



Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Southwell and Calverton

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## 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021 : Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

This Sunday the Church throughout the world celebrates the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, the mystery, central to our faith, which tells us that God is one and God is three. This mystery, impossible for humanity to perfectly understand, has been at the centre of arguments and disagreements throughout the Church's history, perhaps most notably at the time of the Great Schism in 1054, when the Eastern Church (based in Constantinople) and the Latin Church (based in Rome) excommunicated each other over matters concerning the Holy Spirit, and his relationship to the Father and to the Son. Indeed, much of the Creed we pray at Mass each Sunday focuses on the three persons of the Trinity, their relationship to each other and their effect in our lives.



Perhaps a simpler way to think of the Trinity is in terms of a relationship of love. If God were only one person (as in other world religions) God would be isolated, alone, and incapable of any relationships with 'peers'. A relationship with God such as we have, that of creature to creator, is always unequal, but because God is three Persons within the one Godhead, God is able to have a relationship between the three Persons which allows for equality. This relationship between God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit can be seen in the love which each Person of the Trinity has for each other Person, and this outpouring of relational love is what we are invited to share in when we reflect the love of God in our lives. We sometimes think of God the Father as the lover, and God the Son as the beloved; this then gives the expression of their love as God the Holy Spirit, the animator of our own love in our earthly lives. However we think of the Trinity, today we give thanks to God for that mystery at the heart of our faith which we will only fully understand in heaven.

## Changes to the covid-19 restrictions in church

Following the information in last Sunday's newsletter it's been very good to hear the opinions of about 20 parishioners regarding how we might begin to ease the restrictions in coming to church and celebrating Mass, in line with the Bishop's authority and government guidelines. There's been a majority of support for the following, for which I'll seek diocesan permission this week:

- ☒ Increasing the capacity in Calverton by an extra six places, and in Southwell by an extra four places;
- ☒ Reducing the number of stewards on duty at public Masses from six to four.

Further easings which as a parish we might consider, and for which it would be good to know parishioners' thoughts, are:

- ☒ Reinstating daily public Mass (without the need for stewards or booking, provided numbers attending remain below the church capacity) in both Calverton and Southwell, on alternating days;
- ☒ Reinstating the ministry of reader at Mass (in the first instance with volunteers reading from their places, rather than on a rota and from the lectern);
- ☒ Reinstating opportunities in each church for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, perhaps with a Holy Hour, and the opportunity for Reconciliation.

As previously it would be helpful to hear directly from parishioners about their thoughts, ideas and concerns. Please contact me directly with whatever you're thinking. In the meantime let's encourage those we know to return to the celebration of Mass by whatever means we can!

*Father Simon*

## Access to a Priest or the Sacraments

Although it can be difficult to get to church Mass is still celebrated every day for the intentions of all the parishioners of Southwell and Calverton, and for the specific intentions requested. If you need to contact Father Simon, please get in touch.

**Requiem Masses and Funeral Services** can still be held, either in church (for the Mass), or directly at the graveside or in the crematorium. If you or someone you know wishes to be anointed with the **Sacrament of the Sick** please speak with Father Simon. Likewise, if you or someone you know wishes to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confession) this can be arranged directly with Father Simon.

If you know of anyone who **isn't presently coming to Mass** please do let them know that our churches are open and Mass is celebrated. Although some parishioners have good reasons for not coming back to Mass, it would be a travesty if others weren't returning because they didn't know they could do so.

## **Coming to Mass**

In the current partial lockdown public Mass is available on Saturday in Southwell at 6.00pm and on Sunday in Calverton at 10.45am. Currently we are precluded from any social interaction in church (outside of our bubble), and in groups of no more than six outside of church. We can come to church with a maximum (including priest and stewards) of 20 people in Southwell and 24 people in Calverton.

To book a place telephone Kathleen and Robert Dixon on 01636 813874, at any reasonable time from 8.30am Monday morning until 4.30pm Friday afternoon; if there's no reply leave a message with your name and number, or try ringing again a few minutes later. Don't use any other number to contact Kathleen and Robert, and please also note:

- ✖ A place needs to be booked for each individual who plans to attend;
- ✖ You'll be asked to provide a telephone number, to be passed onto Public Health England if needed as part of the 'Test and Trace' system;
- ✖ Sunday Masses bookings can be made during the preceding week only.

