



Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Southwell and Calverton

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27th and 28th March 2021 : Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Over the season of Lent we have reflections prepared by clergy of Nottingham Diocese to help us reflect on each Sunday's readings.

It is likely that Jesus rode on a donkey many times during his life in Nazareth and during his ministry. His entry into Jerusalem was, however, something special. I'm reminded of him riding towards his entry into the world, by tradition on a donkey, in his mother's womb. Today, the Lord rides towards his entry into the glory of the Cross, for the moment surrounded by cheering and waving crowds laying cloaks on the road before him. "Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!"



Here was a Saviour coming to free them, like the great Jewish commanders of the past, such as Gideon and Barak, Mattathias and Judas Maccabaeus. No doubt they remembered the prophecy of Zechariah: "Shout with gladness...see now your king comes to you; he is victorious, triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt the foal of a donkey."

And then.....Nothing. Jesus disappears from the city. The crowd has been let down; he was just another impostor after all. The next they see of him, he has been arrested presumably for



pretending to be the Saviour, the great liberator. So, the people pay for his blood, the ultimate punishment, not just a life sentence but the death penalty.

They can't understand that his kingdom is not of this world. And very often, nor can we. Perhaps our own material expectations are sometimes dashed and we, like most of the disciples, hide in the crowd, bewildered and uncomprehending.

Jesus then was led to his death. Crucifixion was the common form, a combination of torture and a lingering death. In the end, to most onlookers, Jesus' crucifixion was a bit disappointing. Nothing special happened.

But at the foot of the Cross, were Mary his mother and several women with John the beloved disciple. The gospel writers record the recollections of those closest to Jesus, their experience of Jesus lifted high, with the glory that shone from him despite his agony, the glory of divine love and forgiveness. Even the centurion was moved.

To the repentant thief Jesus promised paradise. Lovingly concerned for his Blessed Mother, he commended her to the care of John and to the veneration of us all. Even in his dereliction and feeling of being abandoned, he spoke words of forgiveness to those complicit in his passion and death: "Father forgive them, they do not understand what they are doing."

Those wonderful words of loving mercy are also for us, as day by day, we fail to live the life of the gospel in so many ways. "Father, forgive them." It's God's love, so amazing, so undeserved, that it brings tears to your eyes.

The Lord's final words, recorded by Saint John, are words of victory: "It is accomplished!" Divine love had conquered evil and death.

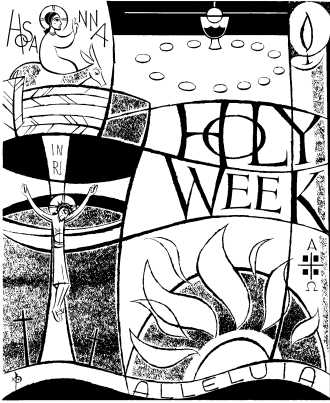
The rest (for the moment) is silence.

The Great Week in 2021

Thankfully we're able to come to Mass if we feel it's safe to do so: the stringent lockdown of Holy Week 2020 with no public worship permitted has been eased. Full details of the events in Calverton and Southwell are given in this newsletter's centre page spread, and booking details opposite. For those not able, or not wishing, to attend in person, we are encouraged to join with Bishop Patrick celebrating on behalf of the whole diocese in our Cathedral, from where each liturgy will be live-streamed on the Cathedral website: www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk

- ✠ Maundy Thursday – the Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7.00pm
- ✠ Good Friday – Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – 3.00pm
- ✠ Holy Saturday – Solemn Vigil and First Mass of Easter – 8.00pm
- ✠ EASTER DAY – Mass of Easter – 11.15am

Booking to come to church : Holy Week and Easter 2021



Parishioners are very welcome to book for any of the Masses and Solemn Liturgy, on a first come, first served basis. Please note in particular the days from which bookings will be taken. There is no limit to the number of times an individual can come to church over the Great Week, but in order to maximise the chances of more individuals being able to attend at least one of the Week's events, bookings will be taken on different days for the different Masses and Solemn Liturgy.

