

Parish News

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Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

25th 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.

Responsorial psalm

In your great love, answer me, O God.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday **Mass: 10.00 am**
(Father Bill Nix [Jackie Fordham])

Healing service:
2.30 pm

Monday, Feria **Eucharistic service:**
10.15 am

Tuesday **Eucharistic service:**
10.15 am

St. Cyril of Alexandria, bishop and doctor of the Church
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 **Vigil Mass: 7.00 pm**
SS Peter and Paul, apostles
(our parish family)

(holy day of obligation)
and

Thursday **Mass: 10.15 am**
SS Peter and Paul, apostles
(Anne Peel [Mary and Evelyn])

Friday **Mass: 11.30 am**
The first martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
(Craig Byrne)

Saturday **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
St. Oliver Plunket, bishop and martyr
11.00 to 11.30 am

Saturday for Sunday **Mass: 6.00 pm**
(Laurence Conway [Angela])

Sunday **Mass: 10.00 am**
(Susan Calcagno [Val])

2.30 pm Holy hour to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life.

Week comm. 24th/25th 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. 1st/2nd July

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 Ben Hanwell
Little Church

Readers Saturday Marion Smith
Maureen Mawditt

Sunday Ivan Rossiter
Nick Spolton

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Canon Peter Coyle, parish priest of St. Edward the Confessor church, Leicester, who has died recently.

Please pray also for the sick of our parish:

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, Evelyn Sheridan, 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 Christopher Thomas
Monday	Father Peter Peterken
Tuesday	Deacon Keith Bunyan
Wednesday	Father James Burke
Thursday	Father Gerald Murphy
Friday	Father Andrew Harding
Saturday	Deacon Christopher Blunt

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

Peter’s Pence

This 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

Today 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.

First Holy Communion Sunday

Many thanks to all who helped to make the First Holy Communion Sunday such a special occasion, especially for the children. Many thanks to Father Michael for a lovely

celebration, and particular thanks to Jacky Griffith for her organisation and catechesis. Thanks also to Steve, Mike, Barbara and Tom, our Eucharistic ministers, and those who helped with the catering in the hall. Thank you to the parents of the children who prepared the day. God Bless. **Deacon Tony**

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.**

Saints Peter and Paul

On Thursday of this week is the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. It is a holy day of obligation. The Vigil Mass will be: on Wednesday evening at 7.00 and the Mass on Thursday morning, at 10.15. The children from the school will be leading us in the Mass on Thursday morning.

Diocesan levy

Next weekend will be the first weekend in the month, so there will be the collection for the diocesan levy, which is £980 per month.

International meal

Next 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.

A reminder

Next Sunday afternoon, as it is the first Sunday of the month, we shall have our monthly holy hour to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. It will end with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

From the bric-a-brac team

We would like to thank you for all the items you have donated over the last three years. We are suspending our appeal for the time

being, until we know what our new parish priest would like us to do.

Hopefully, we shall be able to hold our usual winter fair, so watch this space.

Many thanks, from Barbara, Susan, Bridget and Marion

Sick and retired priests’ fund

There has been a further donation of £50 which was Gift Aided. This brings the total amount to £901.12, including the Gift Aid. Again, thank you. **Nick Spolton**

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 winners 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

9th July Diocesan pilgrimage to Padley in honour of Blessed Nicholas Garlick and Blessed Robert Ludlum.

30th July 2.30 pm A service of blessing for pets, in the yard at the back of the presbytery.

3rd September 2.30 pm The next holy hour to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life.

(No service in August.)