

Parish News

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Third Sunday of Easter 30th April, 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.



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



Responsorial psalm

Show us, Lord, the path of life.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia!

Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday for the Third Sunday of Easter **Mass 6.00 pm**
Celebrant's intention

The Third Sunday of Easter **Mass: 10.00 am**
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Monday, St. Joseph the Worker **Eucharistic service: 10.15 am**

Tuesday St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor **Eucharistic service: 10.15 am**
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: in the sacristy: 8.00 am – 4.30 pm

Wednesday SS. Philip and James, apostles **Eucharistic service: 10.15 am**

Thursday The English Martyrs **Eucharistic service: 10.15 am**

Friday Easter feria **Mass: 11.30 am**
(Mary Haddock)

Saturday Easter feria **Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11.00 to 11.30 am**

Saturday for the Fourth Sunday of Easter **Mass: 6.00 pm**
(our parish family)

The Fourth Sunday of Easter **Mass: 10.00 am**
(Eileen Mulcahy)

Please note:

Special collection at Masses on the weekend 6th/7th May for the annual Clergy Formation Fund.

Third Week of Easter

Car park Charmaine Jones
Tom Marsden

Welcoming Michael Browning
Alice Rossiter

Altar linen Pat Hudson

Church cleaning, group 1 Anne Hobbes
Anne McGrath
Jane McGovern

Flowers Kay Hockmeyer

Little Church Amanda/Sheena

Offertory collection Colin Faria
Jane McGovern

Offertory procession Maureen Mawditt
Little Church

Readers Saturday Maureen Mawditt
Bill Martindale

Sunday Barbara Swaby
Nick Spolton

Fourth Week of Easter

Car park Eugene Krajewski
Anna Rogalska

Welcoming Sue Donegan
Michael Browning

Altar linen Maureen Mawditt

Church cleaning, group 2 Barbara and Mike
Swaby

Flowers Charlita O'Neill

Little Church Amanda/Sheena

Offertory collection Ben Hanwell
Jim Ryan

Offertory procession Anne Mear/Marion
Smith
Little Church

Readers Saturday Ben Hanwell
Liz Peto

Sunday Pat Blakeman
Jane McGovern

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, Mark Eddington, Vivienne Field, Christopher Fordham, Patricia Gainey, John Garratt, Mimi Gunn, Alan Hanley, Peggy and Stan Hart, Bob Hill, Father Chris Hogan (previously a member of this parish), Dianne Keaton, Tom and Brenda McLaughlin, Sheila Morse, Eileen Mulrooney, Richard Neill, Roger Peto, Winifred Philips, Gladys Powell, Maureen Renfrew, George Sheridan, Mrs. Slattery, Gerard Smith, Jacob Taylor, Delia Teszkowska, Teresa Todd, Henriek Waszczuk, Lesley Weldon and Anne and Ken Woods.

Baptism

Please welcome William Joseph O'Connor into our parish family. William is to be baptised today, 30th April. Please pray for him and his parents, Natasha and Andrew, and big brother, Josh.

Congratulations ...

... to Lillian Smith, who celebrated her 97th birthday this week.

Prayers for priests, deacons and religious

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

Today	Jonathan Whitby-Smith Seminararian
Monday	Father Thomas Crean, OFM
Tuesday	Our retired deacons
Wednesday	Father Joe Wheat
Thursday	Father Frank Carville
Friday	Father Isidore Clarke, OFM
Saturday	Father John Kyne

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

Missionaries of Africa ...

...otherwise known as "The White Fathers", are an international team of priests, brothers and lay associates from Britain and many countries around the world.

Any ministry which has a real relationship with Africa, no matter in what part of the world it may be, is considered by the Missionaries of Africa to be within the scope of their apostolate.

Through parish work, building up of small Christian communities, working with the media, involvement in justice and peace, agriculture, seminary training, education and social welfare, the Missionaries of

Africa aim to work with the Church in Africa and, above all else, to help build up the leadership of the Churches.

This weekend Father Aloysius Beebwa will be making an appeal at the Masses. I know that we shall welcome him with our usual generosity..

Songs of Praise service this Sunday

There will be a Songs of Praise service at the New Life Church, Mareham Lane, Sleaford, starting at 6.00 pm. All welcome!

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 ...

...resumes on **Tuesday, 2nd May**, at 6.30 pm in the sacristy. I look forward to seeing you again after our Easter break.

Deacon Tony

Clergy formation fund

The second collection *next* weekend, **6th and 7th May**, will be the annual collection for the Clergy Formation Fund. Donations are covered by the parish Gift Aid scheme, so parishioners who wish their donation to be gift aided should place their donation in, and write their name on one of the envelopes provided at the end of the benches. Parishioners using the boxes of envelopes should use the special envelope provided in the box.

Monday morning coffee

We'll *be back after* the May Day bank holiday serving tea or coffee in the parish hall See you on 8th May, from 10 am till 12 noon.

Advance notice: our next lunch in the parish hall is on Wednesday, 10th May, at 12.30 for 1.00 pm. I

June Ellis

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*

Parish pastoral council

The next meeting of the parish pastoral council is deferred till **Wednesday, 10th May**, in the presbytery, starting at 7.30 pm

Community Larder

My thanks to all of you who brought a gift at the Easter Masses for the Community Larder; you gave more than ever before.

Cameron, from the New Life Church, where the Community Larder is situated, collected seven crates of groceries you have donated!

Baptism course

Parents who would like their children baptised in the near future should approach Father Michael or Deacon Tony so that arrangements can be made for the necessary instruction for parents and godparents in preparation for the reception of their child/children. The next course of instruction will be held after Easter, to give time for parents to respond to this request.

Holy hour for vocations

Our next holy hour for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life is on **Sunday, 7th May, at 2.30 pm**. All are welcome to attend. *Deacon Tony*

Easter Masses collection

Thank you very much indeed for your generosity in the collections at the Easter Masses. I really do appreciate it.

CAFOD

Many thanks for your amazing generosity in the recent Family Fast Day collection. We raised £670, with a further £80 to be recovered through the Gift Aid scheme. A wonderful result! God bless you all.

Barbara Swaby

FOR SALE

Fridge, nearly new
£30.

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