



Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Southwell and Calverton

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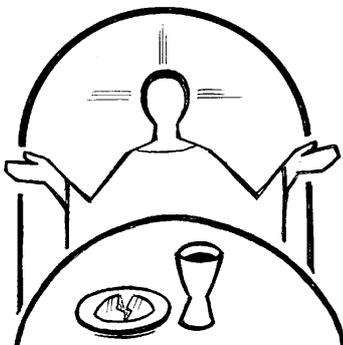
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**5th and 6th June 2021 : Solemnity of the Most Holy
Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**

**12th and 13th June 2021 : Eleventh Sunday of the Year
Patronal Solemnity of Saint Anthony of Padua**

I'm sure almost all of us have happy memories of the day we made our First Holy Communion; whether this was as a child, or later in our life, it was a day marking the culmination of a journey of preparation, longing and expectancy; finally being able



to fully participate in the Mass and receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. To receive the Eucharist is the greatest gift that God has given to us, one which (unlike the other sacraments of initiation) we are invited to receive again and again, almost as often as we come to Mass (we may receive the Eucharist no more than twice on any one day, even if we go to Mass a third time; cf Code of Canon Law 917). However, up until the early part of the twentieth century the frequent reception of Holy Communion was rare, and it was Pope Saint Pius X who reinvigorated and gave official sanction to the frequent – indeed daily – reception of Holy Communion. It's perhaps strange to think that, for many years, people would faithfully go to Mass, but not receive Communion. To most of us, today, the reception of Communion at Mass is not only the high point of the Mass, but also of our week's prayer.

To gain an understanding of the sacrament of the Eucharist we can start in no better place than Saint John's Gospel, chapter six, and especially verse 35: 'I am the bread of life. No one who comes to me will ever hunger; no one who believes in me will ever thirst.' We hear these familiar words often at Mass, and in hymns, and might even use them in our prayer life; they are so utterly profound, linking as they

do the person of Jesus to the food for eternal life which he leaves for us. In the other three gospels, the synoptics of Saints Matthew, Mark and Luke, we have accounts of the Last Supper, at which Jesus explained in different words the gift of the Eucharist that he was leaving for his disciples, and indeed for all of us. 'This is my body given for you . . . this cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you' (Luke 22:19-20, and cf Matthew 26:26-28 and Mark 14:22-24). However the earliest written account of this Eucharistic theology comes not from the gospels but from the letters of Saint Paul; in his first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 11, verses 23-27, he describes very simply the offering of Jesus which we recognise immediately as the same offering we see made every time we go to Mass. What was being described in the very first years of Christianity is still a reality for us in our own time.

All of this is very familiar to us, and yet at the same time there is the mystery: what does happen at Mass? What is the Eucharist? We know that bread and wine are brought to the priest at the offertory of the Mass, and that through his actions this everyday food and drink becomes really Jesus, present amongst us. No longer are bread and wine on the altar, but Jesus is there, 'his Body and his Blood, with his soul and his divinity' (Catechism 1413). The actions of the priest are no mere historical re-enactment of the Last Supper; rather, that bloodless sacrifice of Jesus, which prefigured his bloody sacrifice on the Cross, is made real again for us, in our midst. This is called the anamnesis, the re-making present. This happens through the power of the Holy Spirit, working in the priest, who is invoked during the Eucharistic Prayer to hallow our offering, the epiclesis. These two actions taken together, the anamnesis and epiclesis, transubstantiate the bread and wine; the bread and wine are no longer present, instead, Jesus is with us.

Following from this, we can see why we give such honour to the Blessed Sacrament, for we are honouring not just a sacrament, but God himself. We genuflect not when we just enter a church, but rather when we are in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We make time to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament through our periods of exposition – worship of God on the altar. Hopefully we will be able to recommence this devotion in our parish very soon in both of our churches, so that all who are able can be encouraged to participate. And we honour God by making sure that we are in a state of grace before we come to Holy Communion, in other words, we should receive the sacrament of Confession before Communion if we are aware of any grave sin in our life, or make a perfect act of contrition before Communion, if we are unable to receive Confession in time, with the resolution of receiving sacramental Confession as soon as possible afterwards.

