



Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Southwell and Calverton

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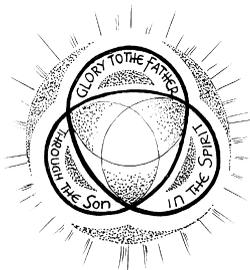
7th June 2020 : The Most Holy Trinity

In the unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the community is inspired and strengthened by knowledge and love. Father Peter Gallagher SJ (one of Father Simon's lecturers from seminary) reflects:

When the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you into the complete truth (John 16:13). Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will give us the knowledge we need to share the life of God. That divine knowledge has sustained the community of the disciples of Christ since the very beginning. We have been enabled to come to know a God who is one and who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The united community of believers is inspired to know God who is one and also a community.

Faith, hope and love The driving force for the acquiring of this wonderful knowledge of God is love. The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us (Romans 5:5). This love prompts us to live the knowledge we have received. God reveals himself to us in his unity and in his three Persons and we find ourselves strengthened for the troubles of life. We try to endure gracefully the suffering that comes. We do so in the well-founded hope that such a trial is an instrument of grace for us to share the divine life.

The life of the triune God is shared with us disciples of Jesus by the Holy Spirit. I still have many things to say to you (John 16:12). The Lord goes on communicating with us, through the Spirit, all through our life of faith. Jesus speaks to us about joy and suffering. He teaches us about faith, hope and love. The love of the three Persons for each other is the source of the love which drives us to want to know



God and to live as he directs and enables. It is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace (Romans 5:2). The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are strengthening us all the time for what the life of faith will demand of us. This life includes the deepening of our knowledge, the more graceful endurance of our suffering and an even more wholehearted giving of glory to God.

Glory be The Father through the Spirit has already glorified the Son. The community of believers also gives glory. We look forward to God's glory (Romans 5:3). Meanwhile we glorify him in our worship, in our life of love and service and in our hope of living forever with him. Glory be to the Father we pray, with complete trust; and to the Son, we add, with all our gratitude for what the Lord has done for us; and to the Holy Spirit, we conclude, with a faith conferred which is bringing us closer and closer to God.

As it was in the beginning It was for the life of faithful communion with the Holy Trinity that we were made in the first place. The same knowledge of the divine purposes which the Holy Spirit is sharing with those who believe in Jesus underpins the whole of creation. The life of God, one and three, has overflowed into a creation for which we continually give thanks. We give glory to God for what he has done, for what he is doing and for what he will do. All our hope is focused on him and his loving kindness.

Towards thorough understanding Nothing could be more serious than our hope of sharing forever in the divine life of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We know that such an outcome would be the fulfilment of a plan made by God from the very beginning. Our experience teaches us also that the unfolding of that plan, in which our hope is not deceptive (Romans 5:4) has a substantial share of the suffering, patience and perseverance already mentioned. Yet the wisdom of God exercises itself playfully as well as seriously, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in the world. Divine creation like divine community is full of joy. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit delight in each other. Their delight is evident in what they have created, notwithstanding the suffering that there is and the sadness which can afflict us who contemplate the works of God without, as yet, complete understanding.

The Holy Spirit will lead you into the complete truth (John 16:13). We are being led in the direction of thorough understanding. We proceed strengthened by grace, sustained by hope and giving glory to God. We thank the triune God for everything, the things which delight us and those which challenge us. The divine wisdom and knowledge are enlightening us all the time. Humbly we acknowledge the limits of our understanding. With faith and trust we try to live to the full the life which the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit have revealed as their eternal will for us. We have been called to this life and we give thanks for it.

Prayer during the Coronavirus Pandemic

In these days when our churches must stay closed 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.

Access to a Priest or the Sacraments

During these days when our Catholic churches throughout the country have to remain closed 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.

Justine, our parish secretary, is now working from home, but can be contacted through the parish email address, and is collecting the post regularly.

As requested by the Prime Minister on 23rd March, public religious celebrations are not taking place for the time being. **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.

