



*Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Southwell and Calverton*

# **Our Lady of Victories, Southwell and Saint Anthony, Calverton**

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**6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021 : Fifth Sunday of the Year**

**On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February the World Day of the Sick will be celebrated throughout the Church** and in a special way at Lourdes, since Thursday is also the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Instituted by Saint John Paul II in 1992, and first celebrated at Lourdes on 11 February 1993, this Day is an opportunity to reflect in particular on the needs of the sick and, more generally, of all those who suffer. It is also an occasion for those who generously assist the sick, beginning with family members, health workers and volunteers, to give thanks for their God-given vocation of accompanying our infirm brothers and sisters. This celebration likewise gives the Church renewed spiritual energy for carrying out ever more fully that fundamental part of her mission which includes serving the poor, the infirm, the suffering, the outcast and the marginalized.

In this year of pandemic we need to feel that closeness of God in prayer all the more keenly, and to know that Our Blessed Lady, our loving mother, is with us, interceding for us to God in heaven.

Pope Francis asks us to pray together on this day:

**Mary, our Mother,  
in Christ you welcome each of us as a son or daughter.**

**Sustain the trusting expectation of our hearts,  
succour us in our infirmities and sufferings,  
and guide us to Christ, your Son and our brother.**

**Help us to entrust ourselves to the Father  
who accomplishes great things. Amen.**



## Ash Wednesday : 17<sup>th</sup> February

In order that those who wish to come to Mass on Ash Wednesday can do so, two public Masses will be offered that day:

- ✠ 9.00am in Our Lady of Victories church, Southwell
- ✠ 7.00pm in Saint Anthony's church, Calverton

The Rite for Distributing Ashes will be slightly different than in previous years, with the sprinkling of Blessed Ash over the head of the penitent, without physical contact, and in silence, and wearing face coverings, rather than the Imposition of Ashes marked by a sign of the cross upon the forehead of the penitent. The Ashes will be blessed at the usual time in Mass (after the Gospel) but not distributed until the end of Mass, when the Ashes will be sprinkled upon each members of the congregation as he or she leaves church.

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has consulted with Professor Jim McManus, who has discussed the issue with colleagues in Public Health England. He has noted that it is highly unlikely that ash would be on a person's head long enough to pick up enough contaminated fluid bearing the virus from skin to then infect someone. The recommended method of distributing ashes is that the ashes are sprinkled over the heads of people at the door of the church as they leave. Care should be taken to avoid hand to head contact and also that there is no contact with the faithful and the minister's vesture.

Bookings can be made in the usual way, on the Monday and Tuesday of that week, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February.

## The Word of God on your 'phone

Laudate by Aycka Soft offers daily Mass readings and much more: this App should not be missing on your phone:

- ✠ <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.aycka.apps.MassReadings>
- ✠ <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/laudate-1-catholic-app/id499428207#?platform=iphone>

Another app, which has a specific setting for the Calendar for the Diocese of Nottingham, is Universalis. If you've not seen this before have a look at:

- ✠ <https://www.universalis.com/L/Europe.England.Nottingham/calendar.htm>

The Carmelite Order offers everyone daily Lectio Divina in several languages:

- ✠ <https://ocarm.org/>

## The Year of the Word

The Year of the Word has been extended to continue through 2021, since so many of the planned events didn't happen last year. We might continue to pray the Prayer for the Year day by day:

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.

If you sometimes feel that the Bible is a bit inaccessible, and you don't quite know where to begin, consider having a look at this on-line resource which takes a journey through the bible in seven stages. David McLoughlin, who wrote the course, says:

The aim of this series is to help us get a sense of the Scriptures as a whole. To see the unfolding of God's liberating and creative love in the history of Israel and in t



We will set out with the freed Hebrew slaves and their leader Moses, responding to God's call; so close and yet always a little strange to us. We will become familiar with their pattern and be guided by the echo of the divine words from the beginning. Words which continue to liberate us in our time.

