



*Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Southwell and Calverton*

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

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**8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020 : Fifth Sunday of the Year**



*Each year, in February and in October, the Bishop asks that the following statement be shared in our parishes. If you're already married it might be something to reflect on; if you're considering marrying it will be something to ponder; if you're not married it might be a source of prayer for those preparing for this sacrament. The world celebrates Valentine's Day this week, a time for us to ponder the mystery of marriage and the love it expresses.*

God the Father has created marriage as a mutual and exclusive covenant between one man and one woman, by which they establish between themselves a loving and intimate partnership of their whole life, which of its own nature is ordered both to the well-being of the spouses themselves and to the procreation and education of children. It is a true vocation entered into for life, for what God has joined together no one can put asunder. Our Lord Jesus Christ has raised marriage between two baptised people to the dignity of a sacrament.

The Church welcomes with joy those who wish to marry in accordance with her teaching. At the same time, the Church is aware of the many pressures of modern life which can endanger their commitment, their relationship and their family life. She is constantly concerned to help those who wish to marry to be prepared as fully as they can be to make this loving and lifelong commitment. For this reason:

1. A couple who wish to marry should speak to their parish priest at least six months before their proposed wedding date, and should not make any other arrangements concerning their wedding until they have spoken to him.
2. The parish priest is responsible for preparing couples for marriage. He will often be assisted in this important work by a deacon, a group of parishioners or members of other organisations.
3. Any marriage involving a Catholic should be celebrated in their parish church. With the permission of their parish priest, the marriage may be celebrated in another parish. A marriage between a Catholic and a non-Catholic may only be celebrated in a non-Catholic church with a dispensation, which will only be granted for a serious reason.
4. If a Catholic wishes to marry a non-Catholic, the Catholic will be reminded of their obligation to preserve their faith, and will be invited to make a sincere promise to do all in their power to have their children baptised and brought up in the Catholic faith. The non-Catholic partner will be informed of this promise, but will not be asked to make any such promise.

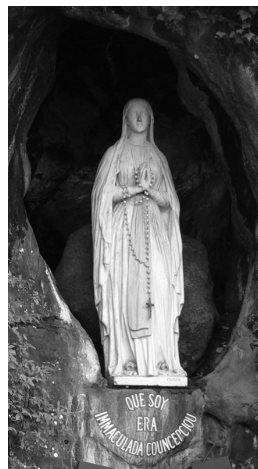
All couples preparing for marriage need and are entitled to receive the support of the Church, so that they will be strengthened by the Holy Spirit as they prepare for, celebrate, and live out the commitment which they will make at their wedding. The Church thanks all those married people who show great constancy and faithfulness in their vocation, and prays that their example inspire all who are preparing to marry.

### **Prayers before Mass : and the Year of the Word**

We pray before Mass the Angelus (in preparation for the Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary) and the Prayer of the Year of the Word. Thanks to the parishioners who lead these prayers, about five minutes before the Mass each day.

### **Changes to Mass times this week**

Father Simon will offer Mass for all parishioners' intentions in Lourdes on Monday and Tuesday; daily Mass resumes on Wednesday, although there is no morning Mass on Saturday. Thanks to our daily Mass-goers for your understanding.



## Welcome to Father Frank

During Father Simon's time in Lourdes, for the annual Pilgrimage Directors' Conference, Father Frank Carvill will celebrate our Sunday Masses this weekend. He will then return a fortnight later, when Father Simon is in Leuven for his exams and intense study weeks. It's good to have a 'permanent supply' with Father Frank, who will no doubt be made very welcome in our parish.

## Parish Meetings

Many thanks to all those who have come to the various meetings of parish ministers over the past few weeks. Some notes from the meetings will be published in next Sunday's newsletter.

## Forthcoming Events in our parish, community and diocese

The parish **Saint Vincent de Paul Society** meets on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February** at 5.30pm in the presbytery meeting room.

**Coffee for CAFOD** on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February** after the 9.30am Mass in the presbytery meeting room. Coffee, cake, convivial company and campaigning for the common good. All warmly welcome.

**The Week of the Passion and Death of Jesus**, a scripture study led by Father Antonio Belsito IC, on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February** at 7.00pm at the Rosmini Centre, LE7 4SJ. Visit [www.rosminicentre.co.uk](http://www.rosminicentre.co.uk) or contact 01509 813078 for more information.