The Eucharist is the 'source and summit' (Lumen Gentium, 11) of our Christian lives; we begin from Christ on our Christian journey, and, strengthened by his heavenly food, it is to Him that we return.

Patronal Solemnity of Saint Anthony of Padua : Sunday 13th June

Since Saint Anthony's Day falls on a Sunday of Ordinary Time the Sunday is displaced and Saint Anthony, being our parish patron, is celebrated instead.

Fernando Martins de Bulhões was born in Lisbon in 1193 into a noble family. At around the age of 16 he joined the Austin Canons and studied at Coimbra. About 1220 he met some Franciscans on their way to Morocco, who were very soon after martyred. Saint Antony was so impressed with them he gained permission to leave the Austin Canons and became a Franciscan himself, travelling to Ceuta in the hope of continuing their mission. Instead he became ill and was forced to return home.

In 1221 he took part in the General Chapter of his Order in Assisi, Italy. He was sent to the small hermitage of Saint Paulo near Forli, where one day he was asked to preach at an ordination, and on this day his remarkable gift for preaching was discovered. He had a tremendous knowledge of the bible but was able to preach in a way that captivated people whether they were learned or simple. After hearing him, Saint Francis asked him to teach theology at Padua and Bologna. Later, as his fame for teaching spread, he preached and taught throughout France.

In 1227 he was elected provincial of the Franciscans in Northern Italy and spent much of his time visiting the friaries under his care. During these three years he wrote the sermons for Sundays and became a member of a commission sent to Rome to discuss the Franciscan Rule and Testament of Saint Francis. In Rome his preaching was called 'a jewel case of the Bible'.

Saint Anthony returned to Padua for the last months of his life, which were devoted to hearing confessions, preaching and helping people in debt. He died at Arcela in 1231, but was buried at the church of Our Lady in Padua. He was canonised just a year after his death, one of the fastest canonisations in the Church's history, due to the popular veneration of his ministry among the other friars and among the faithful people alike. On 16th January 1946 he was proclaimed to be a Doctor of the Church, an honour given to those whose learning and teaching has made a profound impact on our understanding of God and theology.

Many miracles have been attributed to his intercession and he is often invoked as the finder of lost articles. Saint Anthony was a charismatic preacher and his cult has always been immensely popular. Artists often depict him with animals, preaching to fish, or with a lily carrying the child Jesus seated on a book. He is the patron saint of Lisbon (Portugal), and of Brazil, and of the US city of San Antonio (Texas). And of course he is also the patron saint of the Catholic church in Calverton! Father Frank will celebrate Mass in honour of Saint Anthony on his feastday in our church in Calverton. **Saint Anthony : Prayer for us!**

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 social interaction in church (outside of our bubble), and recommended not to linger too long outside of church. We can come to church with a maximum (including priest and stewards) of 24 people in Southwell and 30 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 at two metre distances 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.
- ✘ Please 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!
- ✘ Please dress appropriately for the weather and temperature, noting that the necessary ventilation in church can produce draughts.

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=IwAR0nHe0lfONdVaFT8vwQIDjb5UQJ0_DQbEjxdLAKEdqdeGIHHATF35ENOEI

Father Simon's Exams in Leuven

From 6th until 19th June I will be in Leuven for canon law exams. During this time Father Frank Carvill has very kindly agreed to celebrate the Sunday Masses again, as he's done previously. The usual system of booking for Mass will operate.

Since it's not yet clear how long the period of quarantine will be after returning from Leuven Father Frank has agreed to celebrate the Sunday Masses on the weekend I return (19th and 20th June), and it might be that I am not able to publicly celebrate Masses that week. I shall offer Mass each day for the intentions given on the back page of the newsletter, and for all the people of the parish each Sunday.

