



Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Southwell and Calverton

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19th and 20th June 2021 : Twelfth Sunday of the Year Fathers' Day

Although not a liturgical feast, our society recognises today as Father's Day. We might celebrate today: perhaps by spending time with our Dads, cooking special meals or sending cards and gifts. For those whose Fathers are no longer with us it might be a day to remember them, to pray for the happy repose of their souls, and give thanks for their influence in our lives. Traditions and even the date of Father's Day vary throughout the world: in some countries it's 19th March, Saint Joseph's Day; in other countries it celebrates the foundation of the nation, or the Fatherhood of a prominent politician. Its history is much shorter than its counterpart Mothering Sunday, but generally there's a sense of celebrating something of our origins, be they personal or national, and recognising that our observance of where we come from helps us to understand who we are.

For Catholic priests, colloquially called 'Father', it's a chance to thank God for the blessings brought by parishioners, but also to recognise that for some people the image of Father isn't a happy one. We live in a world, sadly, where absent or even abusive fathers are a reality, and the traditional imagery doesn't always stand up to modern-day scrutiny. If our traditions are to be meaningful they need to speak to our own situation and be a comfort to us, not a mill-stone.

Jesus spoke to his disciples in a time and place very different from twenty-first century Calverton and Southwell! He came from a home where Joseph



wasn't his real Father, and probably died when Jesus was young. Jesus didn't father any children himself, and lived in a country where the idea of nationhood was completely extinguished by the occupying Roman authorities.

And yet when his friends the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, he taught them only once, and began with the words: 'Our Father, in heaven . . .' Jesus showed that, whatever our earthly experiences and realities, we each have a true Father: God, in a place without violence and difficulty: Heaven. Whether today is a great celebration for us, or a day tinged with sadness, Jesus reminds us that one day we will be invited to celebrate the Fatherhood of God, from whom and in whom each of us has our true origin.

Father Simon's Exams in Leuven

Sincere thanks to Father Frank Carvill, who supplied last Sunday for our two parish Masses, and does so again this weekend. I've now returned from Leuven (together with Fr Sean Riley of Liverpool Archdiocese and Fr Brendan Seery of Northampton Diocese, who concelebrated the Masses two weeks ago) but have to spend ten days in quarantine. Hopefully I'll be able to take a 'test and release' test on Wednesday (23th June) to allow me to leave the quarantine early, and so be available to celebrate Masses next Saturday and Sunday. In the meantime I'll offer Masses privately for parishioners' intentions each day, and be available via email and telephone.

Many thanks for those parishioners who offered good wishes and assurances of prayers for the canon law exam period. The six exams are completed, and I have 'just' one more assignment to submit this month, together with a 24,000 word thesis and a 30-day work placement (which begins on Monday 21st June). I am likely to have to travel to Leuven again in August for one final exam period, and then I hope the requirements for the degrees will be completed.

Sincere thanks, too, to those parishioners who have been kindly opening our churches and looking after the practical elements of the parish whilst I've been away. May you be very much blessed! During my time away I was able to concelebrate the silver jubilee Mass of one of the other student priests, Father Ray Flaherty (Tuum Archdiocese), after we'd completed our initial ten days' quarantine.

Father Simon



Changes to the covid-19 restrictions in church

As a parish we'll continue to consider how we can make small steps to make our churches more available. The news last Monday hasn't yet led to a wholesale easing of the restrictions, but some elements we might consider in the coming weeks 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);
- ✘ Reducing the social distance between parishioners from 2 to 1.5 metres;
- ✘ Reinstating opportunities in each church for the sacrament of Reconciliation;

Thank you for these thoughts, and do let me know of any other ideas, you have. I'm hopeful to be able to publish some definite small changes in next Sunday's newsletter, as my time of quarantine ends.

