



Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Southwell and Calverton

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Just as through the season of Lent, so now in Eastertide we have reflections prepared by clergy of Nottingham Diocese to help us reflect on each Sunday's readings.

In the popular murder mystery drama on the BBC, 'Death in Paradise' the formula for each episode follows a very similar pattern. Indeed, when the producers tried to change this pattern there was somewhat of an outcry and they quickly returned to the tried and tested pattern. It is currently into its tenth season. Each episode starts with new characters introduced during which a murder takes place. The police detectives then travel around this wonderful Caribbean island picking up clues before all the suspects are gathered together, in the very best Agatha Christie's Poirot or Miss Marple tradition. The lead detective then outlines the devious

criminal narrative and unmask the murderer. It's great! The best part is seeing the look on the suspects' faces, and indeed their police colleagues, as those present begin to 'understand' what has taken place as the mystery unfolds before their very eyes.

The Disciples Gift of Understanding in John's Gospel. The Holy Spirit's gift of 'understanding' uncovers God's loving plan unfolding before our eyes in order that we can shed light on this for others. Jesus request for a bite to eat helped his disciples understand that he wasn't a mere ghost but this was the fully



resurrected body and soul of Jesus Christ present in their midst. As if this wasn't enough, Jesus then opens their minds to understand the scriptures. The key part of this is that this wasn't for their benefit or entertainment but was so that repentance and forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations. A gift of the Holy Spirit is by its nature outward looking – for the benefit and building up of others. In a nutshell, a gift of the Holy Spirit marks the shift from discipleship to missionary discipleship in order to enable others to encounter Christ at work.

Joy as a Fruit of Understanding in Acts. What a difference the gifts of the Holy Spirit have made to Peter. His growth through discipleship bears testament to the power of the Holy Spirit. Peter's earlier refusal to accept Jesus' betrayal and crucifixion (Matthew 16:23), the misplaced offer of accommodation at the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:4) or his lack of trust on the stormy water (Matthew 14:29) are important parts of his journey. Peter's newly accepted gift of understanding doesn't just give him a temporary boost or fleeting sense of wellbeing but what he displays in Acts is the fruit of 'joy'. Peter's joy is utterly rooted in God. It is so unshakable that no matter who he encounters he joyfully explains to people that although they may have had some element of blame for killing the prince of life, everything is fine and dandy as all that Jesus said would happen. He now understood that it had been foretold. The great thing about genuine joy is that it's infectious and those who encounter this fruit in others want whatever Peter has and so desire to explore their journey in Christ. **The Lord is risen. Alleluia! He is truly risen. Alleluia!**

Access to a Priest or the Sacraments

Although it can be difficult to get to church Mass is still celebrated every day for the intentions of all the parishioners of Southwell and Calverton, and for the specific intentions requested. If you need to contact Father Simon, please get in touch.

Requiem Masses and Funeral Services can still be held, either in church (for the Mass), or directly at the graveside or in the crematorium.

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.

If you know of anyone who **isn't presently coming to Mass** please do let them know that our churches are open and Mass is celebrated. Although some parishioners have good reasons for not coming back to Mass, it would be a travesty if others weren't returning because they didn't know they could do so.

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.

The homilies preached by Father Simon during the liturgies of Holy Week considered the virtues of Saint Joseph which we see reflected in the life of Jesus. To have a little more time to study these virtues, and indeed what this Year is all about, consider reading the (short) Apostolic Letter **Patris Corde** which Pope Francis wrote to inaugurate the Year of Saint Joseph. It's only about a dozen pages long, divided into seven chapters, and can be accessed via the Vatican's website at:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html#_ftnref24

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.

A initiative for the Year of the Word is the Bible TimeLine Course. This free, live-streamed course looks at the history that the Bible relate. The course began on **Wednesday 7th April** and can be accessed at: <https://comeandsee.org/index.html>

Coming to Mass

In the current partial lockdown public Mass is available on Saturday in Southwell at 6.00pm and on Sunday in Calverton at 10.45am. Currently we are precluded from any social interaction in church (outside of our bubble), and in groups of no more than six outside of church. 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 some doors will be open to enable as much ventilation as possible;
- ✘ The Mass Sheet will explain the changes in the way Mass is celebrated, especially:
 - There will be no congregational singing;
 - Responses will be made with quiet voices;
 - There will be no ministries (eg altar servers, readers) during Mass;
 - There will be no sign of peace;
- ✘ After Mass you will be invited to receive Holy Communion; then exit the church following the one-way system, out into the car park, and leave immediately.
- ✘ Since it is not permitted to gather publicly in groups of more than six, please ensure that you don't linger too long, or with too many others, in the car park after Mass, tempting as it is to chat with fellow parishioners!
- ✘ As the weather is cooler please dress appropriately for the weather and temperature.