Our journey will lead us to encounter God. The same God across all the ages in the one unifying Spirit. Our choice of readings will reveal the growing sense of the mystery of God, and the mystery of God's Creation. Of men and women called to be a reconciled community, capable of selfless responses that can heal and fulfil each other and the world. To access the course follow this link:

**<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/sunday-of-the-word-of-god/echoes-of-god-journeying-with-the-word-of-god/>**

## Coming to Mass

Even in the current national lockdown public Mass is available on Saturday in Southwell at 6.00pm and on Sunday in Calverton at 10.45am. Being in a national lockdown we are precluded from any social interaction in or at church (outside of our bubble), but we can come to church with a maximum (including priest and stewards) of 20 people in Southwell and 24 people in Calverton.

To book a place telephone Kathleen and Robert Dixon on 01636 813874, at any reasonable time from 8.30am Monday morning until 4.30pm Friday afternoon; if there's no reply leave a message with your name and number, or try ringing again a few minutes later. Don't use any other number to contact Kathleen and Robert, and please also note:

- ✘ A place needs to be booked for each individual who plans to attend;
- ✘ You'll be asked to provide a telephone number, to be passed onto Public Health England if needed as part of the 'Test and Trace' system;
- ✘ Sunday Masses bookings can be made during the preceding week only.

## What to expect when coming to Mass

In order to comply with the Bishop's guidelines on celebrating Masses in the covid-19 period there'll be some differences in that way we come to Mass and the way Mass is celebrated. Please follow these directions, and recognise that those asking you to follow the directions are volunteers themselves:

- ✘ Please don't attend if you show any symptoms of covid-19;
- ✘ Try to arrive no earlier than half an hour before Mass, and no later than ten minutes before Mass, to allow time for each person to enter one-by-one;
- ✘ Enter via the car park and follow the one-way signs, waiting by the 2 metre markers in front of the church door if others have arrived before you;
- ✘ Ensure you bring a mask to wear throughout the time in church, except when receiving Holy Communion; the mask should be worn so as to fully and snugly cover the wearer's mouth and nose;
- ✘ Please use the hand-sanitiser (provided) on arrival;
- ✘ Please take one of the Mass Sheets, and a Newsletter, and take them home with you after Mass;
- ✘ Put your weekly offering into the basket in the narthex;
- ✘ There won't be any holy water available, the repository will be closed, and there are no Catholic papers currently available;

- ✂ Please sit on the seat to which you are directed, following the one-way system; seating is at two-metre intervals (in Southwell couples can sit next to each other, and families in a single pew; in Calverton the chairs have been laid out singularly);
- ✂ Please avoid any contact with other parishioners; don't speak unless necessary;
- ✂ Only the disabled toilet will be available for use, and only if absolutely necessary. If you do use the toilet, please do so before you are seated, and then go to your seat (in Southwell, by exiting the hall lobby, walking around the side of the church, and re-entering the church through the main door, following the one-way system);
- ✂ Windows and doors will be open to enable as much ventilation as possible;
- ✂ The Mass Sheet will explain the changes in the way Mass is celebrated, especially:
  - There will be no congregational singing;
  - Responses will be made with quiet voices;
  - There will be no ministries (eg altar servers, readers) during Mass;
  - There will be no sign of peace;
- ✂ After Mass you will be invited to receive Holy Communion; then exit the church following the one-way system, out into the car park, and leave immediately.
- ✂ Since it is not permitted to gather publicly please ensure that you don't linger in the car park after Mass, tempting as it is to chat with fellow parishioners!
- ✂ As the weather is now much colder please dress appropriately for the weather and temperature.

## NHS Covid-19 App and the QR Code in Church

Along with most public buildings both of our churches and the parish hall now have their own QR code, situated just inside the door. If you have a smart-phone please scan the code as you come in, 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 Vaccine

Nottinghamshire residents aged 70 or over can book their own covid vaccines if they haven't already been contacted by their local GP. Follow the link below to make a booking if you haven't already done so.

