

Parish News

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Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

18th 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 Fathers Mark Hartley and Benjamin Choyce

Responsorial psalm

To you glory and praise for evermore.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Alleluia!

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Saturday for
Corpus Christi **Mass 6.00 pm**
(our parish family)

Corpus Christi **Mass: 10.00 am**
(for the intentions of the
First Holy Communi-
cants and their families)

Monday,
St. Romuald,
religious **Mass: 10.15 am**
(Tim Hutchins
[Deacon Tony])

Tuesday
St. Alban,
martyr **Mass: 10.15 am**
(George Sheridan
[Denis])

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
St. Aloysius
Gonzaga,
religious **Mass: 10.15 am**
(Barry Molloy)

Thursday
SS John Fisher
and Thomas
More, martyrs **Mass: 10.15 am**
(Darragh Feeney)

Friday
The Most
Sacred Heart of
Jesus **Eucharistic service:**
11.30 am

Saturday
Nativity of
St. John the
Baptist **Sacrament of
Reconciliation**
11.00 to 11.30 am

Saturday for
Sunday **Mass: 6.00 pm**
(John Higgins [Val])

Sunday
Twelfth week in
ordinary time **Mass: 10.00 am**
(Father Bill Nix
[Jackie Fordham])

Please note: next

**Thursday, 29th June, is the feast of
SS Peter and Paul and is a holiday of
obligation. Mass times will be shown in
next week's Parish News.**

Week comm. 17th/18th June

Car park Fred Cork
Tom Marsden

Welcoming June Ellis
Bill Bush

Altar linen Maureen Mawditt

**Church
cleaning,
group 3** Roy and Mary Canvin
Marjorie Fitzgibbons

Flowers Charlita O'Neill

Little Church Merla/Rose

**Offertory
collection** Colin Faria
Nick Spolton

**Offertory
procession** Ben Hanwell
Little Church

**Readers
Saturday** Ben Hanwell
David Stodart

Sunday Jane and Krys Szokalo

Week comm. 24/25th June

Car park Eamonn Greene
Anna Rogalska

Welcoming Philip Hunt
Roy Canvin

Altar linen Pat Blakeman

**Church
cleaning,
group 4** Charlita O'Neill
Maria Burrows

Flowers Alice Rossiter

Little Church Amanda/ Melissa

**Offertory
collection** Ben Hanwell
Robert Vink

**Offertory
procession** Bill Martindale
Little Church

**Readers
Saturday** Bill Martindale
Maureen Mawditt

Sunday Ivan Rossiter
Nick Spolton

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 Gaaney, 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, Evelyn Sheridan, Mrs. Slattery, Gerard Smith, Jacob Taylor, Delia Teszkowska, Teresa Todd, Henrick Waszczuk, Lesley Weldon, and Anne and Ken Woods.

First Communion Sunday

Today at the 10.00 am Mass, eight of our children will be receiving Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. This will be a wonderful day for them, their families, our parish family and the whole Church. Their names are:

Lakitha Clarke, Teanna Hern, Annabella Hesketh, Karina Piechota, Alex Rogalski, Kacper Ruda, Aleksandra Sclechura, and Oscar Tomaszek.

We all congratulate each of them and offer our prayers that they and their families will be faithful to Jesus, now and for the rest of their lives.

Day for life

Today we are celebrating Day for Life, which occurs yearly in this country. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life, at every stage and in every condition.

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	Deacon Denis Brady
Monday	Monsignor Thomas McGovern
Tuesday	Father John Tavares
Wednesday	Canon Tadeusz Kordys
Thursday	Father Charles Sormany
Friday	Father Peter Harvey
Saturday	Deacon Andrew Martin

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

Parish coffee

We're serving tea or coffee in the parish hall, on Monday, 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.**

Celebration of the priesthood

Bishop Patrick has invited all the priests of the diocese to a special Mass on Friday at Holy Trinity church, Newark, to celebrate with him our priesthood and to thank God for it. Therefore there will be a Eucharistic service on Friday at 11.30 am.

Churches Together in Sleaford & District

The annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, 21st June, at the New Life Church, Mareham Lane, at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

Peter's Pence

Next weekend at the Masses there will be a collection for Peter's Pence. It is a diocesan collection; indeed more than that, it is taken in Catholic churches through the world. Its purpose is to help finance the administration of the Church in Rome and to help with donations to missionary countries, etc.

Healing service

Next Sunday at 2.30 pm there will be a healing service, when we shall be able to receive the wonderful Sacrament of the Sick. I am happy to be able to tell you that Father Chris O'Connor will be joining us for the service. It will be a grace-filled afternoon.

International meal

On Sunday, 2nd July, at 12.00 for 12.30 pm we shall be having a meal, cooked according to a variety of national recipes. Everyone is invited. There will be no tickets, but a basket will be made available for donations towards the cost of the food.

To help us cater for this event, please put your name on the list at the back of the church. Looking forward to seeing you!

Sue Stodart.

Sick and retired priests' fund

Thank you for your fantastic generosity in last weekend's collection for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund. It came to £743, and with the Gift Aid added on, £838.62.

A special thanks to those who Gift Aided their donation. Those of you who didn't but could have done, see the difference it makes. You might bear this in mind for the next special collection.

One Hundred Club winners

£75 – Belinda Benson and Michael Griffith;
£50 – Margaret Wiseman and Terry Cooper;
£25 – Michelle Parker and Sue Banks.

Congratulations to the winner this month. And for all others taking part: better luck next time!

From Steve and Rachael Stray:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kindness and for welcoming us into the parish. We would particularly like to thank Father Michael and Deacon Tony for their guidance as Steve was welcomed into the Catholic faith, and in preparation for our marriage.

We are now ready to start a new chapter in our life in the North East, but look forward to seeing you all again when we return to see our family.

Stephen and Rachael Stray

Offertory giving – May, 2017

Gift Aided standing orders	£1,789.50
Gift Aided envelopes	£217.50
Gift Aided other	£210.00
Total Gift Aided	£2,217.00
Payroll giving	£492.86
Non-Gift Aided standing orders	£162.00
Loose plate	£1,100.63
Total non-Gift Aided	£1,262.63
Total offertory giving	£3,972.49

Other Special Events Diary

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.)

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