## **What to expect when coming to Mass**

In order to comply with the Bishop's guidelines on celebrating Masses in the covid-19 period there'll be some differences in that way we come to Mass and the way Mass is celebrated. Please follow these directions, and recognise that those asking you to follow the directions are volunteers themselves:

- ✖ Please don't attend if you show any symptoms of covid-19;
- ✖ Try to arrive no earlier than half an hour before Mass, and no later than ten minutes before Mass, to allow time for each person to enter one-by-one;
- ✖ Enter via the car park and follow the one-way signs, waiting by the 2 metre markers in front of the church door if others have arrived before you;
- ✖ Ensure you bring a mask to wear throughout the time in church, except when receiving Holy Communion; the mask should be worn so as to fully and snugly cover the wearer's mouth and nose;
- ✖ Please use the hand-sanitiser (provided) on arrival;
- ✖ Please take one of the Mass Sheets, and a Newsletter, and take them home with you after Mass;
- ✖ Put your weekly offering into the basket in the narthex;
- ✖ There won't be any holy water available, the repository will be closed, and there are no Catholic papers currently available;

- ✖ Please sit on the seat to which you are directed, following the one-way system; seating is at two-metre intervals (in Southwell couples can sit next to each other, and families in a single pew; in Calverton the chairs have been laid out singularly);
- ✖ Please avoid any contact with other parishioners; don't speak unless necessary;
- ✖ Only the disabled toilet will be available for use, and only if absolutely necessary. If you do use the toilet, please do so before you are seated, and then go to your seat (in Southwell, by exiting the hall lobby, walking around the side of the church, and re-entering the church through the main door, following the one-way system);
- ✖ Windows and some doors will be open to enable as much ventilation as possible;
- ✖ The Mass Sheet will explain the changes in the way Mass is celebrated, especially:
  - There will be no congregational singing;
  - Responses will be made with quiet voices;
  - There will be no ministries (eg altar servers, readers) during Mass;
  - There will be no sign of peace;
- ✖ After Mass you will be invited to receive Holy Communion; then exit the church following the one-way system, out into the car park, and leave immediately.
- ✖ Since it is not permitted to gather publicly in groups of more than six, please ensure that you don't linger too long, or with too many others, in the car park after Mass, tempting as it is to chat with fellow parishioners!
- ✖ As the weather is cooler please dress appropriately for the weather and temperature.

### NHS Covid-19 App and the QR Code in Church

If you have a smart-phone please scan the QR code as you come in to either church, enabling you to 'check in' and assisting with the Government's Track and Trace system. Please note this is in addition to booking a place at Mass, and not instead – please continue to book for Mass as well!

### Covid Precautions : A Reminder

- ✖ An effective vaccine is the best way to protect people from coronavirus and will save thousands of lives.
- ✖ Following extensive safety trials and authorisation by the independent medicines' regulator, the MHRA, effective COVID-19 vaccines are available in the UK for free.
- ✖ It is essential that everyone continues to stay at home if possible to protect the NHS and save lives. Follow the link to make a vaccine booking:  
[https://www.swiftqueue.co.uk/nottinghamc19vpatient.php?fbclid=IwAR0nHe0fFONdVaFT8vwQIDjb5UQJ0\\_DQbEjxdLAkEdqdeGIHHATF35ENOEI](https://www.swiftqueue.co.uk/nottinghamc19vpatient.php?fbclid=IwAR0nHe0fFONdVaFT8vwQIDjb5UQJ0_DQbEjxdLAkEdqdeGIHHATF35ENOEI)

## **Ways to continue to participate in the life of the Church**

The **readings and prayers for Mass** each day can be found here:

- <https://universalis.com/europe.england.nottingham/mass.htm>

**Daily Mass** is broadcast from our Cathedral in Nottingham at the following times:

- Sundays and Saturdays: 10am; Weekdays: 1pm

The link to the televised Mass is here:

- [http://www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/01\\_Community/livestream.html](http://www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/01_Community/livestream.html)