**[https://www.swiftqueue.co.uk/nottinghammc19vpatient.php?fbclid=IwAR0nHe0IfONdVaFT8vwQIDjb5UQJ0\\_DQbEjxdLAKEdqdeGIHHATF35ENOEI](https://www.swiftqueue.co.uk/nottinghammc19vpatient.php?fbclid=IwAR0nHe0IfONdVaFT8vwQIDjb5UQJ0_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](http://www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/01_Community/livestream.html)

**Daily Mass** is broadcast from the National Shrine and Minor Basilica of Our Lady in Walsingham each day at 12 noon:

- <http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream>

**Sunday Mass**, celebrated by Bishop Patrick, will be broadcast from his chapel at Bishop's House each Sunday at 10am, and other days and times during the week:

- [www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf7upUMsn3Kl8GD79FotjQ/featured?fbclid=IwAR1JRpqkdO0rHZY98bsnSC\\_N9TKbvSKXv0L5bT4yVCcMTHaVmAwaw4g-rAk](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf7upUMsn3Kl8GD79FotjQ/featured?fbclid=IwAR1JRpqkdO0rHZY98bsnSC_N9TKbvSKXv0L5bT4yVCcMTHaVmAwaw4g-rAk)

**Resources for children and young people** can be found via the Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service's (NDCYS) website:

- <https://ndcys.com>
- <https://www.youtube.com/ndcyslives>

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

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

## Pope's Prayer Intention for February

### Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

## A reflection from 'Marriage Matters'

### Making the time to talk and to listen

As married couples we need time to grow in knowledge and understanding of each other. This week let us make time when we are not tired, to talk together, to share what's happened in the day, our thoughts and feelings, the things that worry us or make us happy. Perhaps we can also plan a regular celebration of our love.

## 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.

## Forthcoming Events

**Mass of the Pandemic** and 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Mass for the Venerable Mary Potter: On **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February** at 9.00am Bishop Patrick will celebrate a simple Votive Mass of the Pandemic, praying for the beatification of the Venerable Mary Potter, in the chapel at Bishop's House, and live streamed on the Bishop's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf7upUMsn3KI8GD79FotjQ>

**Ash Wednesday – 17<sup>th</sup> February**

**Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving**

**Parish Masses at 9am and 7pm**



**Global Healing – How our faith helps us to care for our common home.** On six Thursdays 7.30pm – 8.30pm from **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February** until 25<sup>th</sup> March; and a further session on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April**.

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

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcvcOuuqzsvEtMBwz2hxBzhvwy0hcgyoEb>

**Here: Now: Us** Missionary disciples for a post-Covid world: a three-part programme In 2021 here in the Diocese of Nottingham, we're launching a new scheme to help you put your faith into action, bring Catholic social teaching to life in your neighbourhood, and build your parish into a confident, outward-looking community when the pandemic subsides. We have teamed up with the national charity Together for the Common Good (T4CG). Here: Now: Us is a three part programme which fosters lay leadership for Catholic social action. Here: Now: Us will lay foundations for our Caritas network, in your parish and in the diocese as a whole. In *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis says: 'The essential vocation and mission of the lay faithful is to strive that earthly realities and all human activity may be transformed by the Gospel.' Here: Now: Us will help you take up that great challenge and invitation.

Join us for a short introduction to Here: Now: Us on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February from 7.00pm until 8.30pm via Zoom..** We'll take you through the programme, and you can 'dip your toe in' to see if it's something you would be interested in. An ideal opportunity to satisfy your curiosity, ask questions, and find out what's involved.