Please note, too, that there will be some changes to the ways in which the Masses and Solemn Liturgy are celebrated this year to make sure that they're as safe as possible and that we comply with the covid-19 precautions. In particular, alongside the prohibition on congregational singing in church, we're encouraged to celebrate the Services in a prayerful and dignified way whilst at the same time reducing the amount of time individuals are in the church building. Fuller details are given in the middle pages about what this means for each event, but if you have any specific questions please contact Father Simon directly.

Many thanks to Kathleen and Robert Dixon who are managing the bookings, and who will be able to advise of alternatives should the particular Service you wish to attend be already fully booked. The capacity for each church remains unchanged: 16 (and three stewards) in Southwell, and 20 (and three stewards) in Calverton. Many thanks too to the stewards who continue to help with the cleaning of the churches and marshalling of the congregation at each Mass; a particular thanks to those stewards from Calverton who are coming to Southwell to help, thus ensuring that we're able to celebrate even a minimum number of Liturgies there.

The arrangements for booking for the different Services are:

- ✠ Thursday 1st April, Calverton, 7.30pm – **Mandatum Mass of the Lord's Supper**
bookings in the usual way from 8.30am on Monday 29th March.
- ✠ Friday 2nd April, Calverton, 3.00pm – **Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion**
bookings in the usual way from 8.30am on Tuesday 30th March.
- ✠ Saturday 3rd April, Southwell, 9.00pm – **Solemn Vigil and First Mass of Easter**
bookings in the usual way from 8.30am on Wednesday 31st March.
- ✠ Sunday 4th April, Southwell, 8.30am – **Mass of Easter Day**
bookings in the usual way from 8.30am on Monday 29th March.
- ✠ Sunday 4th April, Calverton, 11.00am – **Mass of Easter Day**
bookings in the usual way from 8.30am on Monday 29th March.

Coming to Mass

Even in the current national lockdown public Mass is available on Saturday in Southwell at 6.00pm and on Sunday in Calverton at 10.45am. Being in a national lockdown we are precluded from any social interaction in or at church (outside of our bubble), but 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 please ensure that you don't linger in the car park after Mass, tempting as it is to chat with fellow parishioners!
- ✘ As the weather is now 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 whether they have had the vaccine or not to protect the NHS and save lives.

Follow the link to make a vaccine booking if you are aged 50 or older:

https://www.swiftqueue.co.uk/nottinghammc19vpatient.php?fbclid=IwAR0nHe0IfONdVaFT8vwQIDjb5UQJ0_DQbEjxdLAKEdqdeGIHHATF35ENOEI

Ways to continue to participate in the life of the Church

Please note some of these times will change during Holy Week

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

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/UCaf7upUMsn3Kl8GD79FotjQ/featured?fbclid=IwAR1JRpqkdO0rHZY98bsnSC_N9TKbvSKXv0L5bT4yVCcMTHaVmAwW4g-rAk

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/ndcyslives>

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

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

Pope's Prayer Intention for March

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Pope's Prayer Intention for April

Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

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.

Year of Saint Joseph



Although we don't hear of Saint Joseph in the liturgies of Holy Week (the Church's tradition is that he died before Jesus' public ministry) we can be sure that in his humanity Jesus learned from his earthly Father those virtues of obedience to God and love for others which are at the

heart of his decision to submit to arrest in the garden on Maundy Thursday and to crucifixion and death on the Cross on Good Friday.

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.

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.

A initiative for the Year of the Word which begins shortly after Easter is the Bible TimeLine Course. This free, national course will be live-streamed, and will look at the history that the Bible relate. The course begins on **Wednesday 7th April** and can be accessed **here: <https://comeandsee.org/index.html>**

A reflection for Holy Week from Saint Augustine of Hippo

Let us too glory in the cross of the Lord. The passion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is the hope of glory and a lesson in patience. What may not the hearts of believers promise themselves as the gift of God's grace, when for their sake God's only Son, co-eternal with the Father, was not content only to be born as man from human stock but even died at the hands of the men he had created?