**Daily Mass** is broadcast from the National Shrine and Minor Basilica of Our Lady in Walsingham each day at 12 noon:

- <http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream>

**Sunday Mass**, celebrated by Bishop Patrick, will be broadcast from his chapel at Bishop's House each Sunday at 10am, and other days and times during the week:

- [www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf7upUMsn3KI8GD79FotjQ/featured?fbclid=IwAR1JRpqkdOOrHZY98bsnSC\\_N9TKbvSKXv0L5bT4yVCcMTHaVmAwaW4g-rAk](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf7upUMsn3KI8GD79FotjQ/featured?fbclid=IwAR1JRpqkdOOrHZY98bsnSC_N9TKbvSKXv0L5bT4yVCcMTHaVmAwaW4g-rAk)

A **Livestream from the Grotto in Lourdes** can be followed each day, with Mass broadcast in English at 9.00am (8.00am our time) each morning, and the Rosary, together with other prayers and devotions, in various languages, during the day:

- <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/>

**Resources for children and young people** can be found via the Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service's (NDCYS) website:

- <https://ndcys.com>
- <https://www.youtube.com/ndcyslive>

There are ideas for **children's liturgy** on Cafod's website:

- <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

For children of primary school age the **Mark 10 Mission** gives a reflection for each Sunday's Gospel, and a challenge for the week ahead:

- <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/series-five-jesus-is-alive>

## **Pope's Prayer Intention for June**

**The beauty of marriage** Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

## A Spiritual Communion

Spiritual Communion is the heartfelt desire to receive Our Lord, even when we are unable to do so. If you are live-streaming the Mass, or praying the texts of the Mass, when it comes to the time for receiving Holy Communion pray instead the prayer:

***From Saint Alphonsus Liguori:***

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as being already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

## Prayer during the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

## A Prayer to my Guardian Angel when I can't get to Mass

Dear Guardian Angel, go for me to the church, there kneel down at Mass for me. At the Offertory, take me to God, and offer him my service: what I am, what I have, offer as my gift. At the Consecration, with your seraphic strength, adore my Saviour truly present, praying for those who have loved me, for those who have offended me, and for those now deceased, that the blood of Jesus may purify them all. During Holy Communion, bring to me the Body and Blood of Jesus uniting him with me in spirit, so that my heart may become his dwelling place. Plead with him, that through his sacrifice all people throughout the world may be saved. When the Mass ends, bring home to me and to every home, the Lord's blessing. Amen.

## The Pope's Message to Buddhists

*On the occasion of Vesakh this week the Holy Father asked for fraternal greetings to be sent to the worldwide Buddhist community.*

Dear Buddhist Friends,

On behalf of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, I am writing to you on the occasion of the feast of Vesakh to offer my heartfelt greetings. It is my prayer that this annual feast of the birth, enlightenment, and passing away of Gautama Buddha may bring joy, serenity, and hope to the hearts of Buddhists throughout the world.

The current world situation, tragically marked by the covid-19 pandemic, challenges the followers of all religions to collaborate in new ways at the service of the human community. In his Encyclical *Fratelli tutti*, signed in Assisi on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020, Pope Francis reiterated the urgency of a universal solidarity that allows humanity to overcome together the difficult crises that threaten it, because “no one is saved alone” (Pope Francis, *Fratelli tutti*, 32). The Vesak greetings, of which we celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year, have highlighted many of the values we hold in common and the wisdom that supports the collaboration we foster, especially in addressing times as hard as the present one. The suffering caused by the covid-19 pandemic has made us aware of our shared vulnerability and interdependence. We are called to discover and practice the solidarity enshrined in our respective religious traditions. As Pope Francis says, “ancient stories, full of symbolism, bear witness to a conviction which we today share, that everything is interconnected, and that genuine care for our own lives and our relationship with nature is inseparable from fraternity, justice and faithfulness to others.” (Pope Francis, *Message for the World Day of Peace*, 1 January 2021). The Buddhist teaching on Brahma Viharas (Four Heavenly Abodes or Virtues) offers us a timeless message of solidarity and active care. In speaking about *mettā* (loving kindness), it exhorts followers to extend boundless love to all. “As a mother even with her life protects her only child, so let one cultivate immeasurable loving-kindness towards all living beings” (*Mettā Sutta*). As the Buddha taught, practitioners are equally encouraged to “make haste in doing good deeds; one should restrain one’s mind from evil; for the mind of one who is slow in doing good tends to take delight in doing evil” (*Dhammapada*, 116). May this dramatic situation of the covid-19 pandemic strengthen our bonds of friendship and further unite us in service to the human family, adopting “a culture of dialogue as the path, mutual cooperation as the code of conduct; reciprocal understanding as the method and standard” (Pope Francis, *Fratelli tutti*, 285).

