

Parish News

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Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time 9th 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.

Responsorial psalm

I will bless your name for ever, O God,
my King.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven
and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the
kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia!

Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday for
Sunday **Mass 6.00 pm**
(Mary Reidy [Maureen
and Michael])

Sunday, the
Fourteenth in
Ordinary Time **Mass: 10.00 am**
(Father Chris Hogan
[Tom McLaughlin])

Monday,
Feria **Mass: 10.15 am**
(Mary and Tom
Connolly)

Tuesday
St. Benedict,
abbot, Patron of
Europe **Mass: 10.15 am**
(Michael O'Toole)
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament: in
the sacristy today:
8.00 am – 4.30 pm
Instructions in the Faith
have now finished for the
summer break.

Wednesday
Feria **Mass: 10.15 am**
(Sandra Dingwall
[Maureen Mitchell])

Thursday
St. Henry **Mass: 10.15 am**
(Mr. and Mrs. Purcell)

Friday
St. Camillus de
Lellis, priest **Mass: 11.30 am**
(our parish family)

Saturday
St. Bonaventure,
bishop and
Doctor of the
Church **Sacrament of
Reconciliation
11.00 to 11.30 am**

Saturday for
Sunday **Mass: 6.00 pm**
(Heather Baker
[Kathleen Cooke])

Sunday, the
Fifteenth in
Ordinary Time **Mass: 10.00 am**
(John Day [Joan])

Week comm. 8th/9th July

Car park Charmaine Jones
Richard Hannah

Welcoming Philip Hunt
Alice Rossiter

Altar linen Trish Brocklebank

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

Flowers Isobel Carrington

Little Church Judy and Lisa

**Offertory
collection** Colin Faria
Richard Hannah

**Offertory
procession** Michael Browning
Little Church

**Readers
Saturday** Marion Smith
Ben Hanwell

Sunday Nick Spolton
Mary McAleavy

Week comm. 15th/16th July

Car park Eugene Krajewski
Anna Rogalska

Welcoming June Ellis
Jim Ryan

Altar linen Marjorie Fitzgibbons

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

Flowers Imelda Elkington

Little Church Merla and Will

**Offertory
collection** Ben Hanwell
Jim Ryan

**Offertory
procession** Ben Hanwell
Little Church

**Readers
Saturday** Maureen Mawditt
Barbara Browning

Sunday Jane and Krys Szokalo

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	Canon Timothy O'Sullivan
Monday	The Sisters at St. Barnabas Cathedral
Tuesday	The Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace, Leicester
Wednesday	Father Hugh Davoren
Thursday	Father John Martin
Friday	Bishop Patrick McKinney
Saturday	Deacon Warren Peachey

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

Apostleship of the Sea

This 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.

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.

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.*

The sponsored walk, 16th 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 Slea 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 Slea, 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!

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 28th July he will be celebrating the 60th 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.

An invitation

The parish priest and parishioners of St. Teresa's, Warsop, have asked if I would like to celebrate my 60 years of priesthood with them. I have told them I would be delighted. They told me to invite who I want. This, then, is an invitation to all of you would like to share this special day with me. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving in **St Teresa's. at 12 noon on**

Saturday, 29th July, followed by a buffet and social gathering in the church hall.

If you would like to attend, would you please notify Father Michael, so that he will be able to let the ladies at St. Teresa's know how many from Sleaford will be attending.

I hope to see familiar faces from Sleaford.

Father Joe McGovern.

Catholic conference and healing service

The Catholic conference and healing service with international evangelists will take place on Saturday, 29th July, from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm. at Trinity school hall, Beechdale Road, Nottingham, NG8 3EZ.

Bishop Patrick writes: "I ask God to bless with his healing love all who participate in this "Send Catholic conference and healing service"

The day will include lively praise and worship, inspiring talks, healing ministry and healing Mass, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and the laying on of hands.

All are welcome. Please bring your own packed lunch; drinks will be provided. For more details phone 07506810177, or email: sendnottingham@gmail.com

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.

Eucharistic ministers

i. Our Eucharistic ministers will be renewing their commitment to this wonderful and important ministry at the Masses on the weekend of 19th and 20th August,

ii. For new ministers, the training weekends at The Briars, Crich, will be **1st-3rd September and 20th September – 1st October**. You will be notified in due course by the diocesan team to which weekend you have been assigned. The commissioning Mass will be at the cathedral on 18th November at 11.30 am,

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 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.