It is a great thing that we are promised by the Lord, but far greater is what has already been done for us, and which we now commemorate. Where were the sinners, what were they, when Christ died for them? When Christ has already given us the gift of his death, who is to doubt that he will give the saints the gift of his own life? Why does our human frailty hesitate to believe that mankind will one day live with God?

Who is Christ if not the Word of God: in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God? This Word of God was made flesh and dwelt among us. He had no power of himself to die for us: he had to take from us our mortal flesh. This was the way in which, though immortal, he was able to die; the way in which he chose to give life to mortal men: he would first share with us, and then enable us to share with him. Of ourselves we had no power to live, nor did he of himself have the power to die. In other words, he performed the most wonderful exchange with us. Through us, he died; through him, we shall live.

The death of the Lord our God should not be a cause of shame for us; rather, it should be our greatest hope, our greatest glory. In taking upon himself the death that he found in us, he has most faithfully promised to give us life in him, such as we cannot have of ourselves.

He loved us so much that, sinless himself, he suffered for us sinners the punishment we deserved for our sins. How then can he fail to give us the reward we deserve for our righteousness, for he is the source of righteousness? How can he, whose promises are true, fail to reward the saints when he bore the punishment of sinners, though without sin himself?

Brethren, let us then fearlessly acknowledge, and even openly proclaim, that Christ was crucified for us; let us confess it, not in fear but in joy, not in shame but in glory. The apostle Paul saw Christ, and extolled his claim to glory. He had many great and inspired things to say about Christ, but he did not say that he boasted in Christ's wonderful works: in creating the world, since he was God with the Father, or in ruling the world, though he was also a man like us. Rather, he said: Let me not boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Programme for the Great Week in Calverton and Southwell

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – 28th March

- ✠ **6.00pm Vigil – Mass in Southwell** with the Blessing of Palms, which will be available for collection (one per person) at the end of Mass.

(John and Cora Lynch RIP)

- ✠ **10.45am – Mass in Calverton** with the Blessing of Palms which will be available for collection (one per person) at the end of Mass.

(Pro populo – people of the parish)



Monday of Holy Week – 29th March

- ✠ **Mass** (Sandra Robertson RIP, anniversary)

Tuesday of Holy Week – 30th March

- ✠ **Mass** (Intentions of Emily Harman and Jack)

Wednesday of Holy Week – 31st March

- ✠ **Mass** (Simon John Crosse RIP)

- ✠ **11.30am – Mass of Chrism** in Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham.



All the priests of the diocese are invited to gather around the Bishop at this Mass, in which Bishop Patrick asks priests to renew their commitment to ministry, and then blesses the oil of the sick and the oil of catechumens, before consecrating the Sacred Chrism. These oils, and the Sacred Chrism, will be used in the administration of the sacraments over the coming year (oil of catechumens and Sacred Chrism at baptism; Sacred Chrism at confirmation and ordination; oil of the sick at Anointing of the Sick).

This Mass, celebrated on Maundy Thursday (or slightly earlier in Holy Week, depending on circumstances) in all the Cathedrals of the world, celebrates the unity of each diocese, each particular Church, around the Bishop, the leader and shepherd of that Church. We might pray this day especially for Bishop Patrick and his ministry of shepherding the people of Nottingham Diocese, through governing, teaching and offering the sacraments for us.

The Mass will be live streamed at 11.30am, and can be watched via the Cathedral website: sbarnabascathedral.org.uk

Maundy Thursday – 1st April

✠ **7.30pm in Calverton**

The Mandatum Mass of the Lord's Supper

This year the Mass will be celebrated without hymns being sung, without the washing of feet, and without the presentation of offerings for the poor. At the end of Mass Holy Communion will be distributed in the current usual way, as the congregation leaves, and there'll be no procession to the Altar of Repose, and no Watching before the Blessed Sacrament.