Father Simon

Feast this Week – Birth of Saint John the Baptist (24th June)

Saint John the Baptist is the son of Zachariah, a Temple priest and Elizabeth, a quite old cousin of the Virgin Mary. An angel foretold his birth, adding that he would prepare people for the Lord. In the Gospel of Luke Our Lady travelled to the hill country to visit Elizabeth immediately after the Annunciation. Mary was pregnant with Jesus and Elizabeth was pregnant with John the Baptist. Even though he was still in his mother's womb, John became aware of the presence of Christ, and leapt for joy. Elizabeth also recognised the presence of Jesus and said: 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.'

John lived in the wilderness and began public ministry around 30 AD. When Jesus came to him to be baptized, John recognized him and said, "I need to be baptised by you," but Jesus responded by saying of him: "there is not a greater prophet." Following his baptism of Christ, John's popularity grew so much that he alarmed King Herod, who ordered him arrested and imprisoned. John spoke with Herod on several occasions and condemned his marriage to his half-brother's wife. King Herod had promised to grant a wish to his daughter. In revenge for John's condemnation of her mother's scandalous marriage to Herod, she asked for John's head. King Herod reluctantly obliged. Saint John the Baptist's feast day is 24th June, although the anniversary of his death is 29th August. He is the patron saint of Jordan, Puerto Rico, French Canada and many other places.

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

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=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/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 Day for Life

On this annual Day for Life we might consider the recent statement of Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, 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, is currently being debated in Parliament. Bishop John wrote:

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. Tomorrow will 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', celebrated on Sunday 20th 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.

We might also pray these intercessions today:

- ✘ On this Day for Life, we pray for those people in the final stages of life. May their fears and distress be met with a true compassion, one which finds expression in treating the dying person with love, with dignity and the appropriate palliative care.
- ✘ On this Day for Life, we pray for all those working in health and social care, especially those involved in end-of-life care. We give thanks for their extraordinary dedication and loving care for the sick and dying, particularly during this pandemic.
- ✘ We pray that attempts to legalise assisted suicide in the UK will not be successful. May politicians be inspired to support high quality palliative care for the sick and dying, recognising that ending a life through assisted suicide is not an answer.
- ✘ On this Day for Life we give thanks for the witness of all prolife organisations who work tirelessly to promote, protect and support life from conception to natural death. May the Lord continue to bless their work and witness.
- ✘ On this Day for Life, we pray that all Catholics will work to build a culture where life, in all its vulnerability, is cherished and to promote authentic compassion in the treatment of those who are dying.
- ✘ In this year of Saint Joseph, we seek the intercession of Saint Joseph, patron of the dying, that he might obtain for each of us a happy death.

Regarding the Day for Life, Bishop Patrick has written:

I am very sensitive to the difficult financial situation facing many parishioners and the need to cut back on extra collections, but could I ask you to highlight this year's 'Day for Life' collection which is to be held on Sunday 20th June?

In 2020 we were unable to hold the annual 'Day for Life' collection because of the pandemic, and so the funds are very much depleted. This fund is used to support 'Pro-Life' organisations who raise awareness and who engage in parliamentary work and pastoral outreach. The Nottingham Pro-life group has benefitted from a grant to support their work. But, in addition, we are also now faced, as you know, with the very real threat of the legalisation of 'assisted suicide' in our country. There is already a Private Members Bill in the House of Lords. Financial resources will be needed to resist this. With my sincere thanks as ever. + Patrick McKinney

A collection for the Day for Life will be held at Masses this Sunday and next.

Forthcoming Events in our parish and wider community

The Word and the Common Good: Join Catholics from around the Diocese of Nottingham for an interactive online course on **Monday evenings until 12th July** 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](https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/here-now-us) for further details.

On **Wednesday 23rd June**, the Vigil of Saint John the Baptist, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. On this month's Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life, we are especially asking you to fast and pray for the end of DIY abortions at home. Please join in and invite others to join as well. <https://www.facebook.com/events/121521016724148>

On **Monday 5th July** from 2.00pm until 3.30pm Caritas in the Diocese of Nottingham is organising another online 'Open with Care' workshop. This is an ideal opportunity for parish groups, teams and rota organisers to find out how to start up after lockdown in a covid-secure way. It's also a chance to find out how to start up a new group safely.