If you need to contact me please do so by email, and if you need a priest urgently please contact the Dean, Canon Michael O'Donoghue, on 01636 704936. I very much look forward to seeing you when I'm back,

Father Simon

Changes to the covid-19 restrictions in church

Thank you to all the parishioners who have expressed opinions about 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. The diocese has given permission for an increase in the churches' capacities (from 20 to 24 in Southwell and from 24 to 30 in Calverton) and the reduction in the number of stewards (from three to two).

Although we don't know whether there will be a further easing on 21st June, some parishioners have made the following suggestions:

- ✘ 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;
- ✘ Removing the need to book for Sunday Masses;
- ✘ Retiming the Calverton Sunday Mass to Saturday at 6.00pm, and the Southwell Sunday Mass to Sunday at 9.00am;
- ✘ Refreshments after the two Sunday Masses;
- ✘ A time of thanksgiving (in church) after receiving Holy Communion;
- ✘ Reducing the social distance between parishioners from two metres to closer;

Thank you for these thoughts, and do let me know of any other ideas, so that as and when we're able to do more we are in a position to do so.

Father Simon

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

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_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/ndcyslives>

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.

Annual Financial Report to the Parish 2020-21

Dear Parishioners,

The annual audited accounts have now been finalised for the year ending 31st March 2021. Many thanks to Michael Gemson for having compiled the accounts, who along with Martin Foulds and Paul Newton form our Parish Finance Committee. Sincere thanks, too, to all the parishioners, and supporters of our parish for your generous and sustained financial contributions each week.

An outline of the report is given over the next two pages, together with a comparison of the previous four years, and the budget for this present year (to 31st March 2022). **Simply put, the parish spends more money than it brings in.** Over the past five years there has been an overspend in four of the years, with only one year (when a £21,000 legacy was received) showing an in-year surplus. Last year the overspend was particularly significant, as we lost almost all of the anticipated hall income (about £14,000) whilst having much higher cleaning costs once the churches and hall were reopened. Taking out the legacy income, the average over-spend for each of the past five years has been £16,121.

The good news is that over the past year, despite the churches being closed for several months and our Mass attendance numbers being very low, the Sunday collection income fell by only £10 over the whole year, and when the gift aid was reclaimed our combined collection income was actually higher than in the previous year (2019-20) when we were open every day and with many more parishioners attending. Renewed thanks to those parishioners who have standing orders, or who set up standing orders, or indeed increased their existing standing orders over the last year to help keep the parish financial afloat. **This is truly a magnificent effort!**

A budget for this current year shows a projected over-spend of £7,555. This in-year deficit is half what it was last year, and is being achieved with the anticipation that collection income remains steady, a very small amount of hall-hire income is received, and that costs are cut or curtailed wherever possible. We are blessed as a parish to have reserves to absorb this annual over-spend, but this can't go on forever. Our deposit account has a balance of just over £120,000, down from over £170,000 five years ago.

Although fundraising is helpful, the main way in which parish income is generated is through the generous weekly and monthly donations of parishioners, especially those who have completed standing order forms, supplemented by gift-aid claims by those who are tax-payers. Although there are very many calls on each person's finances, please consider how much you current give to our parish, and whether you're able to give any more.