The annual **Diocesan Marriage Mass**, to celebrate the gift of Christian marriage, is where married couples are able to renew their vows before the Bishop, and receive his Apostolic blessing on their marriages. This year's Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February**, at 3.00pm in Saint Barnabas Cathedral. This Mass is open to all married couples, but is especially appropriate to those recently married, or celebrating a significant anniversary. All are Welcome.

As part of the Year of the Word Nottingham Diocese is hosting the **National Scripture Tour** on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**, from 10.30am, in Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Newark, NG24 4AU. The keynote speaker will be the artist for the Year, Pete Codling. The Scripture Tour aims to bring the Word of God alive – all are very welcome!

**Sharing Scripture in my life on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** from 3.00pm at the Rosmini Centre, LE7 4SJ. Visit [www.rosminicentre.co.uk](http://www.rosminicentre.co.uk) or contact 01509 813078 for information.

Have you ever thought about becoming a Religious Sister or Brother? **Come and Ask afternoon on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March**, from 2.30pm until 4.00pm, at Our Lady and Saint Edward, Nottingham NG3 2LG. See the poster in the porch for more details, or contact Sister Maureen Brennan [maureenbrennancsjp@gmail.com](mailto:maureenbrennancsjp@gmail.com), Sister Susan Richert [religious@nrcdt.org.uk](mailto:religious@nrcdt.org.uk) or 07751 196124 or The Nottingham Vocation team [nottinghamvocations@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nottinghamvocations@hotmail.co.uk)

A **Charity Saint Patrick's Folk Night** will be held on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March** in Our Lady of Victories' parish hall, from 7.00pm until 11.00pm, including a buffet, tea and coffee (but bring your own tipples if you wish), music and singing. Tickets cost £5, with the proceeds going to the Newark Emmaus Trust, and will be on sale after each Sunday Mass from this weekend. All are very welcome.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society members invite you to join them for **Coffee and Croissants** after Mass on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** : any donations made will go towards projects including the Children's Summer Camp sponsorship. They have appreciated parishioners' support in the past which has helped in many ways.

## Diocesan Youth Singing Day : Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February



The Diocesan Youth Singing Day is an exciting opportunity for children and young people aged 12 – 18 to come together and sing at the Cathedral – for free! We will spend the afternoon learning a variety of great songs inspired by The God Who Speaks, as part of the 2020 Year of the Word, focussing on music from the Bible (although we will sing some secular music

too). We will be joined by members of the Cathedral Youth Choir and the Kurczewski Girls' Choir who are travelling from Poland. The day will culminate in a free informal concert for family and friends at 6pm in Cathedral Hall. This free workshop will be led by the fantastic Ellie Martin and Alex Patterson - their fun and enthusiastic approach to singing will make the day an unmissable singing experience! Details are:

- ✕ Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2.00pm – 6.30pm, Nottingham Cathedral Hall
- ✕ Refreshments will be available throughout the day
- ✕ Reserve places by 18<sup>th</sup> February by emailing [alexpattersonmusic@gmail.com](mailto:alexpattersonmusic@gmail.com)

## A Day for Catholic Women : Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February

**One Faith: Different Cultures** will be held on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February**, 10.30am – 4.00pm, at Saint Joseph's parish, Leicester LE5 6RA. Women speakers will share their experience, understandings and vision for our Catholic Church being representative of the diverse cultures that make up our universal Church. The day is open to all women who identify as Catholic, also to those who no longer practise their faith. There is no charge for the day although lunch (soup, rolls, cakes, etc.) is available at £3.50. To book a place telephone 0116 220 7881 or email [Alison.CWS@outlook.com](mailto:Alison.CWS@outlook.com)

## World Day of Prayer : Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

A Women Led, Global, Ecumenical Movement, this year the Women of Zimbabwe have prepared the service and they encourage us all to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that have plagued their country over many years. The service will be held on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** at 6.30pm in Holy Trinity Church, Southwell. All are invited.

## Saint John's Passion : Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March

J S Bach's setting of Saint John's Passion will be performed by the Cathedral Choir as we begin Lent. Join Bishop Patrick in this Year of the Word event on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March** beginning at 7.45 pm. Experience the spiritual and artistic grandeur of Bach's great reading of Christ's passion in Saint Barnabas Cathedral. Tickets are £16, £12, £10, and available online from [www.nottinghamcathedralmusic.com](http://www.nottinghamcathedralmusic.com) or in person from the Nottingham Tourism Centre. Flyers are available at the back of church.