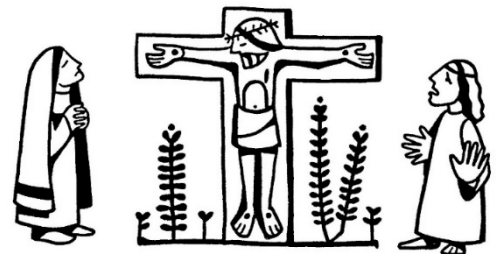
(Intentions of Father John Cairns)



Good Friday – 2nd April *A day of fasting from food and abstaining from meat*

✠ **3.00pm in Calverton – The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday**

The Liturgy will be celebrated without congregational singing, with the shorter version of the Passion, without individual veneration of the Cross, and with Holy Communion distributed at the end of the Liturgy, as the congregation leaves.



Holy Saturday – 3rd April

*We will spend the day in silence and stillness, waiting at the tomb
The fast from Good Friday should be continued today if at all possible*

✠ **9.00pm in Southwell**

Solemn Vigil and Mass of the Resurrection

The Vigil will begin in church as there's no Liturgy of Light at the start, only three readings will be proclaimed from the Old Testament, and the Rite of Baptism will be reduced. Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of the Mass.

(Pro populo – people of the parish)



EASTER DAY – 4th April

✠ **8.30am in Southwell – Mass of Easter Day**

Baptismal promises will be renewed, but there will be no blessing with Holy Water, which won't be available for parishioner to take home either.

(Auntie Molly RIP – 12th anniversary)

✠ **11.00am in Calverton – Mass of Easter Day**

Baptismal promises will be renewed, but there will be no blessing with Holy Water, which won't be available for parishioner to take home either.

(John Hodgkinson RIP)

Forthcoming Events in our parish and wider community

On **Saturday 27th March** people all over the country will be combining their daily exercise with raising some money to help end poverty and destitution in the UK, with the **Trussell Trust Race Against Hunger 5K**. This is the Southwell Minster's Lent Focus on Giving for this year. Please join in! The Race Against Hunger 5k can be completed in your own time and at your own pace: take on the challenge in a way that works for you. Get friends and family to sponsor you, then donate online at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/raceagainsthungersouthwellminster>

The Trussell Trust runs the largest network of food banks in the UK, giving 1.9 million three-day emergency food supplies and support to people in crisis in the last year. The Newark Foodbank is one of the 428 food banks making up their national network. More information is at <https://www.southwellminster.org/ready-steady-race-against-hunger-5k-with-southwell-minster/>

Grief and loss workshops, Tuesday mornings, 10.00am. These workshops are an opportunity to understand more about grief and loss and its impact, particularly as a result of the covid-19 pandemic. There will be time to share, discuss and look at ideas for ways that you could support those in your community helping them to remember those who have died and opportunities they have lost, with more love than pain and to live fully in the face of that loss. The workshops are provided online for free by the ecumenical partnership Transforming Notts Together. They come highly recommended by parishioners of our diocese who have attended them, and have kindly been made available to Catholics throughout our diocese. Find out more and book your place, or watch the video below for more information:

<https://transformingnottstogether.org.uk/areas-of-work/grief-bereavement-befriending>

Making Active Nonviolence our Way of Life: An introduction to non-violence from a Catholic perspective, from **Tuesdays in March** at 7.00pm. The Pax Christi group in the Leeds Diocese have organised this course of five weekly evening sessions to explore the new thinking in the Catholic church engendered through the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative of Pax Christi International. To book a place visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/making-active-nonviolence-our-way-of-life-an-introductory-course-tickets-136279127539>

Creating the new normal; Thursdays, 7.30pm-9.00pm. FaithJustice are hosting a new series of discussion for young adults (18-40), focusing on the current time of

crisis and exploring what kind of world we want to create in coming weeks and months. Over the last year the pandemic has forced us into a different way of life, we have had to live differently, and inevitably many of us have begun asking big questions. Creating the New Normal provides a space for young adults to listen to each other and to share how they are thinking and feeling.