**[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScf7sjc\\_m1WvDYkcRRH\\_hjVU4bBiGJSL\\_agCrDYDv1Q1ZgaMQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScf7sjc_m1WvDYkcRRH_hjVU4bBiGJSL_agCrDYDv1Q1ZgaMQ/viewform)**

Are you looking for a challenge? Are you searching for God? Why not join the **Vocations Team** at its **Zoom Café** on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March**, 7.30pm – 9.00pm, where you will have an opportunity to ask questions and chat with religious sisters and priests about vocation. A warm welcome awaits you. Please email Diane at [vocationsadmin@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:vocationsadmin@dioceseofnottingham.uk) to register your place or for any further information. The Team looks forward to seeing you (for 18 and over).

## **2021 – 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.**



*He is Holy Joseph, because according to the opinion of a great number of Doctors of the Church, he, as well as Saint John Baptist, was sanctified even before he was born. He is Holy Joseph, because his office, of being spouse and protector of Mary, specially demanded sanctity. He is Holy Joseph, because no other saint but he lived in such and so long intimacy and familiarity with the source of all holiness, Jesus, God incarnate, and Mary, the holiest of creatures. Saint John Henry Newman*

*Knowing by experience Saint Joseph's astonishing influence with God, I would wish to persuade everyone to honour him with particular devotion. I have always seen those who honoured him in a special manner make progress in virtue, for this heavenly protector favours in a striking manner the spiritual advancement of souls who commend themselves to him. Saint Teresa of Avila*

## Message of Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for the Sick

**“You have but one teacher and you are all brothers” (Matthew 23:8)**

### **A trust-based relationship to guide care for the sick**

Dear brothers and sisters,

The celebration of the XXIX World Day of the Sick on 11 February 2021, the liturgical memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes, is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care both in healthcare institutions and within families and communities. We think in particular of those who have suffered, and continue to suffer, the effects of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic. To all, and especially to the poor and the marginalized, I express my spiritual closeness and assure them of the Church’s loving concern.

1. The theme of this Day is drawn from the Gospel passage in which Jesus criticizes the hypocrisy of those who fail to practise what they preach (cf. Matthew 23:1-12). When our faith is reduced to empty words, unconcerned with the lives and needs of others, the creed we profess proves inconsistent with the life we lead. The danger is real. That is why Jesus uses strong language about the peril of falling into self-idolatry. He tells us: “You have but one teacher and you are all brothers” (v.8).

Jesus’ criticism of those who “preach but do not practise” (v.3) is helpful always and everywhere, since none of us is immune to the grave evil of hypocrisy, which prevents us from flourishing as children of the one Father, called to live universal fraternity. Before the needs of our brothers and sisters, Jesus asks us to respond in a way completely contrary to such hypocrisy. He asks us to stop and listen, to establish a direct and personal relationship with others, to feel empathy and compassion, and to let their suffering become our own as we seek to serve them (Luke 10:30-35).

2. The experience of sickness makes us realize our own vulnerability and our innate need of others. It makes us feel all the more clearly that we are creatures dependent on God. When we are ill, fear and even bewilderment can grip our minds and hearts; we find ourselves powerless, since our health does not depend on our abilities or life’s incessant worries (cf. Matthew 6:27). Sickness raises the question of life’s meaning, which we bring before God in faith. In seeking a new and deeper direction in our lives, we may not find an immediate answer. Nor are our relatives and friends always able to help us in this demanding quest. The biblical figure of Job is emblematic in this regard. Job’s wife and friends do not accompany him in his misfortune; instead, they blame him and only aggravate his solitude and distress.

Job feels forlorn and misunderstood. Yet for all his extreme frailty, he rejects hypocrisy and chooses the path of honesty towards God and others. He cries out to God so insistently that God finally answers him and allows him to glimpse a new horizon. He confirms that Job's suffering is not a punishment or a state of separation from God, much less as sign of God's indifference. Job's heart, wounded and healed, then makes this vibrant and touching confession to the Lord: "I had heard of you by word of mouth, but now my eye has seen you" (42:5).

