

Parish News

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29th January, 2017

Fourth week in Ordinary Time

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

How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia!

The piety shop will be open after the 6.00 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)

Sunday The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass: 10.00 am
(Angela [Bernard James])

Monday Feria Mass: 10.15 am

Tuesday St. John Bosco, priest Mass: 10.15 am
(Stella Camilleri)

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

Wednesday St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr Mass: 10.15 am

Thursday The Presentation of the Lord Mass: 10.15 am

Friday Feria Mass: 11.30 am

Saturday St. Gilbert of Sempringham, priest Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11.00 to 11.30 am

Saturday for Sunday Mass: 6.00 pm

Sunday The Fifth in Ordinary Time Mass: 10.00 am
Holy Hour for Vocations: 2.30 pm

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.

29th January

Car park Marion Smith
Isobel Carrington

Welcoming Roy Canvin

Altar linen Pat Blakeman

Church cleaning group 6 Jane Szokalo

Flowers Imelda Elkington

Little Church Judy/Melissa

Offertory collection Denice Middlebrook
Bill Bush

Offertory procession Bill Martindale
Little Church

Readers Saturday for Sunday Liz Peto
Denice Middlebrook

Sunday The Fourth in Ordinary Time Pat Hudson
Jane McGovern

5th February

Car park Fred Cork
Richard Hannah

Welcoming Veronica Hoy
Veronica Dilcock

Altar linen Trish Brocklebank

Church cleaning group 1 Anne Hobbs
Anne McGrath
Jane McGovern

Flowers Kay Hockmayer

Little Church Amanda/Rose

Offertory collection Colin Faria
Richard Hannah

Offertory procession Anne Mear/Marion Smith
Little Church

Readers Saturday for Sunday Marion Smith
David Stodart

Sunday The Sixth ordinary time Maureen Mawditt
Little Church

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.

Coffee morning

Come and join us on Monday mornings for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat with friends. We're in the hall from 10 am till noon.
June Ellis

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the sacristy on **Tuesday, 31st January**, from 8.00 am till 4.30 pm.

Instruction in the Faith

Please note that instruction in the Catholic faith will continue on **Tuesday, 31st January, at 6.30 pm in the sacristy.**

Parish bingo

Our weekly bingo sessions will continue on **Tuesday, 31st 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

Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis

A new course will be starting at the Holy Trinity parish centre, Newark, on Saturday, 4th 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
phone: 0115 953 9806

Future events

i. A Holy Hour for Vocations

The bishop has asked all parishes to have a monthly Holy Hour for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life during 2017. We shall begin on **Sunday, 5th February, at 2.30 pm.** All are welcome to attend..

ii. The annual "Valentine" Marriage Mass, during which married couples

renew their vows before the bishop, will take place at the cathedral on **Sunday, 12th February, at 3.00 pm.**

The Mass is for any married couples who wish to renew their vows, but is, of course, especially appropriate for those celebrating significant anniversaries.

Deacon Tony

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.

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.

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

Sleaford Recycling Centre

At Sleaford Recycling Centre we collect surplus furniture and other items donated by the public in Sleaford. These items are then given to people referred to the Centre by the local authority/ NKDC.

At the moment the Centre has had a large number of referrals which have depleted all our main stocks. If any parishioners wish to donate any items of furniture, we can collect. We are in great need of basic items such as beds, mattresses (*unstained*), wardrobes and chests of drawers.. Please contact 01529 307060 and ask for either Stewart Nixon or Victor Spiteri.

Security: school gates

Would all volunteers who unlock and lock the Girls' High School gates at weekends please make sure the gates are **locked after weekend Masses**. After the 10 am Mass on Sundays, and when the hall decoration is finished, please be aware some parishioners will stay for coffee in the parish hall and others sort out the weekend collection in the presbytery. If you cannot stay and wait for them to finish, please ask someone who can wait to lock up for you. Do not leave the gates unlocked without telling anyone. The gates are usually locked by the school caretaker as a matter of security.

Remember, parking within the school grounds is a facility given to our parish by the school and one we would not wish to lose.