NHS Covid-19 App and the QR Code in Church

If you have a smart-phone please scan the QR code as you come in to either church, enabling you to 'check in' and assisting with the Government's Track and Trace system. Please note this is in addition to booking a place at Mass, and not instead – please continue to book for Mass as well!

Covid Precautions : A Reminder

- ✘ An effective vaccine is the best way to protect people from coronavirus and will save thousands of lives.
- ✘ Following extensive safety trials and authorisation by the independent medicines' regulator, the MHRA, effective COVID-19 vaccines are available in the UK for free.
- ✘ It is essential that everyone continues to stay at home if possible to protect the NHS and save lives. Follow the link to make a vaccine booking:

https://www.swiftqueue.co.uk/nottinghamc19vpatient.php?fbclid=IwAR0nHe0lfONdVaFT8vwQIDjb5UQJ0_DQbEjxdLAKEdqdeGIHHATF35ENOEI

Ways to continue to participate in the life of the Church

The **readings and prayers for Mass** each day can be found here:

- <https://universalis.com/europe.england.nottingham/mass.htm>

Daily Mass is broadcast from our Cathedral in Nottingham at the following times:

- Sundays and Saturdays: 10am; Weekdays: 1pm

The link to the televised Mass is here:

- http://www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/01_Community/livestream.html

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

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

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

- www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf7upUMsn3Kl8GD79FotjQ/featured?fbclid=IwAR1JRpqkdOOrHZY98bsnSC_N9TKbvSKXv0L5bT4yVcCMTHaVmAwaW4g-rAk

A **Livestream from the Grotto in Lourdes** can be followed each day, with Mass broadcast in English at 9.00am (8.00am our time) each morning, and the Rosary, together with other prayers and devotions, in various languages, during the day:

- <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/>

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

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

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

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

For children of primary school age the **Mark 10 Mission** gives a reflection for each Sunday's Gospel, and a challenge for the week ahead:

- <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/series-five-jesus-is-alive>

Pope's Prayer Intention for April

Fundamental Right

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

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 in our parish and wider community

A Father's Heart – A Podcast for Catholic Dads The Diocese of Nottingham has launched a new Podcast to celebrate the Year of Saint Joseph. A Father's Heart takes its name from *Patris Corde* (Pope Francis's letter that launched this special year). This letter is split into seven sections, each highlighting a different characteristic of Saint Joseph's fatherhood. Each month the podcast will pick a section for two dads, from around the diocese, to reflect on and discuss. Find out how to listen (and subscribe) by going to: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/podcasts

Helping people encounter Jesus – the Alpha Course is a highly successful way for people and parishes to help others encounter Jesus. Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa (Preacher to Popes Saint John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis) has said about it: 'One of the advantages of Alpha is that it focuses on Kerygma [the Good News the Jesus desires on friendship]... faith in itself blossoms only by hearing the Kerygma.' The Diocese of Nottingham has partnered with the Alpha in a Catholic Context team to deliver training on how to run Alpha to empower you to help others encounter or re-encounter Jesus. To register for the sessions on **Tuesday 20th April**, visit:

www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/information/diocesan-commissions/01_commission-adult-formation

Throughout the world, religious believers are persecuted because of their faith. According to the BBC, over a million Turkic Uighurs are detained in concentration camps, prisons and forced labour factories in China. The Yazidis and Christians of Iraq are still recovering from genocide at the hands of Daesh (ISIS), where Yazidi women were sold into sex slavery in open marketplaces.

You are invited to the virtual launch of Aid to the Church in Need's (ACN) **Religious Freedom in the World report**, which assesses the extent that the core human right of religious freedom is upheld in 196 countries, every country on earth. More than two years in the making, the report is the only global study on religious freedom that is not produced by, or for, a government. We are pleased to have guest speakers from across the world joining us for this event.

The event will livestream on YouTube at 6.00pm on **Tuesday 20th April**. The report itself will be available for download from Tuesday 20th April onwards. To access the report or the launch event visit:

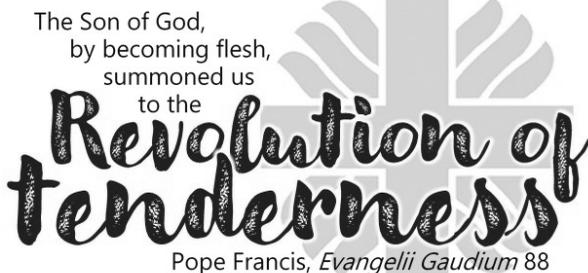
https://acnuk.org/event/launch-of-acns-religious-freedom-in-the-world-report/?goal=0_a0d0479464-b31383b604-139662329&mc_cid=b31383b604&mc_eid=5cb7517a9e

Father John Deehan is offering a series of five evening talks on the Old Testament entitled: **The Old Testament, A Guide for the Perplexed**, starting on **Tuesday 20th April** at 7.00pm. These are being run by the Agency for Evangelisation, Diocese of Westminster, free of charge. The talks will be on Tuesday 20th and 27th April, and 4th 11th and 18th May. To register for the talks, click on the following Eventbrite link:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-old-testament-a-guide-for-the-perplexed-fr-john-deehan-series-tickets-147585890371

Revolution of Tenderness: As we emerge from lockdown into the 'new normal', God is calling each of us afresh.