<https://faithjustice.org.uk/creating-the-new-normal>

Framework, a local charity which supports homeless and vulnerable people by helping to provide them with their own accommodation, is celebrating 20 years of charitable work with a Service from Southwell Minster. All are invited to watch the Service on **Saturday 10th April** at 10.30am. The link for the live-streamed event is:

<https://www.southwellminster.org/events/event/framework-anniversary-service>

Global Healing – How our faith helps us to care for our common home. The final session is on **Thursday 29th April**.

In 2015, Pope Francis published his ground-breaking letter on the environment *Laudato Si'*. Since then, millions of people worldwide have joined the global movement to address the environmental crisis our world is facing. We are invited to join a series of reflective evenings with inspiring speakers, prayer and discussion, using the film-based resource Global Healing. These engaging documentaries inform and challenge us to respond to Pope Francis' call to care for Our Common Home. Suitable for all who are concerned about what is happening to our world and who want to take action. To register follow this link:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcvcOuuqzsvEtMBwz2hxBzhhvwy0hcgyoEb>

The **Marriage Encounter** experience is normally available as a residential or non-residential weekend but in response to the ongoing restrictions of the covid pandemic, it is now available as a live, on-line experience. The experience is an opportunity to learn from couples who are willing to share their personal journeys and tools for reclaiming the spark and living in love together. Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) offers an experience that helps couples to listen, share and connect more deeply; for over 50 years it has helped millions of Catholic couples and others, throughout the world, unlock the power of their relationships.

There is no group discussion, it is just about the couple learning to be the best, most loving couple they can be. The new format has proved popular, especially with younger couples and is being rolled out during 2021, on **15th - 16th May**. To book or to find out more information about WWME follow the link: **www.wwme.org.uk**

Join the *Laudato Si'* Team

Laudato Si' Animators are local leaders who strive to care for the earth in their own lives, while inspiring and motivating others in their communities. Two parishioners, one each from Leicester and Derby, are already planning to train as Laudato Si' Animators. Would you like to join them? The training is provided online by the Global Catholic Climate Movement. It's an amazing opportunity to meet Catholics from around the world who share your passion to protect life on earth. You'll also be able to make a difference here in our diocese. We're developing an environmental strategy which will include becoming a 'zero-carbon diocese' and safeguarding our common home. As a Laudato Si' Animator, you could, if you wish, play a part in driving this effort.

If you're tempted, you'll be welcome on **Tuesday 30th March** at 7.00pm to meet others in the diocese who are thinking of doing the course. We'll explore how training as a Laudato Si' Animator can help you, and how you can use what you learn. Then you will have another week to make your mind up, before registration closes on 7th April. For more information please email caritas@dioceseofnottingham.uk or visit: <https://laudatosianimators.org>

On-Line Stations of the Cross

Walking with Christ on the Way of the Cross, in the Time of the covid pandemic, is an on-line Resource for Lent 2021. The Stations of the Cross begins and ends in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of Saint Barnabas Cathedral. As we journey together with Christ on the road towards Calvary, so we meditate at different Stations along the way, where we hear short reflections from a number of students, filmed by them from wherever they are during this time of the Pandemic.

✂ To access the resource please visit: <https://youtu.be/dQ09wqJcxX0>

✂ There is also an accompanying booklet at:

www.uoncatholiccommunity.com/p/resources



Cafod actions in Lent

- ✂ **Walk for Water this Lent:**
cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Walk-for-Water
- ✂ **Lent Calendar:** cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-Calendar
- ✂ **Spring Raffle 2021:** www.raffleplayer.com/cafod

Job Opportunity in our Diocesan Education Service

The Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Education Service is seeking to appoint a Deputy Director of Education who will provide a strategic lead in the areas of Catholic Life, Formation, Inspection, Religious Education and Collective Worship. For further information / application pack or if you wish to arrange an informal conversation with the Director of Education, please contact Julie Sweeney: julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk The closing date is Tuesday 30th March.

