

# Parish News

## Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

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## Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

2<sup>nd</sup> July, 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 John McCaffrey

### Responsorial psalm

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

### Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son

Alleluia!

## Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

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

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

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

**Monday**                      **Mass: 10.15 am**  
St. Thomas the Apostle (our parish family)

**Tuesday**                      **Eucharistic service:**  
St. Elizabeth of Portugal                      **10.15 am**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: in the sacristy: 8.00 am – 4.30 pm

Sessions of instruction in the Faith have now finished for the summer break

**Wednesday**                      **Mass: 10.15 am**  
St. Anthony Zaccaria, priest (our parish family)

**Thursday**                      **Mass: 10.15 am**  
St. Maria Goretti (Father Chris Hogan  
[Tom McLaughlin])  
Virgin and martyr

**Friday**                      **Mass: 11.30 am**  
Feria (in thanksgiving for our first grandchild  
[Margaret Wiseman])

**Saturday**                      **Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Feria                      **11.00 to 11.30 am**

## Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

**Saturday for Sunday**                      **Mass: 6.00 pm**  
Mary Reidy (Maureen and Michael!)

**Sunday**                      **Mass: 10.00 am**  
(Father Chris Hogan  
[Tom McLaughlin])

## Week comm. 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> July

**Car park**                      Tom Doherty  
Nick Spolton

**Welcoming**                      Doreen Noble  
Veronica Dilcock

**Altar linen**                      Kath Cole

**Church cleaning, group 1**                      Maria Burrows  
Charlita O'Neill

**Flowers**                      Trish Brocklebank

**Little Church**                      Anne/Martha

**Offertory collection**                      Denice Middlebrook  
Bill Bush

**Offertory procession**                      Anne Mear and  
Marion Smith  
Bill and June Bush

**Readers Saturday**                      Barbara Browning  
Liz Peto

**Sunday**                      Ivan Rossiter  
Pate Blakeman

## Week comm. 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> July

**Car park**                      Charmaine Jones  
Richard Hannah

**Welcoming**                      Sue Donegan  
Alice Rossiter

**Altar linen**                      Trish Brocklebank

**Church cleaning, group 2**                      Barbara and Mike  
Swaby

**Flowers**                      Isobel Carrington

**Little Church**                      Judy/Lisa

**Offertory collection**                      Colin Faria  
Richard Hannah

**Offertory procession**                      Michael Browning  
Little Church

**Readers Saturday**                      Marion Smith  
Maureen Mawditt

**Sunday**                      Nick Spolton  
Mary McAleavy

**Please pray for the repose of the soul** of Mrs. Joan Wade, who has died recently. She used to work in the diocesan finance office for many years. She was a lovely, lovely lady. May she rest in peace.

**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, 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, Henrik 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, Lincoln
Monday	Deacon Melvyn Harwood
Tuesday	Father Joe Bland
Wednesday	Presentation Sisters, Matlock
Thursday	Father Binu Palakapally
Friday	Father Michael Moore
Saturday	Father Philip McBrien

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

### Diocesan levy

This 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

Today 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

This 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.

### Flower planter

Many thanks to Alice and Ivan Rossiter for their work on the flower planter outside the presbytery. It is a first-class job. **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

The RCIA class is now closed for the summer. It will start again in September. **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.**

### Apostleship of the Sea

Next weekend is when the Church in this country pays special attention to the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) and its important work. Ninety per cent of world trade is carried by ship; 95 per cent of what we eat is imported. Seafarers work in dangerous conditions, suffering loneliness, deprivation, even exploitation. The AoS provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. It depends on voluntary donations. Your donations in the retiring collection to be taken after the Masses next weekend will make a real difference:

£5 will buy a phone card for a seafarer to contact his family whom he may not have seen for many months;

£10 will provide faith resources, such as bibles, crosses, or faith development courses for a ship's crew'

£50 will pay for enough fuel for a chaplain to visit twelve ships, and support nearly 250 seafarers.

Please Gift Aid your donation if you can. In 2016 the extra tax refund from the Gift Aid enabled AoS to visit many extra ships and help many more seafarers than otherwise it would have been able to. There will be Gift Aid envelopes available for you. The appeal here in Sleaford will be made by Bryony Watson, who is one of the port chaplains at Immingham.

### The sponsored walk – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017

There are still sponsorship forms available for those wishing to take part in the sponsored walk in aid of the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund. We shall set out after the Sunday morning Mass.

**This is the route:** through Sainsbury's car park, along Westbanks, cross the road, along the Sleas to the bypass, over the road through the fields to Rauceby, coming out at Pinfold Lane.

**Start the return journey:** pass the livery farm, follow the path back to the bypass, over the road, along The Drove to the allotments,

turn right at the Anglia Water building, back to the river, along the Sleas, cross the road, Westbanks, Sainsbury's car park, Jermyn Street.

The parish hall will be open so you will be able to get a lovely cup of tea and some refreshments.

Even if you don't wish to take part, or are not able to, please take a sponsorship form and pester your friends for donations. Thank you!

### 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

### Altar servers

Altar servers are required. If your son or daughter has made his/her first Holy Communion and he/she would like to serve on the altar, please contact Deacon Tony.

There is a commitment to serve and it should not be taken lightly, but it is a worthy undertaking and new servers are always welcome.

### Other Special Events Diary

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.
This Sunday	2.30 pm	The next holy hour to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life.
Also on 3 <sup>rd</sup> September		(No service in August.)

### Father Joe McGovern

Father Joe McGovern is well-known to us all and much loved by us here in Sleaford; he has taken my place each summer while I have been away on holiday. We owe him a great debt of gratitude.

On 28<sup>th</sup> July he will be celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. If you would like to sign the card that will be sent to him to mark the occasion, you will find it on the table at the back of the church. It will be left there for the next couple of weekends.