The afternoon will be hosted by Paul Bodenham of Caritas and Catherine Scholes, the diocesan Health and Safety Property Officer. If you help run a parish activity, or are keen to see a new activity started up, this workshop is for you. It will take place on Zoom, with opportunities to ask your own questions and learn from others. Bookings must be made in advance: visit bit.ly/openwithcare to register.

Renewing the face of the Earth: A practical workshop for anyone interested in promoting care of Creation will be held on **Tuesday 6th July**, 7.00 - 8.30pm. When it comes to action on climate change, every parish is part of the 'race to net-zero.' Would you like to help your parish, diocese and the wider Church in taking up the environmental challenges of our time? Caritas is seeking to develop a network of parish representatives to help promote care for the environment across the diocese.

Join this conversational workshop on Zoom to explore what being a parish eco-representative could mean, and opportunities coming up this Autumn to enable the

parish to 'preach Good News to all Creation.' Bookings must be made in advance: visit bit.ly/renewtheearth to register.

The Vocations Team is holding their next Zoom café on **Monday 12th July** at 7 pm. This month's guest speaker is Maggie Mairura from Cafod who will be talking about how she lives her call today. If you would like to know more about Vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life and would like to meet the team please email Diane at vocationsadmin@dioceseofnottingham.uk for the Zoom link. A warm welcome awaits you.

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/>

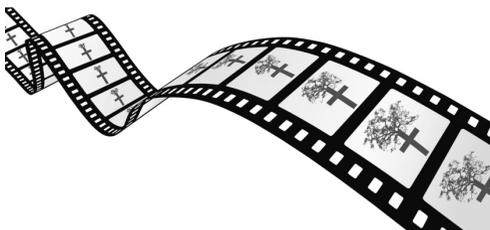
The Green Church Showcase

The Bishops' Conference and the Church of England are inviting parishes, schools, dioceses, and Christian groups to submit details of work that they have undertaken to combat climate change, protect nature, and involve their communities in making changes.

Could our parish be one of them? The deadline for submissions is **Wednesday 21st July**. Selected projects will feature in a specially commissioned video — the 'showreel' — to be launched during the COP26 climate talks in Glasgow at the start of November.

Bishop John Arnold of Salford said: "Catholic communities are already pioneering change in various ways, including engaging with Cafod's *livesimply* award, transitioning to greener energies and developing education on this issue in our schools. As we move towards COP26, we hope that 'Green Church Showcase' provides a platform that will enable and encourage churches to learn from each other across denominations."

If you're interested in this initiative and think it's something we could undertake as a parish please speak with Father Simon. More information can be found at: <https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/green-church-showcase>



Thanks to the Parish

Pat Flint and family would like to express their deep gratitude for all the Masses, prayers and condolences offered for the repose of Douglas's soul. We thank you.

Thanks from Cafod

Thanks to your support, Cafod has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. In Zambia, over the past year, they have been able to reach over one million people with messages on covid-19, provide over 13,000 people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to covid-19 in their local communities, and donate over 1,000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside people in Zambia and for supporting communities in more than 30 other countries worldwide.



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
(tinned or microwavable) | ☒ Toilet rolls |
| | ☒ 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**.

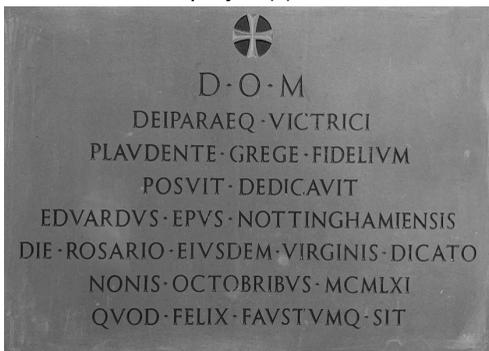
The Women's Royal Naval Service

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'

Make time for each other

Today the readings speak of turbulence and stormy waters. Life is like that! So it is in our married relationships. Nothing is ever completely smooth; our lives are often messy and difficult. As a couple, if we take time to take stock and trust in each other and the Lord, we might just hear His encouragement. *"Quiet now, be calm!"*

A prayer for life

As we celebrate Father's Day, we pray for all fathers who are expecting a child: that they would find peace in their changing circumstances, and be a source of love and support for the child's mother as they prepare for their child to enter the world. 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.