3. Sickness always has more than one face: it has the face of all the sick, but also those who feel ignored, excluded and prey to social injustices that deny their fundamental rights (cf. Fratelli Tutti 22). The current pandemic has exacerbated inequalities in our healthcare systems and exposed inefficiencies in the care of the sick. Elderly, weak and vulnerable people are not always granted access to care, or in an equitable manner. This is the result of political decisions, resource management and greater or lesser commitment on the part of those holding positions of responsibility. Investing resources in the care and assistance of the sick is a priority linked to the fundamental principle that health is a primary common good. Yet the pandemic has also highlighted the dedication and generosity of healthcare personnel, volunteers, support staff, priests, men and women religious, all of whom have helped, treated, comforted and served so many of the sick and their families with professionalism, self-giving, responsibility and love of neighbour. A silent multitude of men and women, they chose not to look the other way but to share the suffering of patients, whom they saw as neighbours and members of our one human family. Such closeness is a precious balm that provides support and consolation to the sick in their suffering. As Christians, we experience that closeness as a sign of the love of Jesus Christ, the Good Samaritan, who draws near with compassion to every man and woman wounded by sin. United to Christ by the working of the Holy Spirit, we are called to be merciful like the Father and to love in particular our frail, infirm and suffering brothers and sisters (cf. John 13:34-35). We experience this closeness not only as individuals but also as a community. Indeed, fraternal love in Christ generates a community of healing, a community that leaves no one behind, a community that is inclusive and welcoming, especially to those most in need. Here I wish to mention the importance of fraternal solidarity, which is expressed concretely in service and can take a variety of forms, all directed at supporting our neighbours. "Serving means caring ... for the vulnerable of our families, our society, our people" (Homily in Havana 20 September 2015). In this outreach, all are "called to set aside their own wishes and desires, their pursuit of power, before the concrete gaze of those who are most vulnerable... Service always looks to their faces, touches

their flesh, senses their closeness and even, in some cases, ‘suffers’ that closeness and tries to help them. Service is never ideological, for we do not serve ideas, we serve people” (ibid.).

4. If a therapy is to be effective, it must have a relational aspect, for this enables a holistic approach to the patient. Emphasizing this aspect can help doctors, nurses, professionals and volunteers to feel responsible for accompanying patients on a path of healing grounded in a trusting interpersonal relationship (cf. New Charter for Health Care Workers [2016], 4). This creates a covenant between those in need of care and those who provide that care, a covenant based on mutual trust and respect, openness and availability. This will help to overcome defensive attitudes, respect the dignity of the sick, safeguard the professionalism of healthcare workers and foster a good relationship with the families of patients. Such a relationship with the sick can find an unfailing source of motivation and strength in the charity of Christ, as shown by the witness of those men and women who down the millennia have grown in holiness through service to the infirm. For the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection is the source of the love capable of giving full meaning to the experience of patients and caregivers alike. The Gospel frequently makes this clear by showing that Jesus heals not by magic but as the result of an encounter, an interpersonal relationship, in which God’s gift finds a response in the faith of those who accept it. As Jesus often repeats: “Your faith has saved you”.

5. Dear brothers and sisters, the commandment of love that Jesus left to his disciples is also kept in our relationship with the sick. A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned.

To Mary, Mother of Mercy and Health of the Infirm, I entrust the sick, healthcare workers and all those who generously assist our suffering brothers and sisters. From the Grotto of Lourdes and her many other shrines throughout the world, may she sustain our faith and hope, and help us care for one another with fraternal love. To each and all, I cordially impart my blessing.