Dear Buddhist friends, these are the thoughts that I wish to share with you this year. Let us look forward to the future with hope and serenity. Happy Feast!

Miguel Ángel Cardinal Ayuso Guixot, MCCJ      Monsignor Kodithuwakku K. Indunil J. President      Secretary

## Forthcoming Events in our parish and wider community

Open with Care, resuming parish life in the 'new normal'. In late June the Government hopes to relax the restrictions that have



**Calling parish administrators, hall caretakers and clergy!**

prevented most parish activities taking place. It will be the moment when many parish facilities and groups can start up again. Open with Care on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** at 3.30pm until 5.00pm will help ensure that church premises and the things that happen in it are as safe and healthy as possible, and fulfil the government guidance. We'll be joined by Catherine Scholes from the diocesan property office. Having guided us through lockdown, she'll now be helping make plans to re-open. The link for the event can be found at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScsYjmNkwmFie0FSmFbaoeil6G8BOkKoDdzV0VVr-7OpItu0A/viewform>

**Fair Tax Week** will run from **5<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> June**, with Tax Justice Sunday on 6<sup>th</sup> June. Resources are available on the CATJ website: [www.catj.org.uk](http://www.catj.org.uk)

**The Word and the Common Good:** Join Catholics from around the Diocese of Nottingham for an interactive online course over six **Monday evenings from 7<sup>th</sup> June** at 7.00pm. As life starts afresh after lockdown:

- ✖ Discover how Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching can help us seize this moment and build a society that reflects God's Kingdom;
- ✖ Build bridges following a year of social distancing and foster a new 'culture of encounter';
- ✖ Form new friendships, renew old ones, and help to build our parish communities for mission.

Visit [dioceseofnottingham.uk/here-now-us](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/here-now-us) for further details.

**Renewing the face of the Earth**, an online *Laudato Si'* workshop for care of Creation, on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June**, 7.00 - 8.30pm. Join a workshop to hear afresh Pope Francis' call to ecological conversion. We'll explore how his encyclical *Laudato Si'* inspires and challenges us, as individuals, in our parishes, and across the diocese as a whole. With the COP26 climate summit coming up in November, 2021 is a crucial year for

the poor, future generations and the other species who share the earth with us. It's also the year when we plan to launch an ambitious environmental policy for the diocese. The programme includes:

- ✖ The opportunity to become a parish plotting the journey to zero carbon;
- ✖ Signing-up your parish for the *Livesimply* programme from Cafod;
- ✖ An introduction to *Global Healing* and other parish resources;
- ✖ Headlines from our emerging diocesan environmental policy;
- ✖ Meeting our intrepid trainee *Laudato Si'* Animators!



[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNFZlwUcOPi\\_42ev01GXqVu0SisDvTvDYhoaHRHkWTbRg\\_og/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNFZlwUcOPi_42ev01GXqVu0SisDvTvDYhoaHRHkWTbRg_og/viewform)

Do you have a spare room in Nottingham? Do you have a heart to help homeless young people? Do you enjoy meeting new people? Then join an online session to find out how you can help on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June**, 7.30pm. **Nottingham Open Homes** are looking for friendly and welcoming volunteer hosts to provide accommodation for homeless young people, with one of their schemes. With **Nottingham Nightstop** you could provide emergency overnight placements on a night-by-night basis, responding to the immediate crisis when a young person becomes homeless. With **Supported Lodgings** you could offer accommodation for 6-12 months, in return for rent and a contribution towards utility bills, backed up with a dedicated worker from Nottingham Open Homes. This session will give you more information about how the two schemes work and what impact they have on the young people who have accessed the services. There will also be an opportunity to meet some of our current hosts and to ask any questions you may have.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-homes-volunteer-host-information-evening-tickets-153640202983>