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=IwAR1JRpqkdO0rHZY98bsnSC_N9TKbvSKXv0L5bT4yVCCmTHaVmAwaW4g-rAk

Bishop Patrick is also celebrating other liturgies. Check the Bishop's YouTube channel (using the link above) for each day's schedule.

The **Rosary** is prayed throughout the day from the Shrine of Our Lady at the Grotto in Lourdes:

- <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, with particular shows on Monday mornings at 9.30am and Friday evenings at 6.00pm:

- <https://ndcys.com>

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

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

In these days let us stay safe and well, with our eyes fixed on the Lord. As our churches have to remain closed, let us open our hearts even wider. As the Psalms say 'Grow higher ancient doors and let the King of Glory enter.' These are the doors of our hearts. God knows well how to fill our lives. We must open our hearts in prayer and silent welcome.

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 Aphonius 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.

Feast Day this week: Saint Anthony of Padua : Saturday 13th June

Saint Anthony: a Preacher, a Franciscan friar and a priest.

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 Simon will celebrate Mass in honour of Saint Anthony on his feastday, next Saturday, in our church in Calverton. **Saint Anthony : Prayer for us!**

Events this week

Recognising that the Covid-19 pandemic is affecting everyone, special Masses are being celebrated for the sick, their families, care workers and NHS staff by one of our diocesan bishops of England and Wales, in his Cathedral, **every Thursday at 7.00pm**.

On **Thursday 11th June**, the feast day of Saint Barnabas, patron of our Cathedral in Nottingham, Bishop Patrick will be taking his turn as part of this important initiative. The Bishop will be offering Mass at 7.00pm, which will be live streamed from the cathedral on the Bishop's YouTube account:

<https://www.youtube.com/bishoppatrickmckinney>

If you are able to, do join Bishop Patrick at Mass that evening through live streaming, in solidarity with Catholics throughout the country, and with thanksgiving for all those who work so hard during these pandemic times.

Statement from the Bishops of England and Wales

On Wednesday 3rd June the Bishops of England and Wales said: "We stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the USA as they challenge the evil of racism and the brutal killing of George Floyd. As the US Bishops made clear: 'we cannot turn a blind eye to these atrocities and yet still try to profess to respect every human life. We serve a God of love, mercy, and justice.'

"Systemic racism is embedded in our own society. The disproportionate harm suffered by BAME people throughout the Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted profound inequalities, marginalisation and injustice here in the UK. The peaceful Black Lives Matter protests taking place in our towns and cities this week reflect the understandable anger that so many people feel about this. As Catholics we recognise that racism is an evil which must be opposed; we all have a responsibility for actively promoting racial justice. Whenever we ignore racism or dismiss BAME people's experience of it, we are complicit in violations of human dignity. We pray for God's help to overcome racism in all its forms and that we might protect everyone who suffers its consequences. We are all made in God's image. May George Floyd rest in God's peace."

Bishop Declan Lang; Lead Bishop for International Affairs

Bishop Paul McAleenan; Lead Bishop for Racial Justice

Pope's Prayer Intention for June

The Way of the Heart We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

Thoughts of Cardinal Nichols about the reopening of churches

In his homily for Pentecost Sunday, Cardinal Vincent Nichols questioned why churches have not been allowed to open for private prayer, especially when car showrooms and outdoor markets can open on Monday 1st June and non-essential shops from 15th June. He specifically asks why churches have been “excluded from this decision?”

“The opening of churches, even if only for private prayer, helps nurture faith which is a “vital contribution to our common good” the Cardinal said. He went on to add that faith is a “motivation for the selfless care of the sick and dying” and will help play a key role in the “rebuilding of our society.” Acutely aware of the importance of opening churches safely, the Cardinal stressed that “We are confident that we can do so. We have developed expert guidance. We are ready to follow the Government’s guidelines as soon as they are finalised.”

He questioned “the risk to a person who sits quietly in a church which is being thoroughly cleaned, properly supervised and in which social distancing is maintained?” Adding that “the benefits of being able to access places of prayer is profound, on individual and family stability and, significantly, on their willingness to help others in their need.”

Let us pray that we will be able to open our churches again soon

Some practical points

Father Simon continues to celebrate Mass everyday; 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.