**Francis**

## **Job Opportunity**

Saint Francis’ Catholic Voluntary Academy, Melton Mowbray has a vacancy for a part time non-teaching Deputy Headteacher. Visit [www.aquinas-cmat.org/vacancies/](http://www.aquinas-cmat.org/vacancies/) for further information. The closing date is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

## Diocesan Job Opportunity

The Catholic Diocese of Nottingham seeks to appoint an experienced Safeguarding Professional to lead and manage its Safeguarding Service as the **Senior Safeguarding Coordinator**. Working with the Bishop, the diocesan trustees, safeguarding commission and clergy and parishes of the diocese, this person will lead and develop safeguarding strategy and practice to the highest levels, and implement national policies and procedures fully and consistently. This is a key senior role, central to the commitment of the Bishop and the diocese to minimise safeguarding risks, achieve excellent outcomes with and for children and vulnerable adults, and enable a protected, supportive environment in which the mission of the Church demonstrably takes place safely across the diocese. The successful applicant will be a highly motivated, energetic and enthusiastic individual with proven team leadership skills, and an expertise in, and commitment to, safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. The salary is £43,800-£47,800 dependent on qualifications and experience. For more information and an application pack email: [office@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:office@dioceseofnottingham.uk) The closing date is Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February and interviews are expected to take place in person on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

## Parish Newsletter by email

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

Likewise if you haven't filled in a parish census form please consider doing so. The form can be found on the forms tab of the parish website. Without this basic contact information it's not possible for the parish to keep in touch with you.

## Financial Support of our Parish

Thank you to those parishioners who give regularly via standing orders. If you don't do so, please consider what you can give. Our parish is projected to make a loss of almost £25,000 this year, due to the lack of parish hall bookings and the reduction in weekly collection income. If you've able to set up a standing order, the details are:

- Account name: **Our Lady of Victories Southwell RCP**
- Sort Code: **30-67-76**
- Account number: **45368360**

**Many thanks to all our parishioners for your continuing generosity!**

## Clergy Appointments

Bishop Patrick has made the following clergy moves with effect from 15<sup>th</sup> February:

- ✠ Father Matthew Jakes from Saint Hugh, Lincoln to Saint Bernadette, Scunthorpe; Holy Souls, Scunthorpe; Saint Norbert, Crowle; and Saint Thomas of Canterbury, Gainsborough as Parish Priest.
- ✠ Canon Edward Jarosz, resident at Saint Hugh, Lincoln as Parish Priest, whilst continuing as Parish Priest of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Lincoln.
- ✠ Canon Geoffrey Hunton from Saint Bernadette, Scunthorpe; Holy Souls, Scunthorpe; Saint Norbert, Crowle; and Saint Thomas of Canterbury, Gainsborough to be resident at Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Lincoln, as Parochial Administrator.

We keep these priests and the communities in which they will minister much in our prayers during this time of transition.

## Supporting Newark Foodbank

The following items are especially needed at the moment:

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| ✠ Passata        | ✠ Chocolate biscuits |
| ✠ Tinned carrots | ✠ Toothpaste         |
| ✠ Long-life milk |                      |

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

## Nottingham 40 Days for life 2021

**40 Days for Life** is a peaceful and prayerful way to work for an end to abortion. In Nottingham Diocese, with the support of Bishop Patrick, we have prayed outside the abortion facility at the Queen's Medical Centre during Lent for several years. Routine abortions no longer take place there so last year we prayed at the Stapleford Care Centre, which contains a BPAS abortion clinic, until the Covid lockdown meant that we could no longer pray outside the clinic. We completed the prayer campaign by praying at home.

During Lent from 17<sup>th</sup> February to 28<sup>th</sup> March people in our Diocese are invited to pray and fast for an end to abortion. We planned to return to Stapleford but are currently prevented from doing so by lockdown (although the abortion clinic continues to see women). So, we plan to start our 2021 campaign online.

You are invited to peacefully pray for an hour or more during a 40-day vigil running for 12 hours daily during Lent. Please **sign up now** to pray with us at

40daysforlife.com/nottingham, or contact us at 40daysforlifennots@gmail.com. Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass for us on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February** at the Cathedral at 7.00pm - if you live near Nottingham (and are not in a high-risk category) please do come. You can also follow the Mass online through the cathedral website.