**Faith and Reason: A Catholic Integration:** A residential summer course exploring the relationship of faith with philosophy, science and culture, and particularly helpful for catechists and teachers fielding commonly-asked questions around Catholicism, as well as anyone wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic Faith. The summer course will run from **5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> August**. For more info and to register please follow the link: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/>

## May Rosary Mission

The National Shrine and Minor Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham is leading a May Rosary Mission under the title **Rosary Stronghold with the Holy Family**:

- ✖ Protecting our families and the family of nations, in this Year of Saint Joseph;
- ✖ A deepening of faith, hope and love and the protection of life;
- ✖ Peace in the world;
- ✖ Deliverance from coronavirus; for those working for a cure; for those who have died; for those who are suffering and those who care for them.

Each night at 8.00pm there will be a foundational Rosary prayed to Jesus through Mary, led from a different parish / shrine. This will lead into two further important National Days of Prayer:

- ✖ **Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup> – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity** – National Rosary Rally relay throughout the Dioceses of England, Wales and Scotland in intercession for the Rosary Mission intentions and for the needs of our own particular diocese. Our diocese has been allocated 10.00am – 11.00am on this day.
- ✖ **Monday May 31<sup>st</sup> – Feast of the Visitation** – Bishop John Keenan (Scotland) will host a crowning Rosary on line at 8.00pm, in thanksgiving for the graces received from the Lord Jesus through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary during the May 2021 Rosary Mission.

For more details, and to follow this initiative, visit <http://www.walsingham.org.uk/>

## A Statement on Life

*Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues (and formerly parish priest of our neighbouring parish of The Good Shepherd, Arnold), has issued a statement outlining the Catholic Church's opposition to a Bill that could make assisted dying legal in England and Wales. The Assisted Dying Bill, a Private Member's Bill introduced by Baroness Meacher, was debated in the House of Lords on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May.*

The fragility of life and the reality of death has been brought into sharp focus during the Covid 19 pandemic. In the face of much suffering and death, we have witnessed the extraordinary commitment of healthcare professionals and their loving care for the sick and dying. We too have made a collective sacrifice this last year to protect the most vulnerable from the devastating impact of the Coronavirus. These acts of heroic love are a powerful testimony to the fundamental dignity of the

human person and to the importance of proper love and care in the face of grave illness and in the last moments of life.

Against this backdrop of loving care and commitment, we are now faced with the very real threat of the legalisation of ‘assisted suicide’ in our country. On Wednesday we see an ‘Assisted Dying’ Bill introduced into the House of Lords, by Baroness Meacher who seeks to alleviate the ‘intolerable suffering’ of terminally ill patients in England and Wales. Similar attempts to legalise assisted suicide in the UK, have overwhelmingly failed with the most recent Marris Bill defeated by a 330 to 118 majority at its second reading in the House of Commons in 2015.

### **The immense value of the sick person**

Although this new Bill is framed as a compassionate response to those in the last stages of their life, such compassion must be denounced as ‘false compassion’ as Pope Francis reminds us. A “true compassion” he says, is “the just response to the immense value of the sick person.” It finds expression in treating the dying person with love, with dignity and by making use of appropriate palliative care. This proposal would also fundamentally change the relationship between the doctor and the patient, as it would change to it from treatment and care to assisting another’s death. Life is a gift to be valued and cherished until its last breath, through natural death, which opens into the promise of eternal life.

### **Opposing assisted suicide**

The Catholic Church remains opposed to any form of assisted suicide and will examine this proposed legislation when it is published tomorrow. We reaffirm our support for high quality end-of-life care, which includes spiritual and pastoral support for the one who is dying and their family.

The ‘Day for Life’, to be celebrated on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June in England and Wales, will call Catholics to pray for good care of those who are elderly, sick and dying and to oppose such legislation.

Faithful Saint Joseph, with the fulfilment of the Lord’s promise,  
you peacefully leave this world in Jesus and Mary’s hands.

Your faith transforms death into the sowing of life;  
thus, God considers you to be a just man.

Strengthen our faith in God who finds ways of preserving us in his friendship.  
Be beside us to hold our hands when we step toward the Eternal Kingdom. Amen.