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!

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 (via email is fine) to send out the newsletter, and possibly other urgent messages, via email.

Churches Together in Southwell

The local house to house collection, which raises around £8,000 each May for Christian Aid, did not happen this year because of Covid-19. The essential work of the charity, however, continues. Currently in Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh, where sanitation and even access to soap is very limited, Christian Aid with its partner agencies is helping 850,000 Rohingya refugees in the fight against Coronavirus. In addition Super Cyclone Amphan on 20th May has left millions in India and Bangladesh in urgent need of safe water, hygiene supplies, masks and sanitisers to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

CTS has set up a local Just Giving page for donations, where even £2 could make a big difference. So far £1,157 has been raised. The site, open until 30th June is found at: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/CAWeek2020> and then by scrolling through the teams to donate via 'Southwell Christian Aid Committee'. Thank you for your continuing generosity and support at this difficult time.

Two Job Opportunities in the Diocese

Working with the Bishop and parishes, the Diocese of Nottingham seeks to appoint:

A **Director of Communications** to lead the development and implementation of an effective communications framework across the Diocese, promoting the Diocesan Vision and Mission and the three themes of Encounter, Discipleship and Missionary Discipleship. This would suit a committed Catholic with a strong track record in communications; an experienced media professional (or journalist) who has recently been involved in leading communications in a dispersed organisation. The salary is £45k - £50k, dependant on qualifications and experience. For more information and an application pack email: office@dioceseofnottingham.uk
The closing date is Monday 22nd June.

The Catholic parishes in the east of Nottingham wish to recruit a Community Coordinator to work across their parishes; Saint Augustine, Our Lady and Saint Edward, and the Sacred Heart. This is a full-time position and the person appointed will lead and coordinate the pastoral and administrative work of the parishes. This exciting new role is ideal for someone who has experience and skills in administration and finance, who is a good communicator and is willing to work as part of a team, leading and taking the initiative when necessary. For more details and how to apply, contact Father Joe Wheat via telephone 0115 9118266 or email sacredheartcarlton@gmail.com The closing date is Friday 26th June.

The Monks of Mount Saint Bernard Abbey

Outside The City Release! Due to popular demand, this very moving and inspirational film, which was shown in cinemas around the country, about the lives of the monks at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, Leicestershire, will be released on Monday 8th June on iTunes, Amazon, Google Play, and DVD. To view the trailer or to pre-order a copy of the DVD (at £12) visit: www.vivaverve.com/film/outside-the-city



From Newark Foodbank

Thank you to all who are continuing to support Newark Foodbank at a time, when their need is greater than ever. The items they especially need at the moment are: tinned carrots, tinned spaghetti, jam, sugar, shampoo, and nappies (size 6). Items can be donated at the Co-op, One Stop, and Lloyds Chemist. Thank You all!

From Nottinghamshire Libraries

You may be familiar with **Inspire** as the provider of libraries on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council; we are also their provider of learning to adults across the county. At this time I wanted to make you aware that Inspire Learning have recently released a new suite of free online courses which can be found on our website: <https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/skills-learning/community-learning/> There is a wide range of topics on offer from 'A little Latin', through 'Spanish for Beginners' to 'Drawing and Painting for Beginners'. All of these will be offered through Zoom. More information can be found on the above link, or through Facebook (@InspireLearningSkills), and new courses are still being added!

Andrew Day, Lead Tutor – Gedling, Inspire: Culture, Learning and Libraries

A reflection from 'Marriage Matters'

Be united and live in peace

In today's readings, God is revealed as full of compassion, tenderness and love for God's people. Through the sacrament of marriage, we are called to reflect these qualities through our relationship with each other. When we are irritated and react angrily, it is important that we look at ourselves together, trying to recognise why, and seek to correct the causes.

Prayers for ...