## Faith in Action : Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March

God is love, and he calls us to love, generously and joyfully. The Diocese is on the way to becoming part of the global Caritas network, and as parishioners you will be part of it too. On **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March** from 10.30am until 4.00pm we have the invitation to come to Cathedral Hall in Nottingham and to join with Bishop Patrick, Caritas Social Action Network, the Justice and Peace Commission, and people from all round our diocese, for a day to nourish the work we do for the common good; be inspired for the adventure of missionary discipleship; build our parishes as confident, outward-looking communities; make common cause and achieve more together. Book via Paul Bodenham ([justice.peace@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:justice.peace@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or 07470 907656).

## Year of the Word : Day of Prayer : Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Come to a **Day of Prayer** hosted by the Diocesan Spirituality Network entitled : **Encounter Jesus and be Missionary Disciples through Saint Matthew's Gospel**, on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May**, in Saint Hugh's hall, Lincoln LN2 5AQ. Arrivals from 9.30am, starting at 10.00am, and closing with a Liturgy at 3.00pm. Refreshments are provided, please bring a packed lunch. All are welcome.

## Pilgrimage by Coach

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Nevers by Coach June 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>** Picking up in Nottingham, Derby and Leicester, the cost is £595 per person. This price includes coach and ferry travel, overnight stay in Orleans on the way out, full board at the Hotel Irlande in Lourdes, half board in Nevers on the way back; there's an optional excursion to Gavarnie, a ski resort in the Pyrenees. For a booking form, please contact Father John McCay at [jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk) or 0115 981 0320.

## Financial Report to the Parish

Each year a summary financial report is to be given to parishioners, a way to thank them for their generosity to the parish and to explain how the money has been spent. The report for our parish will be given at Mass next Sunday, including some ways in which we might look to safeguard our parish financially into the future.

## Visitors last Sunday

Calverton parishioners were delighted to welcome Guides from the Polish Catholic Guide Companies to our 10.45am Mass, especially as they sang to us so beautifully!



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

*Tuesday, the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, is kept throughout the Church as a day of special prayer for those who are sick. Father Simon will offer Mass on Tuesday in Lourdes, and in solidarity with those whom we remember in prayer we might also consider these words of the Holy Father:*



**Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest"**

*Matthew 11:28*

Dear brothers and sisters,

1. Jesus' words, "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28) point to the mysterious path of grace that is revealed to the simple and gives new strength to those who are weary and tired. These words of Christ express the solidarity of the Son of Man with all those who are hurt and afflicted. How many people suffer in both body and soul! Jesus urges everyone to draw near to him – "Come to me!" – and he promises them comfort and repose. "When Jesus says this, he has before him the people he meets every day on the streets of Galilee: very many simple people, the poor, the sick, sinners, those who are marginalized by the burden of the law and the oppressive social system... These people always followed him to hear his word, a word that gave hope! Jesus' words always give hope!" (Angelus, 6 July 2014). On this XXVIII World Day of the Sick, Jesus repeats these words to the sick, the oppressed, and the poor. For they realize that they depend entirely on God and, beneath the burden of their trials, stand in need of his healing. Jesus does not make demands of those who endure situations of frailty, suffering and weakness, but offers his mercy and his comforting presence. He looks upon a wounded humanity with eyes that gaze into the heart of each person. That gaze is not one of indifference; rather, it embraces people in their entirety, each person in his or her health condition, discarding no one, but rather inviting everyone to share in his life and to experience his tender love.

2. Why does Jesus have these feelings? Because he himself became frail, endured human suffering and received comfort from his Father. Indeed, only those who personally experience suffering are then able to comfort others. There are so many kinds of grave suffering: incurable and chronic diseases, psychological diseases, situations calling for rehabilitation or palliative care, numerous forms of disability, children's or geriatric diseases... At times human warmth is lacking in our

approach to these. What is needed is a personalized approach to the sick, not just of curing but also of caring, in view of an integral human healing. In experiencing illness, individuals not only feel threatened in their physical integrity, but also in the relational, intellectual, affective and spiritual dimensions of their lives. For this reason, in addition to therapy and support, they expect care and attention. In a word, love. At the side of every sick person, there is also a family, which itself suffers and is in need of support and comfort.