Invocation for the Spirit

On the eve of Pentecost, 22nd May, Bishop Patrick launched Caritas at **Kindle the Fire**, a memorable online liturgy with over 60 others from around our diocese and beyond. It was a moment for unleashing hope after a year that has been difficult for many. It was a sign of encouragement for what the Church can be as we seek to rebuild and reopen. And it was also an opportunity to make a new covenant, as we committed ourselves afresh for service and mission. We listened to the Gospel reading (in Luke 4) in which Jesus took the Holy Spirit's anointing for his own:

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor..."*

What is the anointing you receive from the Spirit? What are you sent to do? We are invited to spend time pondering the invitation of this Gospel for our own life. It's a question to be constantly lived and discovered afresh, rather than answered once and for all. We are invited to pray this prayer together:

- ✘ Come Holy Spirit, and heal our wounded world.
- ✘ Come Holy Spirit, and make us signs of a new creation.
- ✘ Come Holy Spirit with wisdom for the crises our time.
- ✘ Come, Holy Spirit, and grant us your anointing in ourselves.
- ✘ Come Holy Spirit and inspire us for our work of Love.
- ✘ Come Holy Spirit and ignite us with the fire which transforms.
- ✘ Come Holy Spirit and sustain us in your service.
- ✘ Come Holy Spirit, and supply our strength for your service.

Prayers for ...

Please remember in your prayers especially:

- ✘ **Joan Hyde**, who died on Saturday 5th June aged 84, and whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 30th June. May she rest in peace!
- ✘ **Becky Bennett**, a parishioner in Southwell;
- ✘ **Dom Mark Barrett**, newly-elected Abbot of Worth Abbey
- ✘ **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, Patrick O'Doherty, Michael Tutcher; Deacons Tom Berrie, Stephen Doona, William Hutchinson.

Masses this week and next week

Saturday 19th June

Mass (in quarantine)

Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

November Dead List

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Day of Special Prayer for Life Issues – Collection to be taken
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S 6.00pm Mass (Fr Frank)

Anne Marie Mooney RIP

Sunday 20th June

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Mass (in quarantine)

Pro Populo (people of the parish)

C 10.45am Mass (Fr Frank)

Rose Doyle RIP

Monday 21st June

Memorial of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

Mass (in quarantine)

Douglas Flint RIP

Tuesday 22nd June

Feast of Saint John Fisher and Saint Thomas More

Mass (in quarantine)

The Clarkes Father and Son RIP

Wednesday 23rd June

Feria

Mass (in quarantine)

Simon John Crosse RIP

Thursday 24th June

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SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Mass (in quarantine)

Neil O'Flanagan RIP

Friday 25th June

Feria

Mass (in quarantine)

Andrew Baldwin RIP

Saturday 26th June

Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No morning Mass

Thirteenth Sunday of the Year

S 6.00pm Mass

Barbara Pearson RIP and Tom Sills RIP

Sunday 27th June

Thirteenth Sunday of the Year

C 10.45am Mass

Pro Populo (people of the parish)

Readings at Masses this week and next week

Sunday

Job 38:1.8-11; Psalm 106(107):23-26.28-32; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17;
Mark 4:35-41

Monday

Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 32(33):12-13.18-20.22; Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday

2 Maccabees 6:18.21.24-31; Psalm 30(31):2.6.12-13.15-17.25;
Matthew 24:4-13

Wednesday

Genesis 15:1-12.17-18; Psalm 104(105):1-4.6-9; Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday

Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 138(139):1-3.13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66.80

Friday

Genesis 17:1.9-10.15-22; Psalm 127(128):1-5; Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday

Genesis 18:1-15; Luke 1:46-50.53-55; Matthew 8:5-17