With my continuing prayers and thanks

Fr Simon

Parish Income

	Budget	Actual (year to 31 st March)				
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Recurring Sources of Income						
Collections	30,000	29,106	29,116	30,107	29,625	34,823
<i>(Note – this line represents the weekly collections as well as standing orders)</i>						
Gift Aid Tax Repayment	4,200	6,069	4,476	6,998	14,893	11,918
Total weekly income	34,200	35,175	33,592	37,105	44,518	46,741
<i>(Note – this line represents our total income from the weekly collections including the Gift Aid tax reclaim on those collections)</i>						
Fundraising	0	152	145	0	0	2,194
Donations Received	2,500	2,861	2,585	4,699	4,962	5,820
Interest credited - Set-off Account	600	644	704	861	252	873
Repository income	800	820	1,146	2,120	2,284	3,125
Sundry income	1,200	1,230	15,639	15,289	16,667	18,971
<i>(Note – this includes hall hire income)</i>						
Total Recurring Income (A)	39,300	40,882	54,014	60,074	68,683	77,724
One-off Income						
Legacies received	0	0	0	21,480	0	0
Total One-off Income (B)	0	0	0	21,480	0	0
Total Parish Income (A) + (B)	39,300	40,882	54,014	81,554	68,683	77,724
Income from Restricted Sources	5,000	5,507	5,514	5,615	5,986	5,168
<i>(Note – this income does not belong to our parish and is paid to the priest(s) celebrating Masses and funerals, etc, as well as to the beneficiaries of Second Collections; see 'Payment of Restricted Expenditure' in the expenditure section below)</i>						
Total Parish Income reported to the diocese	44,300	46,389	59,528	87,169	74,668	82,893
<i>(Note – because of rounding to whole £ (ie ignoring the pence in each category) some totals are slightly different to the sum of the figures given above)</i>						

Parish Expenditure

	Budget	Actual (year to 31 st March)				
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Expenditure						
Church and Hall Expenses	16,000	15,210	24,550	17,968	15,496	36,362
House and Housekeeping costs	7,500	7,424	7,694	4,748	4,855	4,480
Insurances Paid	1,800	1,517	2,057	2,403	1,921	1,767
Diocesan Quota Paid	7,055	7,788	9,473	9,816	9,888	10,728
Payments to Clergy	4,000	4,151	11,654	14,476	13,724	12,145
Wages & NIC	1,000	4,345	10,005	9,464	8,785	11,195
Office Expenses	4,000	10,352	2,405	3,926	1,672	1,313
Travel Expenses	4,000	3,621	5,263	2,473	2,340	2,452
<i>(Note – mainly the reimbursement of travel expenses incurred by our priests on parish work)</i>						
Sundry expenses	0	0	607	500	8,000	48
Repository Purchases	1,000	837	1,439	2,351	1,479	1,554
Fundraising expenses	0	146	0	254	84	78
Donations made	500	604	1,302	642	12,746	1,146
<i>(Note – the figure in the 2018 column contains a donation to the Sick and Retired Priests Fund from parish reserves)</i>						
Total Recurring Expenditure	46,855	55,995	76,449	69,020	72,990	83,268
One-off Expenditure						
Church maintenance	0	0	19,480	0	0	6,290
<i>(Note – in 2020 there was the presbytery refurbishment and refurnishing costs; in 2017 the church redecoration costs)</i>						
Total Parish Expenditure	46,855	55,995	95,929	69,020	72,990	89,559
Payment of Restricted Expenditure	5,000	4,943	5,564	4,873	5,921	5,458
Total Parish Expenditure reported to the diocese	51,855	60,938	101,493	73,894	78,911	95,017
Income less Expenditure (brackets = deficit)	(-7,555)	(-14,549)	(-41,965)	13,275	(-4,243)	(-12,124)