3. Dear brothers and sisters who are ill, your sickness makes you in a particular way one of those “who labour and are burdened”, and thus attract the eyes and heart of Jesus. In him, you will find light to brighten your darkest moments and hope to soothe your distress. He urges you: “Come to me”. In him, you will find strength to face all the worries and questions that assail you during this “dark night” of body and soul. Christ did not give us prescriptions, but through his passion, death and resurrection he frees us from the grip of evil. In your experience of illness, you certainly need a place to find rest. The Church desires to become more and more the “inn” of the Good Samaritan who is Christ (cf. Luke 10:34), that is, a home where you can encounter his grace, which finds expression in closeness, acceptance and relief. In this home, you can meet people who, healed in their frailty by God’s mercy, will help you bear your cross and enable your suffering to give you a new perspective. You will be able to look beyond your illness to a greater horizon of new light and fresh strength for your lives. A key role in this effort to offer rest and renewal to our sick brothers and sisters is played by healthcare workers: physicians, nurses, medical and administrative professionals, assistants and volunteers. Thanks to their expertise, they can make patients feel the presence of Christ who consoles and cares for the sick, and heals every hurt. Yet they too are men and women with their own frailties and even illnesses. They show how true it is that “once Christ’s comfort and rest is received, we are called in turn to become rest and comfort for our brothers and sisters, with a docile and humble attitude in imitation of the Teacher” (Angelus, 6 July 2014).

4. Dear healthcare professionals, let us always remember that diagnostic, preventive and therapeutic treatments, research, care and rehabilitation are always in the service of the sick person; indeed the noun “person” takes priority over the adjective “sick”. In your work, may you always strive to promote the dignity and life of each person, and reject any compromise in the direction of euthanasia, assisted suicide or suppression of life, even in the case of terminal illness. When confronted with the limitations and even failures of medical science before increasingly problematic clinical cases and bleak diagnoses, you are called to be open to the



transcendent dimension of your profession that reveals its ultimate meaning. Let us remember that life is sacred and belongs to God; hence it is inviolable and no one can claim the right to dispose of it freely (cf. *Donum Vitae*, 5; *Evangelium Vitae*, 29-53). Life must be welcomed, protected, respected and served from its beginning to its end: both human reason and faith in God, the author of life, require this. In some cases, conscientious objection becomes a necessary decision if you are to be consistent with your “yes” to life and to the human person. Your professionalism, sustained by Christian charity, will be the best service you can offer for the safeguarding of the truest human right, the right to life. When you can no longer provide a cure, you will still be able to provide care and healing, through gestures and procedures that give comfort and relief to the sick. Tragically, in some contexts of war and violent conflict, healthcare professionals and the facilities that receive and assist the sick are attacked. In some areas, too, political authorities attempt to manipulate medical care for their own advantage, thus restricting the medical profession’s legitimate autonomy. Yet attacking those who devote themselves to the service of the suffering members of society does not serve the interests of anyone.

5. On this XXVIII World Day of the Sick, I think of our many brothers and sisters throughout the world who have no access to medical care because they live in poverty. For this reason, I urge healthcare institutions and government leaders throughout the world not to neglect social justice out of a preoccupation for financial concerns. It is my hope that, by joining the principles of solidarity and subsidiarity, efforts will be made to cooperate in ensuring that everyone has access to suitable treatments for preserving and restoring their health. I offer heartfelt thanks to all those volunteers who serve the sick, often compensating for structural shortcomings, while reflecting the image of Christ, the Good Samaritan, by their acts of tender love and closeness. To the Blessed Virgin Mary, Health of the Sick, I entrust all those who bear the burden of illness, along with their families and all healthcare workers. With the assurance of a remembrance in my prayers, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.

*From the Vatican, 3 January 2020 Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus*

**FRANCIS**

## **Newsletter via email**

If you’d like to receive the parish newsletter by email simply email Justine (the parish secretary, at [olv.rcchurch@gmail.com](mailto:olv.rcchurch@gmail.com)), asking to be added to the list. You can still collect a paper copy if you wish, and it will be available on the parish website also.

## From All Saints' Catholic Voluntary Academy

The children at All Saints' celebrate Mass every Friday and would love to extend a warm welcome to you all. We are very proud of our faith community and would love to get to know members of our local parishes better. Although we are big in heart we are limited in seating, so if you would like to join us for any of our services, which begin at 11.00am, please feel free to contact our school lay chaplain, Vicki Mullen. She will happily give you more details and ensure there is ample room for you. Vicki's email address is : mullen.v@allsaints.notts.sch.uk

## Prayers for ...

Please remember in your prayers especially:

- ✠ **Canon David Oakley**, a priest of Birmingham diocese, and presently Rector of Oscott Seminary, who has been named by Pope Francis as the next Bishop of Northampton. He will be ordained bishop by Cardinal Nichols on 19<sup>th</sup> March.
- ✠ **Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski**, currently Eparch (Bishop) of New Westminster, Canada, who has been appointed bishop of the Eparch of the Holy Family of London for Ukrainian Greek Catholics in the United Kingdom

## Sharewear

Clothes are not presently being collected for Sharewear as they are hoping to source their stock in a different way. Thank you for all your previous generous support.

