

Parish News

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19th February, 2017

Seventh 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.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died about this time:

including Canon Roger Maher and Monsignor Edward Walker

and all deceased members of our parish family:

Saturday for Sunday Mass: 6.00 pm
(Christopher Smyth
Kath Cooke)

Sunday Mass: 10.00 am
The Seventh in Ordinary Time
(Alice Rossiter
[Ivan])

Monday Mass: 9.00 am
Feria (our parish family)

Tuesday Mass: 10.15 am
St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
(the Bottigieg family
[Antonia])

Wednesday Mass: 10.15 am
The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
Doreen Howle
[Marion and Victor Spiteri])

Thursday Mass: 10.15 am
St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr (memorial)
(our parish family)

Friday, 3rd March 11.30 am
Eucharistic service

Friday, 3rd March: Women's World Day of Prayer: Service at the New Life Church, Mareham Lane, at 1.30 pm
Assemble at 1.00 pm

Friday Eucharistic service: 11.30 am
Feria

Saturday Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11.00 to 11.30 am
Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday for Sunday Mass: 6.00 pm
(Maggie McDonald
[Jennifer and Tom Doherty])

Sunday Mass: 10.00 am
The Eighth in Ordinary Time
(Father Chris Hogan
[Tom McLaughlin])

Responsorial psalm
The Lord is compassion and love.

Gospel acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.
Alleluia!

19th February

Car park Philip Hunt
Mary McAleavy

Welcoming Sue Donegan
Alice Rossiter

Altar linen Pat Hudson

Church cleaning group 3 Mary and Roy Canvin
Marjorie Fitzgibbons

Flowers Trish Brocklebank

Little Church Amanda/Lisa

Offertory collection Denice Middlebrook
Jim Ryan

Offertory procession Ben Hanwell
Little Church

Readers: Saturday for Sunday Ben Hanwell
Liz Peto

Sunday The Seventh in Ordinary Time Jane McGovern
Nick Spolton

26th February

Car park Michael Browning
Jane McGovern

Welcoming June Ellis
Jim Ryan

Altar linen Marjorie Fitzgibbons

Church cleaning group 4 Maria Burrows
Charlita O'Neill

Flowers Alice Rossiter

Little Church Ann/Martha

Offertory collection Colin Faria
Nick Spolton

Offertory procession Denice Middlebrook
Little Church

Readers Saturday for Sunday Denice Middlebrook
David Stodart

Sunday The Eighth in Ordinary time Ivan Rossiter
Barbara Swaby

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 Philips, Gladys Powell, Maureen Renfrew, Mrs. Slattery, Jacob Taylor, Delia Teszkowska, Teresa Todd, Henriek Waszczuk, and Anne and Ken Woods.

Prayers for priests, deacons and religious

Bishop Patrick has asked that, on each day of the coming year, we all pray especially for a named priest, deacon or religious of the diocese.

Today: Deacon Stephen Boulter; Monday: Father Joel Nwalozie; Tuesday: Father Jude Eze; Wednesday: The sisters in Bulwell convent; Thursday: Father Michael O'Donoghue; Friday: Canon Daniel Bowdren; Saturday: Deacon Vincent Kelly.

"Our God will have mercy and give grace according to our trust in him."

Coffee in the parish hall ...

... **Monday**, from 10.00 am till 12 noon. We welcome all our regular customers and look forward to meeting some new ones.

June Ellis

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Instruction in the Faith

Please note that instruction in the faith will continue on Tuesday evening at 6.30 in the sacristy.

Parish bingo

The weekly bingo session will be held 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

Bric-a-brac sale

This month's bric-a-brac sale will be on **24th – the last Friday of the month**. We are desperate for help!

Could you please contact me, either by phone (01529 302529), or call at the

presbytery. I am there from Tuesday to Friday from around 8.00 am to 2.00 pm. I can then give you details.

Forthcoming events

ρ **26th February**, at 2.30 pm, by way of preparation for the season of Lent, there will be a healing service, during which all present will be able to receive that wonderful sacrament, the Sacrament of the Sick.

ρ **Lent begins on 1st March – Ash Wednesday:** there will be Mass at 10.15 am, led by the children of the primary school.

ρ In the evening there will be **Mass at 7.00**.

During both Masses there will be the blessing and distribution of ashes.

ρ On **5th March** at 3.00 pm there will be the Rite of Election, in which all those from all over the diocese who are hop[ing] to be received into full membership of the Church at the Easter Vigil service on 15th April will participate.

From this parish Stephen Stray will be taking part; let us all pray for Stephen each day during Lent.

As you know, Bishop Patrick has asked each parish of the diocese to have a monthly hour of prayer in church for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. Our March holy hour will be on **12th March at 2.30 pm** *Deacon Tony*

Young people's retreat

This will be held at the Cathedral Church of St. Barnabas from **3rd to 5th March. 2017**. The retreat givers are Father Christopher McBride and Brother Joshua Kidd.

For details of the programme, times, etc., please contact Canon Geoffrey Hunton at the cathedral [0115 953 9839]

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.

Mileage for life

During 2016 the number of deaths on Lincolnshire's roads reached its highest level for about ten years, and fatalities included a proportion of those over 60 years of age.

The Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership recognises that the proportion of drivers over 60 is likely to increase over the years and for this reason the Partnership has developed "Mileage for Life", a series of courses specifically designed to meet the needs of more mature drivers: to enhance their knowledge and understanding of the driving task, to raise their awareness of new road signs and road markings introduced over the past ten to fifteen years; to give them the confidence they need to become safer drivers and thus to extend their driving careers.

The courses are offered free of charge and are held at a number of venues within the county. Drivers should contact the partnership and sign up to attend a theory course.

Drivers are also free to, if they wish, to take part in an optional practical drive. It will involve an assessment of their driving, **but it is not a test**. It will provide an opportunity for drivers to ask questions, to learn new techniques, and possibly erase some of the bad habits that may have developed over the years. They can do this at a time and place that is convenient to them.

You can contact the Partnership at the District Council offices, Kesteven Street, Sleaford, NG34 7EF, or on line at www.roadlincs.com

Offertory giving – January 2017

Gift Aided standing orders	£2,347.36
Gift Aided envelopes	£188.00
Gift Aided other	£50.00
Total Gift Aided	£2,585.36
Non-Gift Aided standing orders	£142.00
Loose plate	£871.11
Total non-Gift Aided	£1,013.11
Total offertory giving	£3,598.47

