinary Time 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2017

### Prayer of St. John Paul II for vocations

Lord Jesus, as you once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: "Come follow Me!" Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to your voice. Support our bishops, priests, deacons and consecrated people in their apostolic labour. Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the idea of a life totally consecrated to your service. Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness. Lord, send workers to your harvest and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel. Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation. Amen.

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### Responsorial psalm

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord..

### Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.  
Alleluia!

## Sunday and weekday services

**Saturday for Sunday**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**Mass: 6.00 pm**  
(for the intentions of Father Michael, Deacon Tony, and our parish family for 2017)

**Sunday**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**Mass: 10.00 am**  
(our parish family)

**Monday**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**  
**Mass: 10.15 am**  
(for those named on our November list)

**4.00 pm** The remains of Eric Blakeman to be received into church

**Tuesday**  
**Feria**  
**Funeral Mass for Eric Blakeman : 2.30 pm, followed by his cremation at Grantham Crematorium**

**No exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today**

**Wednesday**  
**Feria**  
**Mass: 10.15 am**  
(for Isabel and Patrick Downey [Pauline Grant])

**Thursday**  
**St. Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot**  
**Eucharistic service: 10.15 am**

**Friday**  
**St. Hilary, Bishop, And Doctor of the Church**  
**Eucharistic service: 11.30 am**

**Saturday**  
**Feria**  
**No Sacrament of Reconciliation today**

**Saturday for Sunday**  
**The Second in Ordinary Time**  
**Mass: 6.00 pm**

**Sunday**  
**The Second in Ordinary Time**  
**Mass: 10.00 am**  
(that there may be true peace in the world)

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died about this time, including**

**Members of our parish family**  
Kathleen Simpson and Pauline Rabbetts

The piety shop will be open after the 6.00 pm Mass on Saturday and the 10 am Mass on Sunday.

8<sup>th</sup> January, 2017

**Car park** Charmaine Jones  
Anna Rogalska

**Welcoming** Michael Browning  
Nick Spolton

**Altar linen** Pat Hudson

**Church cleaning group 3** Mary and Roy  
Canvin

**Flowers** Alice Rossiter

**Offertory collection** Denice Middlebrook

**Offertory procession** Ann Mear and  
Marion Smith

Bill and June Bush

**Little Church** Merla Marsden

**Readers**  
**Saturday for Sunday** David Stodart  
Marion Smith

**Sunday** Nick Spolton  
Barbara Swaby

15<sup>th</sup> January,

**Car park** Eugene Krajewski  
Nick Spolton

**Welcoming** Sue Donegan  
Doreen Noble

**Altar linen** Maureen Mawditt

**Church cleaning group 4** Maria Burrows  
Charlita O'Neill

**Flowers** Trish Brocklebank

**Offertory collection** Colin Faria  
Nick Spolton

**Offertory procession** Michael Browning

**Offertory procession** Little Church

**Readers**  
**Saturday for Sunday** Marion Smith  
Ben Hanwell

**Sunday** Krys and Jane  
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### **Please pray also for the sick of the**

**parish:** Theresa Abram, Martin Bell, Christopher and Catherine Brown, Tony Brown, Marcello Calcagno, Pat Clement, Paul Croker, Phil Culmer, Peter Doyle, Mark Eddington, Vivienne Field, Christopher Fordham, Patricia Gainey, John Garratt, Muriel Gourlay, Mimi Gunn, Alan Hanley, Peggy and Stan Hart, Bob Hill, 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, Heniek Waszczuk and Anne and Ken Woods.

### **Eric Blakeman**

Please pray for the happy repose of Eric's soul. He went to heaven on 31<sup>st</sup> December. Please remember also his family at this sad time as they grieve his loss. May he rest in peace!

No flowers by request. Donations may be sent to Dementia UK, Second Floor, Resource for London, 356 Holloway Road, London, N7 6PA.

#### **New Year 2017**

**Every blessing and everything good to each and every one of you for the coming year.**

### **Coffee morning**

Come and join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit or two. We are in the parish hall on Mondays, from 10.00 till noon. Looking forward to seeing you!  
*June Ellis*

### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on **Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January**, from 8.00 am till 4.30 pm.

### **Instruction in the Faith**

Please note that instruction in the Catholic faith will resume on **Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January, at 6.30 pm in the sacristy.**

### **Fund raising**

The parish fund raising committee will be meeting in the presbytery on **Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January, at 7.00 pm.**

### **Parish bingo**

We shall be starting up our weekly bingo sessions on **Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January**, in the parish hall at 8.00 pm. Come and join us, you will be among friends and, of course, you could win some prizes!

*Kath Duthie*

### **Father Jude**

On Wednesday, I shall be leaving to go and spend a few days with my family. Father Jude has kindly agreed to come and look after you next weekend.

### **Future events**

#### **Week of prayer for Christian unity: 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January**

i. Please try to come to Mass during this week, and pray for unity and harmonious working among the Christian denominations in our town, and in the world, among peoples of all faiths

ii. As in previous years, we shall have guest speakers at our Masses:

on **Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> January:** Father Ruben Angelici from St. Denys',

and on **Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January,** Gordon Lovie from the Salvation Army, Sleaford. If you were at our Christmas Day lunch, then you will recognize Gordon as he and his wife were there, helping out.

iii. There will also be a united service at St. Denys' on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January, starting at 6.00 pm.

Please do your best to attend this service.

### **Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis**

A new course will be starting at the Holy Trinity parish centre, Newark, on 4<sup>th</sup> February through to September. There will be twelve sessions. Anyone is welcome to join the course. You can obtain details from Mrs. Julia Palmer at the Adult Formation Office, 25 Derby Road, Nottingham, NG1 5AW,

email [julia.palmer@nrcdt.org.uk](mailto:julia.palmer@nrcdt.org.uk)  
phone: 0115 953 9806

### **Community Larder**

Thank you for all your gifts for the Community Larder which you made, both on the Sunday before Christmas and at the Masses on Christmas Day itself.

They were very much appreciated by the organisers of the Community Larder at the New Life church.

### **The Art of Dying Well**

I am writing to share news about *The Art of Dying Well*, a new website launched in November, 2016, that offers help and support for those grappling with the issues of the meaning of dying and death. Based in the Catholic tradition, but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life.

The Catholic Church has a rich treasury of resources and reflections that the Bishops of England and Wales would like to open up to everyone. To achieve this, we are developing a resource called *The Art of Dying Well* (or *Ars Moriendi*) for the digital age.

Expert advice for *The Art of Dying Well* has been sought from professionals in palliative care, ethics, chaplaincy, history and the media. I invite you to take a look at the website [www.artofdyingwell.org](http://www.artofdyingwell.org).

The site is for those who are dying, their friends and family, and for carers; it makes a contribution to the national debate.

**Bishop John Sherrington**

### **If you go to hospital**

If, when you are admitted, or, if that is not possible, as soon after as you can, make sure that it is entered on your notes that you are a Catholic.

Make sure that the ward sister knows that, should you become very ill, the hospital chaplain is to be called immediately to give you the Sacrament of the Sick.

Should you be in hospital for more than two or three days, ask the ward sister to ask the chaplain to bring you Holy Communion.

If you can let me know that 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**

If you are ill at home and 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 directly yourself.

#### **Parish hall**

There will be no coffee and tea in the parish hall after Sunday morning Mass for the next few weeks, because the interior of the hall is being decorated.

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