### A prayer for life

We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in their situations, and experience the many blessings that motherhood brings. Lord hear us.

Would you ask your MP to sign a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain? Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link: **[www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion)**

### 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.
- ✠ **Helen Foley**, who died on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January, and whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. May she rest in peace.
- ✠ **Brendan O’Flanagan**, who died on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January, and whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February. May he rest in peace.
- ✠ **Graham Dale**, who died on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January, and whose funeral service will be on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. May he rest in peace.
- ✠ **Gerard Law**, who died on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January, and whose funeral service will be celebrated on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. May he rest in peace.
- ✠ **M et Mme Hischmann**, who died recently in Paris. May they rest in peace.
- ✠ **John Pett**, of Saint Wilfrid’s church, Calverton.
- ✠ **Clergy of our diocese who are sick at this time**: Monsignor Jonathan Moore, Canons Michael Moore and Owen O’Neill, Fathers John Cairns, Anthony Colebrook, John Daley IC, Hugh Doherty, Kevin Gradwell, James Hannigan, Peter Harvey, Christopher Hogan, James Lynch, Frank McLaughlin, Robert Rutledge, Michael Tutcher; Deacons Tom Berrie, Stephen Doona, Bill Hutchinson and Robin Pollard.

## Masses and Services this week

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February**                      **Memorial of Saints Paul Miki and Companions**  
*No morning Mass*

Collection for Racial Justice Sunday
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<p>S 6.00pm Mass</p> <p><b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b></p> <p>C 10.45am Mass</p> <p><b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>	<p><b>Fifth Sunday of the Year</b></p> <p>Mary Back RIP</p> <p><b>Fifth Sunday of the Year</b></p> <p>Pro Populo (people of the parish)</p> <p><b>Memorial of Saint Josephine Bakhita, virgin</b></p>
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Special Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking
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<p>Mass</p> <p><b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b></p> <p>Mass</p> <p><b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b></p> <p>Mass</p> <p><b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>	<p>Benedict Peter Connery RIP</p> <p><b>Feria</b></p> <p>Maura Kelly RIP</p> <p><b>Memorial of Saint Scholastica, virgin</b></p> <p>Intentions of Chantal Newman, Virginia Whitmore and Ruth Morris</p> <p><b>Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes</b></p>
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World Day of Prayer for the Sick
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<p>Mass</p> <p><b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b></p> <p>Mass</p> <p><b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b></p> <p><i>No morning Mass</i></p>	<p>Helen Foley RIP</p> <p><b>Feria</b></p> <p>Graham Dale RIP (funeral day)</p> <p><b>Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b></p>
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<p>S 6.00pm Mass</p> <p><b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b></p> <p>C 10.45am Mass</p>	<p><b>Sixth Sunday of the Year</b></p> <p>Pro Populo (people of the parish)</p> <p><b>Sixth Sunday of the Year</b></p> <p>John Hodgkinson RIP (Thomas)</p>
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## Readings at Masses this week

<b>Sunday</b>	Job 7:1-4.6-7; Psalm 146(147):1-6; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23; Mark 1:29-39
<b>Monday</b>	Genesis 1:1-19; Psalm 103(104):1-2.5-6.10.12.24.35; Mark 6:53-56
<b>Tuesday</b>	Genesis 1:20-2:4; Psalm 8:4-9; Mark 7:1-15
<b>Wednesday</b>	Genesis 2:4-9.15-17; Psalm 103(104):1-2.27-30; Mark 7:14-23
<b>Thursday</b>	Genesis 2:18-25; Psalm 127(128):1-5; Mark 7:24-30
<b>Friday</b>	Genesis 3:1-8; Psalm 31(32):1-2.5-7; Mark 7:31-37
<b>Saturday</b>	Genesis 3:9-24; Psalm 89(90):2-6.12-13; Mark 8:1-10