

Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Southwell and Calverton

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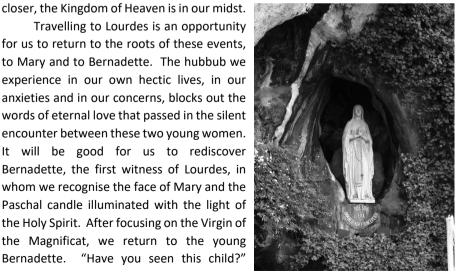


12th July 2020: Fifteenth Sunday of the Year

Usually at this time each year the Bishop leads our diocese on Pilarimage to Lourdes. Although we're not able to journey there physically we can still meditate on the meaning of Pilgrimage and on the importance of Mary's message to Saint Bernadette in our own lives.

The events in Lourdes took place over 160 years ago. But, like the Gospel, which itself is almost 2000 years old, they are as relevant today as ever. They beckon us on to a place we have not yet reached. We need to open our hearts to the Good News, to become the contemporaries of the Gospel today. God approaches ever

Travelling to Lourdes is an opportunity for us to return to the roots of these events. to Mary and to Bernadette. The hubbub we experience in our own hectic lives, in our anxieties and in our concerns, blocks out the words of eternal love that passed in the silent encounter between these two young women. It will be good for us to rediscover Bernadette, the first witness of Lourdes, in whom we recognise the face of Mary and the Paschal candle illuminated with the light of the Holy Spirit. After focusing on the Virgin of the Magnificat, we return to the young Bernadette. "Have you seen this child?"



Monsignor Laurence asked members of the Commission during the investigation into the authenticity of the events at Lourdes. Look at Bernadette and listen to her, welcome the light that shines from the dark recess of the rock, and embrace the silence that enables us to hear the Word of God.

With Bernadette, let us be attentive to the Virgin of Silence, who brings us the Word from a God of Love, our Creator and Saviour. The 'message' of Lourdes is none other than the Good News, announced to the poor and entrusted to them.

At Cana, Mary is attentive to the needs of others; she is in reality listening to God's plan, who wishes to be reunited, through Jesus, with a humanity in decline. Mary knows that, without God, this world lacks foundation or meaning. She knows that this world is the fruit of love and that it needs to live in love to survive. Mary knows that this world, through mankind, must draw its life from the Covenant with its Creator; Mary is listening, she is always available. She is able to say, "May it be done to me according to your word", and to say to the servants at the wedding feast: Do whatever He tells you.

Jesus can respond to Mary's request because she has opened herself fully to His path of trust. She is the first disciple of Jesus. As the Son trusts in the Father from whom He receives everything, Mary trusts in Jesus who has come to fulfil the will of the Father; He becomes his brothers' servant. "I have set you an example, that you should do as I have done for you (Jn 13:15). Like Mary and Bernadette, are we not all, invited above all to be silent and to listen? Then the youngest, the poorest, the most frail, the Bernadettes of today will seem to us to be the privileged ones, those who are able to teach us what is important, those things invisible to the eye, but seen clearly with the heart.

Access to a Priest or the Sacraments

Although our two churches remain closed at the present time Mass is still celebrated every day for the intentions of all the parishioners of Southwell and Calverton, and for the specific intentions you have requested. If you need to contact Father Simon, please get in touch.

Funeral Services can still be held, at the cemetery or crematorium, and a Requiem Mass or Memorial Mass can be celebrated later, when it's possible to gather again in church. If you or someone you know wishes to be anointed with the **Sacrament of the Sick** please speak with Father Simon. Likewise, if you or someone you know wishes to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confession) this can be arranged directly with Father Simon.

Reopening of Catholic churches in England – Update 10th July

Over the last few weeks the Government has relaxed the regulations surrounding places of worship, and now our churches are able to open for private prayer and for Mass too. Our churches in Southwell and Calverton, being part of the Diocese of Nottingham, are subject to the decisions of Bishop Patrick, who has issued regulations concerning how we might reopen our churches.