Some notes to the Accounts

- ✘ It is truly amazing that our parish collection income has dropped by only £10 over the entire year of pandemic and lockdown! This is very much due to many parishioners donating via standing order. If you don't do so, please consider it!
- ✘ Due to the time delay with gift aid claims this income was higher last year than the year before, but claims are now being made quarterly and so should balance out. We can reclaim 25 pence for every £1 donated by a tax payer who's signed a gift-aid declaration and whose contribution can be traced (eg through a standing order). We can also claim gift aid at the same rate on up to £8,000 loose plate income received each year.
- ✘ Mass intentions have increased over the year, and offerings to those charities we support through the second collections have also been generous.
- ✘ Repository income has been healthy, despite the repositories being closed, through the donations of those who light candles every time they come to church.
- ✘ The biggest change in income is the sundry line, which includes hall hire – down from £15,600 in 2019-20, to £1,230 last year. Although some hall hire has recommenced it's highly unlikely Bubblewrap will return, who contributed about £12,000 to our parish's annual income.
- ✘ In 2019 we received a legacy of £21,480. No legacies have been received since, and this is an area parishioners might consider when drafting their will.
- ✘ Considering the expenditure, significant savings have been made in the hall and church expenditure, in part because they have been closed for periods of time, also by changing some suppliers, and being prudent in other ways.
- ✘ The household costs (for the presbytery) are more or less the same, noting the £19,500 spent on the presbytery in the previous year.
- ✘ Our diocesan quota, the money we pay to support the diocesan central services, continues to go down since it tracks our overall income position.
- ✘ The wage bill has reduced by nearly £6,000 due to our two staff being furloughed for most of the year. Justine (parish assistant) has now left the parish for another job and hasn't been replaced.
- ✘ The office expenses are high due to some refurbishment and clearing of the parish office, and to the overhaul of the internet and broadband provision in the presbytery, hall and church (in Southwell).
- ✘ Our current financial position is not sustainable in the longer term and we need to address this sooner rather than later. At the current rate of spending our reserves the parish will be bankrupt by 2029.

Corpus Christi : Renewal of Commitment by the Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

It seems a long time since we saw Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion helping to distribute the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass in our churches, or indeed taking the Blessed Sacrament to those in our parish who aren't able easily to come to Mass. Given the current restrictions it's likely to be a while yet before we are able to share the Chalice at Mass, but our Extraordinary Ministers continue to be a vital part of our parish community. Usually on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi the Extraordinary Ministers are invited to come forward and renew their commitment, but since this can't happen this year each one is encouraged to make the following commitment either before Mass, or at home, this coming Sunday, to recognise this precious service in distributing the Body and Blood of Our Lord.

Make the Sign of the Cross, and read the Gospel for today's Mass. After a period of silent reflection, ponder these questions, which would usually be asked of you at Mass, and consider your response:

- ✘ Am I resolved to persevere faithfully in this office of giving the Body and Blood of Christ to my brothers and sisters for the service and growth of the Church?
- ✘ Am I resolved to reverence and care for the Eucharist which I administer?
- ✘ Do I commit myself to spending some time each week in prayer in the real presence of the Lord, either during a period of Adoration or simply in church, before the tabernacle?
- ✘ Will I pray each day for those to whom I minister the Blessed Sacrament, especially those who haven't been able to receive Our Lord during this time of pandemic?

After a final period of silence, quietly pray the Our Father, and then conclude with:

- ✘ May God, who has begun this good work in me, bring it to its completion to his glory, to the building up of his body the Church, and to my communion with all the blessed in heaven. Amen.

This recommitment finishes with the Sign of the Cross, and the hope that next year the renewal will, once again, be celebrated publicly at Mass in our churches.



Forthcoming Events in our parish and wider community

Fair Tax Week will run from **5th to 13th June**, with Tax Justice Sunday on 6th June. Resources are available on the CATJ website: 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 7th 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 for further details.

Renewing the face of the Earth, an online *Laudato Si'* workshop for care of Creation, on **Tuesday 8th 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!

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Aid to the Church in Need's Benefactors' Day : Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, **Friday 11th June**. They are praying for you! On the Feast of the Sacred Heart, ACN's project partners around the world will be offering prayers and Masses

for all those who help suffering Christians through Aid to the Church in Need benefactors, including UK parishes, groups, schools and individual supporters. Mr Neville Kyrke-Smith, national Director of ACN in England and Wales has asked that this message of the gift of prayer and friendship from ACN brothers and sisters be shared with parish communities. He continues:

“This spiritual outpouring of love is in grateful thanks for the compassionate generosity of all who have supported the Body of Christ worldwide over so many years and, especially during the pandemic. Despite their own struggles during the last year, the generosity of the Catholic community in supporting suffering and persecuted families has been unparalleled. The messages from the Middle East, Africa and elsewhere can be found at <https://acnuk.org/messages-to-our-benefactors/> and Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, ACN’s UK Ecclesiastical Assistant will also be offering Holy Mass at 5.00pm on Friday 11th June at Farm Street Church. For an overview of the day please visit: <https://acnuk.org/resource/acn-benefactors-day-2021/>”

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 15th 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 **5th – 8th August**. For more info and to register please follow the link: **<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/>**

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. **The closing date is Sunday 20th 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. 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!