Diocesan Job Opportunity

The Diocese of Nottingham seeks to appoint an experienced Safeguarding Professional to the position of **Senior Safeguarding Co-Ordinator** to lead and manage its Safeguarding Service. Working with the Bishop, the Diocesan Trustees, Safeguarding Commission and clergy and parishes of the diocese, this person will lead and develop safeguarding strategy and practice to the highest levels, and implement national policies and procedures fully and consistently. This is a key senior role, central to the commitment of the Bishop and the diocese to minimise safeguarding risks, achieve excellent outcomes with and for children and vulnerable adults, and enable a protected, supportive environment in which the mission of the Church demonstrably takes place safely across the diocese.

The successful applicant will be a highly motivated, energetic and enthusiastic individual with proven team leadership skills, and an expertise in, and commitment to, safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. The salary is in the range: £43,800 - £47,800 dependent on qualifications and experience.

For more information and an application pack email: office@dioceseofnottingham.uk The closing date for application is 11th April, and interviews are expected (in person) during the week of Monday 19th April.

Another Diocesan Job Opportunity

The post of full time Roman Catholic Chaplain (priest, deacon, religious or lay person) for HMP Stocken is now being advertised. Please follow the link for more details:

<https://justicejobs.tal.net/vx/mobile-0/appcentre-1/brand-13/candidate/so/pm/1/pl/3/opp/42456-42456-Roman-Catholic-Chaplain-Full-Time-Roman-Catholic-Ordained-Priest-Ordained-Deacon-Religious-Brother-Sister-Lay-Person/en-GB>

A note from Justine

The 26th March was my last day working for Father Simon and Our Lady of Victories Church and as such I didn't want it to pass without saying thank you and au revoir.

An opportunity has presented its self within the NHS at Kings Mill hospital and with the uncertainty that covid brings, I've decided to take up the role and as a result will no longer be able to carry out my responsibilities within the Church.

I've thoroughly enjoyed my time here (5 years!) and always found the parishioners incredibly friendly and supportive. Everyone has always been so kind to me - I really will miss it. I'll still be living in Southwell, so hopefully will bump in to some of you (once Boris lets us out again!).

I hope you have all managed to keep safe and well and that life returns to some normality for us all very soon. Take Care, Love Justine x

We warmly thank Justine for all her support of our parish since July 2016 especially during the time when there was no resident priest.

Parish Newsletter by email

If you'd like to receive the parish newsletter by email simply email Father Simon at **simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk**, asking to be added. It's necessary to have parishioners' consent to send the newsletter, and other messages, via email.

Likewise if you haven't filled in a parish census form please consider doing so. The form can be found on the forms tab of the parish website. Without this basic contact information it's not possible for the parish to keep in touch with you. At this time when it's difficult to come to church being able to post out some newsletters and prayer resources to parishioners is one simple way of keeping in touch.

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. Our parish is projected to make a loss of almost £25,000 this year, due to the lack of parish hall bookings and the reduction in weekly collection income. If you've able to set up a standing order, 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!

Collection for the Holy Land

Each year, the Church throughout the world takes up a collection on Good Friday to assist Christians in the Holy Land and help protect the Holy Places. Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, the Prefect for the Congregation for the Eastern Churches, is asking all Christians to offer their generous support to this year's initiative, which "was born from the desire of the Popes to maintain a strong link between all the faithful and the Holy Places."

We will take this collection at each Holy Week Mass and the Solemn Liturgy

How has covid-19 affected you and your faith?

Bishop Patrick would like to hear from you! 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. Bishop Patrick is eager to know more about peoples' experiences of the pandemic, with a view to ensuring that the faithful are well supported and understood in the years ahead. Please visit

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

and fill out the short questionnaire. Please encourage other parishioners to do so too. The deadline for submissions is Sunday 4th July.