## Job Opportunities in our Diocese

**Formation, Communication and Website Administrator** This role will support the work of the Communications, Formation for Mission and other outreach departments of the Diocesan Curia. The role entails providing communication assistance, course and event coordination and general office duties. The salary is £20k - £23k per annum dependant on qualifications and experience.

**Finance Assistant (OPAS)** This role is primarily concerned with supporting parishes with the production of financial information using the Diocesan Online Parish Administration System (OPAS). This is not technical IT support; rather the objective is to help parishes to record financial data in a timely and compliant manner. Training in OPAS and Diocesan financial procedures will be provided. Frequent travel across the Diocese will be required. The salary is £22k - £25k per annum dependant on qualifications and experience.

For more information about either position, and an application pack, email: [office@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:office@dioceseofnottingham.uk). **The closing date is Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June.**

## Parish Newsletter by email

To receive the parish newsletter electronically ask to be added to the mailing list by emailing Father Simon at [olvsouthwell.stacalverton@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:olvsouthwell.stacalverton@dioceseofnottingham.uk). Parishioners' consent is needed to email the newsletter and other messages, but this is the best way to help parishioners keep up-to-date with all that's happening.

## Financial Support of our Parish

Thank you to those parishioners who give regularly via standing orders. If you don't do so, please consider what you can give, and if you can the details are:

- Account name: **Our Lady of Vic, Southwell RCP**
- Sort Code: **30-67-76**
- Account number: **45368360**

**Many thanks to all our parishioners for your continuing generosity!**

A **Financial Report to the Parish** will be published next Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> June), with information about income and expenditure over the past year and a budget of what the coming year might look like. It will also be an opportunity to ask parishioners to consider what is currently given, and what might be needed if some future projects are to be undertaken in our two churches and parish hall.

## Supporting Newark Foodbank

The following items are especially needed in May:

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| ☒ Tinned fish (not tuna)                      | ☒ Jam                   |
| ☒ Sponge puddings<br>(tinned or microwavable) | ☒ Toilet rolls          |
|   | ☒ Shampoo and deodorant |

Items can be donated at the Co-op, One Stop, and Lloyds Chemist in Southwell.

## How has covid-19 affected you and your faith?

The Diocese of Nottingham has launched a short survey in order to deepen its understanding of covid-19's impact on all Catholics across the diocese. Please visit

<https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/whats-on/news/share-your-story-how-has-covid-19-affected-you-and-your-faith>

Encourage other parishioners to do so too. The deadline is Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

## Father Simon's absence from the parish

As many of you know Father Simon is undertaking a course of study in canon law at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. Although much of this is undertaken via distance learning it's been necessary for Father Simon to visit the campus several times each year for lectures and exams. Although over the past 15 months the university has asked international students not to visit, the policy for the exams in June is that all candidates sit the exams in person. Accordingly Father Simon will be leaving the parish on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June and returning on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Travel arrangements are still a little unclear, because of the changing requirements for travelling during the pandemic, and post-Brexit, but it's anticipated that:

- ☒ Mass in Calverton on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June will be celebrated at 9.00am, and not at 10.45am, to allow Father Simon to leave a little earlier;
- ☒ There will be no weekday Masses during the time Father Simon is away;
- ☒ Masses on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June will be celebrated at the usual times by Father Frank Carvill, a retired priest of our diocese who is well known in the parish and has supplied here before;
- ☒ Masses on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June will also be celebrated by Father Frank since Father Simon anticipates having to quarantine upon his return.

Emails will still be answered during this time, which will be the best method of contacting Father Simon should you need to.

## A reflection from ‘Marriage Matters’

### The Blessed Trinity is an intimate love relationship

Jesus summarises the commandments: love God and your neighbour. The intimacy of married love has this high calling: wholly love God and love each other, we are one another’s closest neighbour. It is said that married love most closely reveals the love relationships in the Trinity: three persons in one God, calls us to be two persons in one flesh.

## The Year of the Word

**Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures.**

**Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears  
and shows us how to live for one another.**

**Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds  
so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.**

V. Your word is our path and your truth is our light.

R. This day and every day.

Our Lady of the Annunciation : Pray for us.

Saint Matthew : Pray for us.

Saint Jerome : Pray for us.