Supporting Newark Foodbank

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

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

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 4th July.

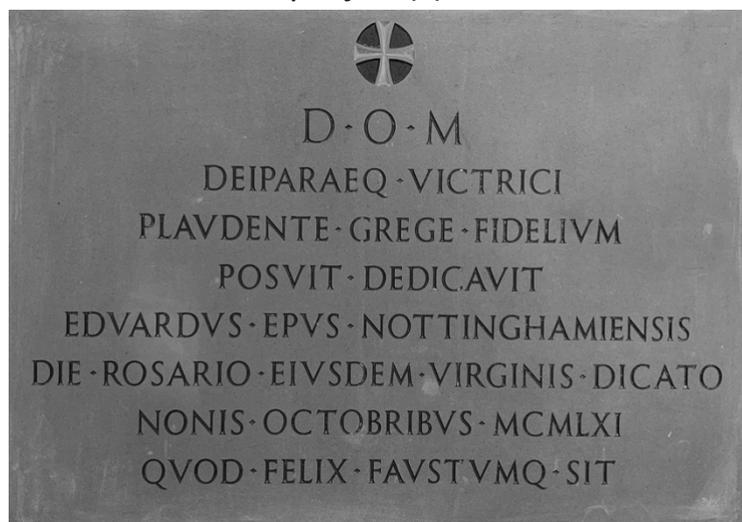
The Women's Royal Naval Service

Mandy Powell and Janette Crisp, Project Coordinators, and both ex-WRNS, have written to ask: **Do you have any Wrens in your family?**

"I'm not referring to the tiny, feathered variety in the garden but the indomitable ladies who joined the Women's Royal Naval Service. Specifically, ladies who joined up between 1946 and 1981 and did their basic training at Training Depot Burghfield / HMTE Burghfield / HMTE Dauntless / HMS Dauntless / Reading. Dauntless Divisional Photos is a worldwide project, in collaboration with the Association of Wrens, to gather divisional photographs and memories from those training days but also to reunite ladies with old friends, share anecdotes and relive exciting moments. So if you, your mum, granny, aunt, godmother or even next door neighbour donned a blue suit and aimed for a life on the ocean wave, please get in touch on either ddpwrens@gmail.com or telephone 07765 435295 / 07719 90 9844."

Diamond Jubilee in Southwell

In October our parish church in Southwell will celebrate its diamond jubilee. With a reopening of our churches might this be an opportunity to come together as a parish and tackle some project(s) to mark the occasion? The heating system is in need of



overhaul; there could be some colour brought into the church with stained glass; perhaps the field behind the hall might be redeveloped as a parish cemetery? If you've ever seen the stone plaque marking the occasion you'll know that 7th October will be our celebratory day. Any ideas to Father Simon please!

A reflection from 'Marriage Matters'

(Corpus Christi) **A promise of eternal life** Today, the letter to the Hebrews speaks of a new covenant, a new promise of eternal life. We became a new covenant when we promised to be a married couple on our wedding day. We renew our married covenant each time we nourish and feed each other in our relationship with acts and words of tender kindness.

(Eleventh Sunday of the Year) **The seed that grows to become a shelter** Each of us has a 'seed' of love in us at our birth. This is fostered as we grow to value others through our relationships. Learning to love ourselves and each other more deeply helps our seeds of love to swell. Eventually our unified love becomes a 'shelter' for our children, our families and all those whose lives we touch.

A prayer for life

6th June: This week we marked the International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression. Let us remember especially the most vulnerable of all children, the unborn. We pray that as a society we would take on the duty to protect all children from harm, and ensure that they arrive into a world where they are loved and supported by all. Lord hear us.