Supporting Newark Foodbank

The following items are especially needed at the moment:

✘ Tinned cold meat

✘ Long-life milk

✘ Passata

✘ Jam

✘ Tomato ketchup

✘ Sugar (small – 500g – bags)

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

Nature Survey

Church communities across the country have been asked to participate in a **Nature Count** in churchyards, parish cemeteries, consecrated ground: in whatever land is adjacent to a church. Southwell Minster will be participating, and if anyone would like to sign up to see what nature there is either in Calverton or Southwell church sites, please follow the link: **<https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/expression-of-interest-in-churches-count-on-nature-2021/>**

Prayer Intentions for Lent

Although we can't pray the Universal Prayer (bidding prayers) at Mass presently, Bishop Patrick gives us some suggestions for our prayers during each week of Lent.

Out of love Christ offered himself for the reconciliation of the world. Secure in this knowledge so we pray:

- ✠ For all Christian people; may they find in the passion and death of Christ the power to transform their own lives and the world around them. Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.
- ✠ We pray for our diocesan family; that we may live this Holy Week with special reverence, awareness and devotion, and that we may draw closer to Christ and to each other. Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.
- ✠ For those who are to be baptised and received into the Church at the Easter Vigil, that these final days of preparation will be an occasion of transforming grace. Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.
- ✠ That civil authorities will use their power to protect the poor, oppose injustice, preserve freedom, and promote lasting peace in our world. Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.
- ✠ That God will shelter all persecuted Christians and make their witness effective for all. Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.
- ✠ We pray for all who will die this day; we pray for their families and friends. May they discover the consolation and hope of faith, and entrust themselves to God's loving mercy and forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.
- ✠ May Mary, the sorrowful Mother, who stood at the foot of the cross, join her prayers to ours as we pray: Hail Mary ...

Father, your Son emptied himself and became one like us in all things except sin. Give to your people that grace to follow Christ, even to the cross, that we may rise to new life in him, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



A prayer for life

We pray for all considering abortion. We pray that the love and support of those around them would encourage mothers to continue with their pregnancy and find peace and joy in what the future holds. Lord hear us.

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.
- ✘ **Father James Earley**, formerly parish priest in Alfreton, who died on Sunday 20th March after 25 years in the priesthood. May he rest in peace!
- ✘ **Emma Van Spyk**, who died on Monday 22nd March. May she rest in peace!
- ✘ **Joan Hyde**, a parishioner in Calverton.
- ✘ **Clergy of our diocese who are sick at this time**: Monsignor Jonathan Moore, Canons Michael Moore and Owen O'Neill, Fathers John Cairns, Tony Colebrook, John Daley IC, Hugh Doherty, Kevin Gradwell, James Hannigan, Peter Harvey, Christopher Hogan, James Lynch, Frank McLaughlin, Robert Rutledge, Michael Tutcher; Deacons Tom Berrie, Stephen Doona, William Hutchinson.

Readings at Masses and the Solemn Liturgy this week

Sunday	John 12:12-16; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21(22):8-9.17-20.23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 15:1-39
Monday	Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 26(27):1-3.13-14; John 12:1-11
Tuesday	Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 70(71):1-6.15.17; John 13:21-33.36-38
Wednesday	Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 68(69):8-10.21.22.31.33-34; Matthew 26:14-25
Chrism Mass	Isaiah 61:1-3.6.8-9; Psalm 88:21-22.25.27; Revelation :5-8; Luke 4:16-21
Thursday	Exodus 12:1-8.11-14; Psalm 115(116):12-18; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15
Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 30(31):2.6.12-17.25; Hebrews 4:14-16.5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42
Easter Vigil	Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18; Psalm 15(16):5.8-11; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Exodus 15; Isaiah 55:1-11; Isaiah 12; Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 117(118):1-2.16-17.22-23; Mark 16:1-8

Easter Collection

A reminder that the collection on Easter Day is a gift, the traditional offering to the parish priest – thank you in advance for your generosity!

Envelopes are available at the back of each church if you wish to take one home.

How to make a Palm Cross

Whilst the Palm is the symbol of triumphant entry on Palm Sunday, the Cross is the symbol of death on Good Friday. Some Catholics like to shape their 'straight' palm into a Cross at the end of Holy Week and keep it in their home throughout the year.

Supplies: One palm leaf strip about 24-26" in length, 1/2" in width, tapering to the end.