Sincere thanks to those who have offered to help as volunteers in our churches, and who have emailed Father Simon with suggestions, advice, and offers of help over the past few weeks. If you've not done so, and wish to be involved, please email Father Simon this coming week. The current situation is:

- ★ the protocols we have to follow are relevant to every Catholic church in England, and so although they might seem onerous we have no option to not follow them, although there is no pressure to reopen our churches in Southwell and Calverton until we are ready to do so;
- ♣ although we are one parish we have two churches with little cross-over in their similarly-sized congregations; therefore it would be good to be able to reopen both churches at the same time;
- ★ the Sunday obligation continues to be suspended and so there's no requirement for Masses to be celebrated on Sunday, if celebrations on other days might be more feasible; indeed, in our parish setting we might consider one Mass in each church each week;
- ♥ once he public celebration of Masses have been resumed it would be advantageous to continue celebrating each week; therefore offers of help, rotas, etc, have to be sustainable over the medium term;
- ♣ there is still some doubt about whether those over 70 years old can volunteer as stewards; alternatively there are other jobs to be done which could be undertaken from home, or by those who are shielding;
- ♣ all stewards, cleaners, and those working in church would have to be registered volunteers with the diocese; anyone helping from home wouldn't have to be;
- ★ we would need a minimum of four volunteers per Mass, and the duties would last perhaps two hours (including the cleaning beforehand and afterwards);
- ▼ realigning pews and chairs to observe the two-metre social distancing, and a one-way system, we might be able to accommodate 20 people in either church.

Father Simon hopes to hold a meeting within the next fortnight for those who have offered to help. If you haven't yet, but could do so, please email him this week.

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:

 www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf7upUMsn3Kl8GD79FotjQ/featured?fbclid=I wAR1JRpqkdO0rHZY98bsnSC_N9TKbvSKXv0L5bT4yVCcMTHaVmAwaW4g-rAk
 Bishop Patrick is also celebrating other liturgies. Check the Bishop's YouTube channel (using the link above) for each day's schedule.

Resources for children and young people can be found via the Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service's (NDCYS) website, with particular shows on Monday mornings at 9.30am and Friday evenings at 6.00pm:

https://ndcvs.com

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

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

Other On-line Prayers and Pilgrimage Places

Usually during this week the Bishop would be leading our Diocese on Pilgrimage to Lourdes. That can't happen because of the ongoing travel restrictions, but there are still a number of important sites, shrines and sanctuaries people can "visit" online in Europe and the Middle East.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France will be holding a worldwide online pilgrimage July 16 – the anniversary of the last apparition of the Virgin Mary.

Everyone is invited to join the online initiative, which will be livestreamed for 15 hours in 10 languages from the Grotto of Lourdes at **www.lourdes-france.org/en/lourdes-united** For more than 160 years, the sanctuary has been an essential place for millions of people who visit each year, seeking hope, healing, fraternity and deepened faith. Navigating the top of the homepage at **www.lourdes-france.org/en/** it is also possible to request a Mass, light a candle and place a prayer petition in the grotto.

The Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land oversees 55 sanctuaries in Israel, the Palestinian territories and Jordan. Visitors at www.custodia.org/en/sanctuaries can get a more in-depth look at these sacred places, especially the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, revered as the site of Jesus's tomb, in Jerusalem.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal offers a livestream of the chapel and praying live daily broadcasts of the rosary and Mass at www.fatima.pt/en/pages/online-transmissions The same link also provides a gallery of pictures, videos and "sounds," including an audio library of Marian hymns. Though only in Italian, the Holy House of Loreto near the Adriatic Sea in Italy posts videos of their daily Masses and the recitation of the rosary on their YouTube channel "Santa Casa Loreto" at www.youtube.com/channel/UCT9uLSAfEfqgXbArvYyHzQg Their main website at santuarioloreto.it/ also only in Italian, has links for sending prayer intentions and for seeing photos and videos of the sanctuary, which tradition holds is where Mary was born and raised and where the Holy Family was thought to have lived when Jesus was a boy. The one-room Holy House also is held to be the place where Mary received the angel's annunciation and conceived the Son of God through the Holy Spirit.

