

# Parish News

## Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

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## Seventh Sunday of Easter 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 Ascension Sunday

### 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 co-operate 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 Fathers John Mack and Joseph Duggan.

### Responsorial psalm

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

### Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always, yes, to the end of time.  
Alleluia!

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday for the Ascension of the Lord

**Mass 6.00 pm**  
(Cecilia Parker [Pauline])

The Ascension of the Lord

**Mass: 10.00 am**  
(Celebrant's intention))

Monday, Easter feria

**Eucharistic service 10.15 am**

Tuesday Easter feria

**Eucharistic service: 10.15 am**

There will be no exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: in the sacristy today:

Instruction in the Faith at 6.30 pm

Wednesday The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Eucharistic service: 10.15 am**

Thursday St. Justin, martyr

**Mass: 10.15 am**  
(Bill Tupholme [Tupholme])

Friday SS Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs

**Mass: 11.30 am**  
(our parish family)  
**Father Colum Kelly – 2.30 pm:** The Holy Spirit and Pentecost  
**7.00 pm:** The Holy Spirit and Pentecost

Saturday St. Charles Lwanga and companions, martyrs

**Mass: 10.00 am with the Lincolnshire Eucharistic ministers**

No Sacrament of Reconciliation this morning

Saturday for the feast of Pentecost

**Mass: 6.00 pm**  
(George Sheridan [Mary Reidy])

Pentecost

**Mass: 10.00 am**  
(Cecilia Parker [Pauline])

## Seventh Week of Easter

Car park

Eamonn Greene  
Isobel Carrington

Welcoming

Bill Martindale  
Philip Hunt

Altar linen

Trish Brocklebank

Church cleaning, group 4

Fred Cork  
Maureen and Michael Griffith

Flowers

Isobel Carrington

Little Church

Amanda/Melissa

Offertory collection

Ben Hanwell  
Bill Bush

Offertory procession

Bill Martindale  
Little Church

Readers Saturday

Maureen Mawditt  
Barbara Browning

Sunday

Jane and Krys Szokalo

## Pentecost

Car park

Doreen Noble  
Amanda Hemmant

Welcoming

Michael Browning  
Jim Ryan

Altar linen

Marjorie Fitzgibbons

Church cleaning, group 1

Anne Hobbs  
Anne McGrath

Flowers

Imelda Elkington

Little Church

Anne/Martha

Offertory collection

Ben Hanwell  
Richard Hannah

Offertory procession

Anne Mear/Marion Smith  
Little Church

Readers Saturday

Liz Peto  
Barbara Browning

Sunday

Pat Blakeman  
Pat Hudson

**Please pray also for the sick of the parish:**

Theresa Abram, Martin Bell, Bruni Brock, 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), Pepe Hooper, Timothy Hutchins, Dianne Keaton, Tom and Brenda McLaughlin, Sheila Morse, Eileen Mulrooney, Richard Neill, Roger Peto, Winifred Phillips, Gladys Powell, Maureen Renfrew, Mrs. Slattery, Gerard Smith, Jacob Taylor, Delia Teszkowska, Teresa Todd, Henrick Waszczuk, Lesley Weldon and Anne and Ken Woods.

**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 Sisters of Providence, Loughborough
- Monday Sisters at Eyres Monsell
- Tuesday Deacon John Wilford
- Wednesday Deacon Martin Farrell
- Thursday Father Robert Gay, OP
- Friday Sisters at Warsop
- Saturday Deacon Peter Astill

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

**Father Jude**

We welcome Father Jude here this weekend.

**Spring bank holiday: 29<sup>th</sup> May**

The parish hall will be closed on 29<sup>th</sup> May, but we'll be back serving tea or coffee on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, as usual, from 10 am till noon. Pop in for a cuppa! **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 ...**

...will be on Tuesday at 6.30 pm in the sacristy. **Deacon Tony**

**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.**

**Feast of Pentecost**

The feast of Pentecost is on **4<sup>th</sup> June**. By way of preparation for this great feast we shall have a novena of intercession to the Holy Spirit, beginning at the Mass next

Saturday evening and concluding on the feast day itself, at the morning Mass.

We shall pray the novena prayer before Mass each day; this will take the place of the prayer for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life for the duration of the novena.

For those of you who are not able to come to Mass during the week, you will be given a copy of the prayer when you come to Mass this weekend. This will mean that we can all join in the novena each day, because you will be able to pray the prayer at home.

**Father Colum Kelly**

Also to prepare for the feast, Father Colum Kelly will be giving a reflection on the Holy Spirit and the feast of Pentecost on **Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, at 2.30 pm in church** and again, for those who will be at work during the day, at **7.00 pm, also in church**. The service will conclude with scripture readings and prayer.

Father Colum was the speaker at the Lincolnshire Eucharistic ministers' retreat day last year. The Eucharistic ministers were so impressed that they have invited him back.

There will be a special Mass at **10.00 am on 3<sup>rd</sup> June**, so please try to come.

The school car park will be available in the evening on 2<sup>nd</sup> June and on the morning of 3<sup>rd</sup> June. **Volunteers** needed to lock/unlock the school car park gates: please contact Marion Smith by Wednesday, **31<sup>st</sup> May** at the latest. (01529 415095)

**Parish Eucharistic ministers**

There will be an important meeting of all parish Eucharistic ministers, whether commissioned or otherwise, **in the presbytery on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2017** at 7.00 pm. Please make every effort to attend. God Bless. **Deacon Tony**

**Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham**

This year's diocesan pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham will take place on **17<sup>th</sup> June**. It is taking place on a **Saturday** by way of an experiment to see if it will attract more participants.

There is a procession there in the second half of the morning, and Mass at 3.00 pm.

Could someone please take on the organisation of a group from here? Probably the best way would be to arrange for a few cars for the transport.

**First Holy Communion Sunday**

The children of the parish will make their First Holy Communion on the feast of Corpus Christi, **18<sup>th</sup> June**, at the 10.00 am Mass. Please pray for them. **Deacon Tony**

**Other Special Events Diary**

2 <sup>nd</sup> June	2.00 pm and 7.00 pm	Spiritual half-day for Pentecost
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	10.00 am	Eucharistic ministers' retreat day in church and in the parish hall
4 <sup>th</sup> June	2.30 pm	Holy hour to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life
18 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00 am	First Holy Communion Sunday
25 <sup>th</sup> June	2.30 pm	Healing service
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	2.30 pm	Holy hour to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life
9 <sup>th</sup> July		Diocesan pilgrimage to Padley in honour of Blessed Nicholas Garlick and Blessed Robert Ludlum.
30 <sup>th</sup> July	2.30 pm	A service of blessing for pets, in the yard at the back of the presbytery.
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	2.30 pm	The next holy hour to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. No service in August.

**One Hundred Club winners, March/April**

£75 – Peter Banks and Bruni Brock;  
£50 – Peter Hudson and Carmel Dempster;  
£25 - Terry Cooper and Michael Griffith  
Congratulations to the winners this month. And for all others taking part, better luck next time!

**Offertory giving – April, 2017**

Gift Aided standing orders	£1,804.50
Gift Aided envelopes	£308.00
Gift Aided other	£891.00
<b>Total Gift Aided</b>	<b>£3,003.50</b>
<b>Payroll giving</b>	<b>£492.86</b>
Non-Gift Aided standing orders	£162.00
Loose plate	£1,484.24
<b>Total non-Gift Aided</b>	<b>£1,646.24</b>
<b>Total offertory giving</b>	<b>£5,142.60</b>

Thank you all for your wonderful generosity;  
it will surely be blessed by God.