13th June We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities; we pray for protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of society to have an abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming support from all who surround them. Lord hear us.

For updated information visit: www.righttolife.org.uk/news

Prayer in 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.

Prayer in the 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.

Readings at Masses this week and next week

Sunday (6th)	Ex 24:3-8; Ps 115(116):12-13.15-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16.22-26
Monday	2 Corinthians 1:1-7; Psalm 33(34):2-9; Matthew 5:1-12
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Psalm 118(119):129-133.135; Matthew 5:13-16
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Psalm 98(99):5-9; Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday	2 Corinthians 3:15-4:1.3-6; Psalm 84(85):9-14; Matthew 5:20-26
Friday	Hosea 11:1.3-4.8-9; Isaiah 12; Ephesians 3:8-12.14-19; John 19:31-37
Saturday	2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Psalm 102(103):1-4.9-12; Luke 24:1-51
Sunday Vigil	Ez 17:22-24; Ps 91(92):2-3.13-16; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34
Sunday (13th)	Is 61:1-3; Ps 88(89):2-5.21-22.25.27; Ephesians 3:8-12; Luke 10:1-9
Monday	2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Psalm 97(98):1-4; Matthew 5:38-42
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Psalm 145(146):2.5-9; Matthew 5:43-48
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Psalm 111(112):1-4.9; Matthew 6:1-6.16-18
Thursday	2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Psalm 110(111):1-4.7-8; Matthew 6:7-15
Friday	2 Corinthians 11:18.21-30; Psalm 33(34):2-7; Matthew 6:19-23
Saturday	2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Psalm 33(34):8-13; Matthew 6:24-34

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.
- ✘ **Sister Mary O’Riordan**, a Presentation Sister from Matlock, who died on Sunday 30th May, after 77 years in Religious Life. May she rest in peace.
- ✘ **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 Entwistle, Kevin Gradwell, James Hannigan, Peter Harvey, Christopher Hogan, James Lynch, Frank McLaughlin, Robert Rutledge, Michael Tutcher; Deacons Tom Berrie, Stephen Doona, William Hutchinson.

Masses this week and next week

Saturday 5th June

S 6.00pm Mass

Sunday 6th June

C 9.00am Mass

Monday 7th June

Mass (in Leuven)

Tuesday 8th June

Mass (in Leuven)

Wednesday 9th June

Mass (in Leuven)

Thursday 10th June

Mass (in Leuven)

Friday 11th June

Mass (in Leuven)

Saturday 12th June

Mass (in Leuven)

S 6.00pm Mass (Fr Frank)

Sunday 13th June

Mass (in Leuven)

C 10.45am Mass (Fr Frank)

Monday 14th June

Mass (in Leuven)

Tuesday 15th June

Mass (in Leuven)

Wednesday 16th June

Mass (in Leuven)

Thursday 17th June

Mass (in Leuven)

Friday 18th June

Mass (in Leuven)

Saturday 19th June

Mass (in Leuven)

S 6.00pm Mass (Fr Frank)

Sunday 20th June

Mass (in Leuven)

C 10.45am Mass (Fr Frank)

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Eileen and Barry Thomas (golden wedding)

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Teresa Thomas RIP

Feria

Father Enda Keenan RIP

Feria

Father James Earley RIP

Feria

Canon Owen O'Neill RIP

Feria

Father Anthony Colebrook RIP

SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In Thanksgiving (ninth anniversary of ordination)

Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Father Jeeva Kumar Darsi RIP

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Mary Back RIP

PATRONAL SOLEMNITY OF SAINT ANTHONY

Pro Populo (people of the parish)

Deceased Members of the Wilkes Family

Feria

Peter Gabriel Carter RIP

Feria

November Dead List

Feria

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Feria

Jessica Hanvey RIP

Feria

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Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Anne Marie Mooney RIP

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Pro Populo (people of the parish)

Rose Doyle RIP