Each month the Year of the Word initiative invites us to focus on a particular theme: in June it’s the Word of God in the context of art and culture. Although our two churches are more modern than many, and quite simple in their appearance, we can all imagine the great stained glass panels in other churches which allow a kaleidoscope of colours to pour in. Often these glass panels, created when people didn’t have access to the bible in the way we do today, helped to tell the scriptural stories in colour and art and to draw the eye to prayer in church.

By following the link below you can understand stained glass form the perspective of David Ashford, who aims to bring to light the works of art that are tucked away in the corners of churches, soaring high above in stained glass or hidden in plain sight within suburban sanctuaries. Lo & Behold ([loandbeholdbible.com](http://loandbeholdbible.com)) is a digital art project that uses some of the unique art pieces found in Catholic churches and cathedrals across the United Kingdom to share the stories of the Bible.

To know more, visit: <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/art-and-culture/the-art-of-stained-glass-scripture/>

## Year of Saint Joseph



Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
  
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself  
a father and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

## A prayer for life

We pray for our Government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves on the desire to protect all human life. Lord hear us.

For updated information visit: [www.righttolife.org.uk/news](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/news)

## Prayers for ...

Please remember in your prayers especially:

- ✖ All those affected by the coronavirus outbreak – those infected, those caring for them, those who have died, and those who mourn.
- ✖ **Archbishop Arthur Roche**, previously Bishop of Leeds, appointed as Prefect for the Congregation of Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments this week;
- ✖ **Monsignor Aurelio Garcia Marcias**, appointed Under-Secretary of the same Congregation this week (and formerly a teacher of Father Simon at seminary);
- ✖ **Nazir Afzal**, recently appointed independent chair of the newly-established Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency, and the remaining six members of this national initiative in our Church;
- ✖ **Joan Hyde**, a parishioner in Calverton;
- ✖ **Becky Bennett**, a parishioner in Southwell;
- ✖ **Clergy of our diocese who are sick at this time**: Monsignor Jonathan Moore, Canon Michael Moore, Fathers John Cairns, John Daley IC, Hugh Doherty, Paul Entwhistle, Kevin Gradwell, James Hannigan, Peter Harvey, Christopher Hogan, James Lynch, Frank McLaughlin, Robert Rutledge, Michael Tucher; Deacons Tom Berrie, Stephen Doona, William Hutchinson.

## Masses and Services this week and next week

<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
<i>No morning Mass</i>	
S 6.00pm Mass	<b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b> John and Cora Lynch RIP
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b> Pro Populo (people of the parish)
C 10.45am Mass	<b>Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Marie Oakes RIP
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Justin, martyr</b> David Gudgeon RIP
Mass	<b>Feria</b> Julia Conte RIP
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs of Uganda</b> Eleanor Williams RIP
Mass	<b>Feria</b> Matt and June McIntyre
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Memoria of Saint Boniface of Crediton, bishop</b> <i>No morning Mass</i>
Mass	<b>THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)</b> Eileen and Barry Thomas (golden wedding)
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)</b> Teresa Thomas RIP
Mass	
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
Mass	
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
<i>No morning Mass</i>	
S 6.00pm Mass	<b>THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)</b> Eileen and Barry Thomas (golden wedding)
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)</b> Teresa Thomas RIP
C 9.00am Mass	

## Readings at Masses this week

<b>Sunday</b>	Deuteronomy 4:32-34.39-40; Psalm 32(33):4-6.9.18-20.22; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20
<b>Monday</b>	Zephaniah 3:14-18; Isaiah 12; Luke 1:39-56
<b>Tuesday</b>	Tobit 2:9-14; Psalm 111(112):1-2.7-9; Mark 12:13-17
<b>Wednesday</b>	Tobit 3:1-11.16-17; Psalm 24(25):2-9; Mark 12:18-27
<b>Thursday</b>	Tobit 6:10-11; 7:1-9.14; 18:4-9; Psalm 127(28):1-5; Mark 12:28-34
<b>Friday</b>	Tobit 11:5-17; Psalm 145(146):2.7-10; Mark 12:35-37
<b>Saturday</b>	Tobit 12:1.5-15.20; Tobit 13:2.6-8; Mark 12:38-44