Please remember in your prayers especially:

- ✘ **All those affected by the coronavirus outbreak** – those infected, those caring for them, those who have died, and those who mourn
- ✘ **Father Richard Adam OCSO**, a priest of Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, who died on Friday 22nd May aged 90, in the 70th year of Religious life. May he rest in peace!
- ✘ **Father Paul Dynan**, a priest of the diocese of Brentwood, who died on Sunday 17th May. May he rest in peace!
- ✘ **Ann Foong**, who died on Sunday 31st May aged 67. May she rest in peace!
- ✘ **Sister Breege Leddy**, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Peace, who died on Monday 1st June after 70 years of Religious life. May she rest in peace!
- ✘ **Andrew Bury**, who died on Friday 22nd May. May he rest in peace!
- ✘ **Wilfred Leslie Creasey**, who died on Saturday 23rd May aged 85, and whose Funeral Service will be celebrated on Monday. May he rest in peace!
- ✘ **Nora Crosby**, who died on Sunday 24th May aged 87, and whose Funeral Service will be celebrated on Tuesday. May she rest in peace!
- ✘ **Margaret Ann Mason**, who died on Monday 1st June aged 91, and whose Funeral Service will be celebrated on Tuesday 16th June. May she rest in peace!
- ✘ **Norah Josephine Marum**, who died on Monday 29th May aged 95, and whose Funeral Service will be celebrated on Thursday 18th June. May she rest in peace!
- ✘ **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, Michael Horrax, James Lynch, Frank McLaughlin, Robert Rutledge, Michael Tutcher; Deacons Stephen Doona, and Bill Hutchinson.
- ✘ **Father Joseph Keogh**, a retired priest of our diocese, who celebrated the diamond jubilee of his priestly ordination on Friday 5th June. Ad multos annos!
- ✘ **Father Brendan O'Callaghan**, a retired priest of our diocese, who celebrated the diamond jubilee of his priestly ordination on Friday 5th June. Ad multos annos!
- ✘ **Monsignor Canon Tom McGovern**, parish priest of Melton Mowbray, who celebrates the golden jubilee of his priestly ordination on Sunday 7th June. Ad multos annos!
- ✘ **Father Michael Eastwood**, parish priest of Shepshed, who celebrated the diamond jubilee of his priestly ordination on Thursday 11th June. Ad multos annos!
- ✘ **Canon Michael O'Donoghue**, our local Dean, parish priest of Newark, and former parochial administrator of our parish, who celebrates the golden jubilee of his priestly ordination on Sunday 14th June. Ad multos annos!

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 6th June	Memorial of Saint Norbert, bishop
Mass	Murtagh Family
Sunday 7th June	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
Mass	Pro Populo (people of the parish)
Monday 8th June	Feria
Mass	Kevin Freeman RIP
2.00pm Funeral Service	Wilfred Creasey RIP
Tuesday 9th June	Memorial of Saint Columba, abbot
Mass	Private Intention
11.30am Funeral Service	Nora Crosby RIP
Wednesday 10th June	Feria
Mass	Bishop Patrick's intentions
Thursday 11th June	Feast of Saint Barnabas, patron of our Cathedral
Mass	In Thanksgiving – Father Michael Eastwood's diamond jubilee of priestly ordination
Friday 12th June	Feria
Mass	Father Paul Dynan RIP
Saturday 13th June	SOLEMNITY OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA,
	Patron of the church in Calverton
Mass	Mary Back RIP
Sunday 14th June	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND
	BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus et Sanguis Christi)
Mass	Pro Populo (people of the parish)

Readings at Masses this week

Sunday	Exodus 34:4-6.8-9; Daniel 3:52-56; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18
Monday	1 Kings 17:1-6; Psalm 120(121); Matthew 5:1-12
Tuesday	1 Kings 17:7-16; Psalm 4:2-5.7-8; Matthew 5:13-16
Wednesday	1 Kings 18:20-39; Psalm 15(16):1-2.4-5.8.11; Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday	Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3; Psalm 97(98):1-6; Matthew 10:7-13
Friday	1 Kings 19:9.11-16; Psalm 26(27):7-9.13-14; Matthew 5:27-32
Saturday	Isaiah 61:1-3; Psalm 88:2-5.21-22.25.27; Ephesians 3:8-12; Luke 10:1-9