

Parish News

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Ninth Week in Ordinary Time Pentecost 4th June, 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 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 Father Frank Gavin.

Responsorial psalm

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Ninth Week in Ordinary Time (Pentecost)

Saturday	Mass: 10.00 am with the Lincolnshire Eucharistic ministers followed by their renewal day
Saturday for Pentecost Sunday	Mass 6.00 pm (George Sheridan [Mary Reidy])
Pentecost	Mass: 10.00 am (Cecilia Parker [Pauline])
	2.30 pm Holy hour to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life
Pentecost prayer and praise service	7.30 pm at the New Life Church, Mareham Lane, Sleaford
Monday, St. Boniface, bishop and martyr	Mass: 10.15 am (Holy Souls)
Tuesday St. Norbert, bishop	Mass: 10.15 am (our parish family) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: in the sacristy today: 8.00 am – 4.30 pm Instruction in the Faith in the sacristy at 6.30 pm
Wednesday Feria	Mass in school: 9.00am (our parish family)
Thursday Feria	Mass: 10.15 am Father Michael's intentions [Deacon Tony])
Friday St. Ephrem, bishop	Mass: 11.30 am (Holy Souls)
Saturday Feria	Sacrament of Reconciliation 11.00 to 11.30 am
Saturday for Sunday	Mass: 6.00 pm (Joseph Callow [Bill Martindale])
Sunday	Mass: 10.00 am (Peter Palmer [Molly Sweet!])

**On the weekend 10/11th June there
will be a retiring collection for the
Sick and Retired Priests' Fund**

Week comm. 3rd/4th June

Car park	Doreen Noble Amanda Hemmant
Welcoming	Michael Browning Jim Ryan
Altar linen	Marjorie Fitzgibbons
Church cleaning, group	To be arranged
Flowers	Imelda Elkington
Little Church	Anne/Martha
Offertory collection	Ben Hanwell Richard Hannah
Offertory procession	Anne Mear/Marion Smith
Readers Saturday	Liz Peto Barbara Browning
Sunday	Pat Blakeman Pat Hudson

Week comm. 10/11th June

Car park	Isobel Carrington Mary McAleavy
Welcoming	Sue Donegan Nick Spolton
Altar linen	Pat Hudson
Church cleaning, group 2	Mike and Barbara Swaby
Flowers	Kay Hockmeyer
Little Church	Judy and Sheena
Offertory collection	Denice Middlebrook Jim Ryan
Offertory procession	Michael Browning Little Church
Readers Saturday	Marion Smith Denice Middlebrook
Sunday	Mary McAleavy Barbara Swaby

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Shirley Singleton, who died a few days ago. Remember, also, her family members and friends who are grieving her loss, that God will comfort them.

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 Philips, Gladys Powell, Maureen Renfrew, Mrs. Slattery, Gerard Smith, Jacob Taylor, Delia Teszkowska, Teresa Todd, Henriek 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	Father Peter Vellacott
Monday	Canon Geoffrey Hunter
Tuesday	Father Jimmy Browne
Wednesday	Monsignor Patrick Lynch
Thursday	Father Richard Edey
Friday	Father Paul Lloyd
Saturday	Canon Kazimierz Bidzinski

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

Parish coffee

We're back serving tea or coffee on Monday, 5th June, as usual, from 10 am till noon. Pop in for a cuppa! And we'll be serving lunch in the hall on Wednesday, 14th June at 12 for 12.30 pm.

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.*

Cathedral music

Alex Patterson, Director of Music at St. Barnabas Cathedral, reports:

"We are delighted that many of our past choral scholars will be returning to the cathedral in June for our reunion weekend, which promises to be a weekend to remember. On **Saturday, 10th June, at 7.45 pm**, the massed choir of over 60 singers will give an uplifting concert of choral favourites in the cathedral, opening with Parry's mighty *I was glad*. The concert will also include Harris's *Faire is the Heaven*, and other music by Britten, Gabrieli and Stainer.

"We are trialling a 'pay what you can afford' scheme for this concert and, as such, there will be a retiring collection with all proceeds going towards the cathedral music fund. Please do join us for our reunion reception in the cathedral hall. with prosecco and somosas."

Parish Eucharistic ministers

There will be an important meeting of all parish Eucharistic ministers, whether commissioned or otherwise, **in the presbytery on Wednesday, 14th 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 **17th 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, **18th June**, at the 10.00 am Mass. Please pray for them. *Deacon Tony*

Bric-a-brac sale

Very many thanks to all who donated items and those who bought items at the bric-a-brac sale last Friday, 26th May. We made £83. *Barbara*

Other Special Events Diary

3 rd June	10.00 am	Eucharistic ministers' retreat day in church and in the parish hall
4 th June	2.30 pm	Holy hour to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life
18 th June	10.00 am	First Holy Communion Sunday
25 th June	2.30 pm	Healing service
2 nd July	2.30 pm	Holy hour to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life
9 th July		Diocesan pilgrimage to Padley in honour of Blessed Nicholas Garlick and Blessed Robert Ludlum.
30 th July	2.30 pm	A service of blessing for pets, in the yard at the back of the presbytery.
3 rd 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
Total Gift Aided	£3,003.50
Payroll giving	£492.86
Non-Gift Aided standing orders	£162.00
Loose plate	£1,484.24
Total non-Gift Aided	£1,646.24
Total offertory giving	£5,142.60

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