The website of the **Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi** offers a huge list of online opportunities, all in Italian, but still visually enriching, like a livestream of the tomb of Saint Francis with an option of sending a prayer petition at

www.sanfrancescopatronoditalia.it/web-cam-cripta-di-san-francesco-assisi and a livestream of daily Mass in the basilica at

www.sanfrancescopatronoditalia.it/messa-diretta-streaming-oggi

While a special online exposition of the **Shroud of Turin** was held April 11 for prayer and contemplation during the coronavirus epidemic, the recorded event, with commentary in English, can be found online at

www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7BmsSE_4Wk

Catholic churches now open in our Diocese

Nottinghamshire

- ★ Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham: weekdays, 10.00 12.00; weekends, 11.00 12.00
- **★ The Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe**: Sunday, 9.00 13.00; Saturday, 9.00 13.00 and 15.00 19.00; weekdays, 10.00 13.00 and 16.00 19.00
- **▼ Saint Paul, Lenton**: daily 11.00 13.00

Derbyshire

- **¥ Saint Mary, Derby**: daily, 11.00 13.00
- ★ Our Lady and Saint Thomas of Hereford, Ilkeston: weekdays, 12.00 14.00; weekends, 9.00 10.00 (subject to changes)
- ★ Our Lady and Saint Joseph, Matlock: Tuesday, 11.00 12.30; Wednesday, 11.00 12.30; Friday, 18.00 20.00
- **★ Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Swadlincote**: Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, 11.00 13.00
- ₱ The Annunciation, New Mills: Wednesdays, 16.00 18.00; Fridays, 11.00 13.00
- **★ Saint Anne, Buxton**: Wednesdays, 18.00 19.00; Fridays, 11.00 12.00; Saturdays, 11.00 12.00

Leicestershire

- ♣ Holy Cross, Leicester: Tuesday to Sunday, 14.00 17.00
- ★ Saint Patrick, Leicester: Sundays, 10.00 12.00; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 17.00 19.00
- ★ Sacred Heart, Leicester: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10.00 12.00; Wednesdays and Fridays, 17.00 19.00

Lincolnshire

- **★ Saint Hugh, Lincoln**: Saturdays, 9.00 12.00
- **¥ Saint Augustine, Barton-upon-Humber**: Mondays, 12.00 13.00; Thursdays, 19.00 20.00; Saturdays, 10.00 -11.00

No information has been circulated about those churches in which Mass is now being celebrated, and booking is required for Masses in any church. Check the relevant websites for more information. The following local churches are celebrating at least some public Masses:

- ▼ Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham
- **▼** Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe
- **▼** Holy Trinity, Newark
- ▼ Saint Philip Neri, Mansfield

Prayer during the Coronavirus Pandemic

In these days when our churches are not open it's a comfort to know that God is close to us and that he holds each of us in the palm of his hand. We are encouraged to use the Holy Father's prayer, to Our Lady, as we seek Divine protection:

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.

A Spiritual Communion

Spiritual Communion is the heartfelt desire to receive Our Lord, even when we are unable because of the distance or for some other reason, such as in the present circumstances. If you are at home and 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 below:

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 for 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.

In the midst of all the changes necessitated by the coronavirus pandemic it's possible that our celebration of the **Year of the Word** might have become a little lost an forgotten. In a time when we can't physically get to Mass the use of sacred scripture, spending time with God through reading our bibles and meditation on what we find there, is more important than ever. Starting this Sunday there is a series of suggestions of different readings in the bible which might be suitable for different times in our lives. Perhaps too consider reading the daily Mass readings day by day, which are listed each week on the back page of this newsletter.



The Year of the Word – Scripture Suggestions

Sometimes the bible can seem like a daunting book to open and read, even though we hear it read to us every time we come to Mass. Even familiar prayers, like the Our Father, come from the pages of the bible. As a gentle way into reading the bible, encouraged of all of us in this Year of the Word, below are some scripture texts from the New Testament which are especially

relevant during these pandemic days. You could read them on your own, or pause and pray afterwards, or perhaps read one gradually during the course of the day. You could even ask a few friends or family members to read the same piece of scripture, and then share your thoughts about the way God speaks to you!