## Saint Vincent de Paul Society : Cash for Coins

The SVP is very grateful for the support of the parish and once again we are asking parishioners and friends for any foreign coins that you might have left over from your holiday or business trips. We would also like any redundant British coins such as old £1 coins, old shillings and pence, as well as redundant foreign coins such as French francs, German marks, etc. There is a container for all your old and redundant coins in the narthex of each church. Thank You!

## Thank You for your Generosity

The main collection, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February : £175.76  
Cafod's Emergency Appeal for Zambia and Zimbabwe : £133.23

## A reflection from 'Marriage Matters'

### I will be with you always

Today we hear of hurt – Joseph's (Matthew) and Mary's (Luke). Whenever we are hurt, it is important to recall that Jesus said 'I will be with you always'. For example, in times of difficulty, when we are struggling to make decisions, but see things differently, He is there, giving us the strength and courage to listen lovingly to each other.

## Readings at Masses this week

Monday	1 Kings 8:1-7.9-13; Psalm 131(132):6-10; Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday	1 Kings 8:22-23.27-30; Psalm 83(84):3-5.10-11; Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday	1 Kings 10:1-10; Psalm 36(37):5-6.30-31.39-40; Mark 7:14-23
Thursday	1 Kings 11:4-13; Psalm 105(106):3-4.35-37.40; Mark 7:24-30
Friday	Acts 13:46-49; Psalm 116(117); Luke 10:1-9
Saturday	1 Kings 12:26-32.13:33-34; Psalm 105(106):6-7.19-22; Mark 8:1-10

## Parish Ministries

	<i>This week</i>	<i>Next week</i>
	<b>Fifth Sunday</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday</b>
<i>Welcomers OLV 6pm</i>	May Sills Bryan Sills	Carl Smithson Jenny Smithson
<i>Welcomers OLV 9am</i>	Ros Johnson Kate Cawley	Anna Davies Valerie Brock
<i>Welcomers StA 10.45am</i>	Joan Hyde	John Hodgkinson
<i>Readers OLV 6pm</i>	May Sills	Annabel Kingsbury
<i>Readers OLV 9am</i>	Dawn George	Tom Foley
<i>Readers StA 10.45am</i>	Jana Davies	Moira Hodgkinson
<i>Communion OLV 6pm</i>	Madeleine Birch	Cathy Smith
<i>Communion OLV 9am</i>	Michael Gemson	Theresa Martin
<i>Coffee OLV 9am</i>	Mary Joyce Michael Joyce	Anna Davies Catherine Cowley
<i>Cleaners OLV</i>	Eileen and Sue	Anna Davies
<i>Counters</i>	Michael Joyce	Marie Baldwin

## Masses and Services this week

*C = Saint Anthony's church, Calverton; S = Our Lady of Victories' church Southwell*

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February

*No public morning Mass*

### Saturday Memorial of Our Lady

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

S 5.15pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Confessions

S 6.00pm Vigil Mass Mike Murtagh RIP

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

S 9.00am Mass Christy and Mary Greaney

C 10.45am Mass Priest's intentions

S 6.00pm Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church)

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February

#### Memorial of Saint Scholastica, virgin

*No public Mass today*

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

#### Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes

*No public Mass today*

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

#### Feria

S 9.30am Mass Irene (Bobbie) Thornton RIP

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

#### Feria

S 9.30am Mass Pro Populo (people of the parish)

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

#### Feast of Saint Cyril and Saint Methodius

C 9.00am Mass Peter Hann RIP

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February

#### Saturday Memorial of Our Lady

*No public morning Mass*

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

S 5.15pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Confessions

S 6.00pm Vigil Mass Ian Pallister RIP

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

S 9.00am Mass Liam Brennan

C 10.45am Mass Mike Murtagh RIP

S 6.00pm Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church)

## Pope's Prayer Intentions for February

**Listen to the Migrants' Cries** We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.