▼ The Annunciation to Mary	Luke 1: 26-38
	Matthew 4:1-10; 14:22-23; 26:36-46
	Mark 1:12-13; 6:45-46; 14: 32-42
	Luke 4:1-13; 22:40-46
	John 6:15-17
▼ Tearing of the Temple Veil	Matthew 27: 50-52
	Mark 15: 37-39; Luke 23: 44-46
▼ The Road to Emmaus	Luke 24.13-35
	John 14
	pears to various people John 20 - 21
₱ Paul and Silas in prison	Acts 16: 16-40
▼ The Christian spiritual life	Romans 8
Faith and good deeds	James 2
♣ Sharing Christ for future generat	ions 1 John 1-7

Parish Newsletter by email

If you'd like to receive the parish newsletter by email simply email the parish office, at **olv.rcchurch@gmail.com**, asking to be added to the list. It's helpful to have parishioners' consent to send out the newsletter, and other messages, via email.

Pope's Prayer Intention for July

Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

Forthcoming Events

LACY (Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth) will be celebrating the feast of The Assumption on line, via Zoom, on **Sunday 16**th **August at 4.00pm**. We warmly invite all young people, their families, friends and parishioners to share this exciting liturgy with us. We will be remembering especially in our prayers those young people receiving their exam results in August. Father Simon Gillespie will be leading us in our prayer and reflection. We are also looking for people to share in the liturgy and this could be YOU! We will enjoy to hear from you as we are looking forward to another AMAZING celebration! Contact us via e mail at paulinepayne@hotmail.com. Please ensure that all under 18 years of age do ask parents / guardians to make the contact and when sharing the celebration should be on line with the young person. On the Solemnity of the Assumption, let us remember our Mother Mary who is in Heaven and who loves us very much.

Putting our Faith into Action for the good of the World

At the start of the second annual London Climate Action Week, Bishop John Arnold joined UK faith leaders in calling for the government to focus its economic recovery strategy, post-COVID-19 lockdown, on the urgent need to reduce the impact of climate change.

COVID-19 has unexpectedly taught us a great deal. Amidst the fear and the grief for loved ones lost, many of us have found consolation in the dramatic reduction of pollution and the restoration of nature. Renewed delight in and contact with the natural world has the capacity to reduce our mental stress and nourish us spiritually.

We have rediscovered our sense of how interconnected the world is. The very health and future of humanity depends on our ability to act together not only with respect to pandemics but also in protecting our global eco-system. At the same time, less travel and consumption and more kindness and neighbourliness have helped us appreciate what society can really mean.

We have also seen yet again that in times of crisis, injustice becomes more obvious, and that it is the poor and vulnerable who suffer most. All this shows us how precarious our previous 'business as usual' was, socially, economically, ecologically and spiritually. Yet we have also demonstrated our capacity to adapt to new realities. Many people have discovered a deeper sense of spirituality. We have seen

the possibility of creating a more sustainable and generous society in which we care more deeply for each other and the world.

Our faiths teach us that our planet, with its rich resources and inspiring diversity, is lent to us on trust only and we are accountable for how we treat it. We are urgently and inescapably responsible, not just before God but to our



own children and the very future of humanity. This unique moment calls us to develop a shared new vision for our future which we cannot afford to miss. As faith leaders we are committed to working alongside the people and governments of this nation and the world to formulate and live by such a vision. It must be based on the recognition of our limits: this planet is a complex ecosystem in which we are only one part. It must be rooted in sustainability and respect for nature and the earth's resources. It must be founded on the fundamental principles of justice and responsibility.

In this, the fifth anniversary year of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si, we undertake to:

- Speak out urgently about the need for change;
- ₱ Promote the vision of the earth as our common home which must be shared equitably;
- ₱ Protect biodiversity and restore natural environments;
- Work with our communities to reduce substantially the carbon intensity of our activities:
- Build worldwide partnerships to reduce the impact of climate change on the poorest and most vulnerable;
- Model what we teach in our faiths and communities.

We therefore call on our Government to:

- ♣ Ensure that every element of the economic recovery strategy has at its centre the urgent need to reduce the risk of catastrophic climate change;
- ▼ Implement policies for sustainability in every sector of the economy;
- ▼ Take its due share of responsibility for a global and just transition, including through its approach to trade, investment and overseas aid;
- Use its COP26 presidency to work for a global commitment to net zero, building on the Paris Agreement;
- ♣ Protect biodiversity and restore the environment.

We urge every sector of civil society to use this opportunity to work together to create a better world.

Pro-Life Issues – an Update

Further to the information in last Sunday's newsletter, Britain's pro-life movement has scored a significant parliamentary victory after two amendments championed by the abortion lobby were withdrawn during the week.

An amendment to the Domestic Abuse Bill that would have effectively "decriminalised" abortion up to 28 weeks was not selected for debate by House of Commons Speaker Sir Lindsay Hoyle, while a separate amendment to would have allowed medical and surgical abortions to take place in any location if a women was in an abusive relationship was withdrawn by the MP proposing it.

Pro-life campaigners say that Labour MP Diana Johnson withdrew the second amendment after it became clear it was going to be voted down. Had it been taken to a vote and lost, it would have been the first time pro-abortion legislation had been defeated in the House of Commons. A significant number of MPs spoke out during the debate against attempts to "hijack" the Domestic Abuse Bill, including a number who are not normally seen as being pro-life. They warned that the amendment was poorly drafted and would have had serious negative consequences for women suffering from domestic abuse, including making it easier for a woman to be forced into having an abortion. The amendment would have allowed both medical and surgical abortions to take place in any location if a woman is in an abusive relationship.

Meanwhile, the first amendment, which was not selected for debate by the Speaker, would have radically changed Britain's abortion laws by allowed abortion for any reason up to 28 weeks, removing nearly all safeguards. Right to Life UK spokesperson Catherine Robinson said: "This is a major victory for the unborn child and women facing unplanned pregnancies. These amendments would have left the unborn child with considerably worse protections and removed many of the current safeguards which protect women facing unplanned pregnancies. Thank you to the thousands of people that rallied over the last week to get friends and family to email their MPs. MPs received more emails ahead of this vote than they have ever received ahead of an abortion vote. Thank you to the amazing group of pro-life MPs in Parliament who have worked so hard to ensure that these extreme amendments were defeated. Thank you to the large number of organisations that have all come together to encourage their supporters to contact MPs and ensure this major attempt to introduce extreme abortion changes was defeated."

We continue to pray for the protection of life, and its sanctity, from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

A new Papal Nuncio for Great Britain

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has appointed SER Mons Claudio Gugerotti, until now Apostolic Nuncio in the Ukraine, as the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain.

Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti was born in Verona, Italy, in 1955 and ordained a priest of the Diocese of Verona in 1982. He studied Eastern Languages and Sacred Liturgy and was a professor of Patristics, Eastern Liturgy at the Institute of Ecumenical Studies in Verona from 1981 to 1985. In 1985, he was appointed as an official working at the Congregation for the Eastern Churches and he became its Undersecretary in 1997. He has also taught at the Pontifical Oriental Institute.



On 7 December 2001, Pope Saint John Paul II appointed him Apostolic Nuncio to Georgia and to Armenia. He was also subsequently appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Azerbaijan on 13 December. He received his episcopal consecration by Pope Saint John Paul on 6 January 2002 appointing him to the Titular See of Ravello. Pope Benedict XVI appointed him Apostolic Nuncio to Belarus in 2011 and Pope Francis appointed him Apostolic Nuncio to Ukraine in 2015.

His Excellency will arrive at the Nunciature in Wimbledon as soon as is practicable at this moment in time. Let us pray for Archbishop Gugerotti, and his

ministry amongst the Church in this country.

Financial Support of our Parish

Father Simon celebrates Mass each day; if you wish to have a Mass offered for an intention put a Mass envelope through the presbytery letterbox, or email Father Simon directly. The Mass intentions are published in the newsletter, and although there's been a bit of a backlog, dates in July (and onwards) are plentiful.

Since there are no Sunday collections sincere thanks to those parishioners who have set-up standing orders. If you've able to set one up the details are:

• Account name: Our Lady of Victories Southwell RCP

• Sort Code: **30-67-76**

Account number: 45368360

Many thanks to all our parishioners for your continuing generosity!

WEARE TEAM 20/21 GET IN TOUCH AND APPLY TODAY!

Live and work as part of The Briars Team, based in the beautiful Derbyshire countryside. The Briars, part of NDCYS, provides high quality experiences for thousands of Young People across the Diocese of Nottingham.

Visit ndcys.com or contact director@ndcys.com for application pack



A reflection from 'Marriage Matters'

Listen to the person behind the words

The stony ground is when we are too engrossed in the telly, reading or working on the computer to listen to our partner. The thorny ground is where we disengage with such but not wanting real involvement, suggest a cuppa as a diversion. We are called to be fertile ground by real listening – hold hands, look in each other's eyes.

The Cycle of Prayer

During Summer Ordinary Time we are asked to pray for the following intentions in our own private prayer:

- ★ A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews;
- ▼ Those who suffer persecution, oppression, and a denial of human rights;
- Human life;
- Seafarers.

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 Philippa Kohlbecker RSM, of the Convent of Mercy in Derby, who died on Sunday 5th July, after 57 years of Religious life. May she rest in peace.
- ₩ Nicola De Bernhardt Dunkin, who died recently. May she rest in peace.
- ★ Aidan Betts, who is seriously ill in hospital at this time.
- ★ Clergy of our diocese who are sick at this time: Monsignor Jonathan Moore, Fathers John Cairns, Anthony Colebrook, Hugh Doherty, James Hannigan, Peter Harvey, Christopher Hogan, James Lynch, Frank McLaughlin, Robert Rutledge, Michael Tutcher; Deacons Stephen Doona, and Bill Hutchinson.
- ★ Canon Bernard Needham, a retired priest of our diocese, celebrating the diamond jubilee of his priestly ordination on Friday 10th July. Ad multos annos! Vivat!
- ¥ Father John Guest, a recently-retired priest of our diocese, celebrating the golden jubilee of his priestly ordination on Saturday 11th July. Ad multon annos! Vivat!
- ➡ Bishop Terry Drainey, bishop of Middlesbrough, and Father Simon's spiritual director in seminary, celebrating 45 years of priestly ministry on Sunday 12th July.

Masses and Services this week

During these days, although parishioners aren't able to attend Mass,

Father Simon will continue to celebrate Mass each day

for your requested intentions.

Saturday 11th July Feast of Saint Benedict, abbot, Patron of Europe

Mass Mary Back RIP

Sunday 12th July Fifteenth Sunday of the Year

Mass Pro Populo (people of the parish)

Monday 13th July Feria

Mass Anne Cranfield RIP (first anniversary)

Tuesday 14th July Feria

Mass Pamela Poyser RIP

Wednesday 15th July Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, bishop & doctor

Mass Emese Perjes Balint RIP

Thursday 16th July Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Mass In Thanksgiving – priestly ordination anniversaries

Friday 17th July Feria

Mass Hildegard Rossman Halasz RIP

Saturday 18th July Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday

Mass Brother Jerome - Profession

Sunday 19th July Sixteenth Sunday of the Year

Mass Pro Populo (people of the parish)

Readings at Masses this week

Sunday Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 64(65):10-14; Romans 8:18-23;

Matthew 13:1-23

Monday Isaiah 1:10-17; Psalm 49(50):8-9.16-17.21.23; Matthew 10:34-11:1

Tuesday Isaiah 7:1-9; Psalm 47(48):2-8; Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday Isaiah 10:5-7.13-16; Psalm 93(94):5-10.14-15; Matthew 11:25-27 Thursday Isaiah 26:7-9.12.16-19; Psalm 101(102):13-21; Matthew 11:28-30

Friday Isaiah 38:1-6.21-22.7-8; Isaiah 38:10-12.16; Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday Micah 2:1-5; Psalm 9B(10):1-4.7-8.14; Matthew 12:14-21