The diocese is offering a series of initiatives and events inspired by Pope Francis called Revolution of Tenderness, to help us answer that call. The invitation comes from Caritas, the new diocesan



network supporting social action, and includes:

- ✘ Prepare the Future: Practical workshops on **Wednesday 21st April** (3.30pm – 5.00pm) and **Wednesday 2nd June** and regularly thereafter, to help parish activities and outreach start up again;
- ✘ Lend an Ear: A diocesan listening campaign to rebuild social friendship and understanding after the pandemic;
- ✘ The Word and the Common Good: Workshops on Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching on Monday evenings in June and July

Everyone is welcome, visit: **dioceseofnottingham.uk/revolution-of-tenderness**

The Catholic foundation Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (FACE) is hosting a webinar with His Beatitude Louis Raphaël Cardinal Sako Patriarch of Babylon of the Chaldeans, head of the Chaldean Catholic Church, and His Eminence Michael Louis Cardinal Fitzgerald MAfr, Patron of FACE, on the **Future of Christianity in the Middle East**, on **Saturday 24th April** at 10:00am via Zoom. His Beatitude Cardinal Sako, who hosted the recent apostolic visit of Pope Francis to Iraq, faces the challenge of leading an Eastern Church in a highly charged and often changing situation, which has witnessed the mass exodus of Eastern Christians from their homelands where Christianity was first spread. It is necessary to register in advance by using the link: **www.cardinalsako.eventbrite.co.uk**

More forthcoming Events in our parish and wider community

The **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** occurs this year on **Sunday 25th April** – Good Shepherd Sunday. This is our annual opportunity to reflect on the Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life. Also, we can contribute to the Clergy Formation Fund which helps train our future priests and contributes to our priests' continuing formation. Please pray for the priests who serve you and encourage the young men [and maybe the unattached young at heart!] to consider the call to priesthood for themselves and encourage their peers whom they think would make good priests.

Here: Now: Us – put your faith into action open evening on **Monday 26th April**, 7.00pm until 8.00pm by Zoom. The Diocese of Nottingham is running a programme to encourage lay leadership for outreach., bringing Catholic social teaching to life, and helping to build a confident missionary parish after the pandemic. It starts on Monday 7th June with The Pandemic, the Word and the Common Good, a six-week interactive course for parish groups. In the autumn the parish could then host a workshop to plan for mission. The Diocese is offering a further open evening where you can find out more, ask questions, and find out what's involved on Monday 17th May. More details can be found at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/here-now-us or contact Paul at paul.bodenham@dioceseofnottingham.uk, or on 07470 907656.

Global Healing – How our faith helps us to care for our common home. The final session is on **Thursday 29th April**. In 2015, Pope Francis published his groundbreaking 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/tJcvcOuuqzsvEtMBwz2hxBzhhvwy0hcgyoEb>

Beauvale Pilgrimage 2021 On **Sunday 2nd May** at 3.00pm Bishop Patrick will celebrate the annual Mass to honour the lives of the Beauvale Martyrs, Saints John Houghton and Robert Lawrence. Due to covid restrictions this year's Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady of Good Counsel church, Eastwood. The number of people has to be limited to 48, but Mass will be live streamed. Search on YouTube: 'Our Lady of Good Counsel church Eastwood' to follow the Mass. For more information please contact Father Paul Newman: paul.newman@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Being a Missionary Disciple – After the success of Bishop Patrick’s Lent Talks on Discipleship, we are offered two talks via Zoom on ‘being a Missionary Disciple’.

The first talk *‘The Ascension and the Great Commission’* will be given by Canon Christopher Thomas (General Secretary of the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales) on **Thursday 13th May** at 7.00pm. This talk will explore the importance of the Ascension and how we can live Jesus final instructions to us.

The second talk *‘Pentecost and Mission’* will be given by Pippa Baker (a Catholic missionary, speaker and musician) on **Wednesday 19th May** at 7.00pm. This talk will examine the significance of Pentecost for us and how the Holy Spirit equips us for mission in our everyday lives. To register visit: **www.dioceseofnottingham.uk**

Pax Christi’s **Pilgrimage for Peace** is being celebrated during the week of **15th – 21st May**. “Set yourself a challenge, get sponsored for it, and raise vital funds to support this work for peace that we all value.” More details can be found at: **tinyurl.com/Pilgrimage4Peace**

The **Marriage Encounter** experience is normally available as a residential or non-residential weekend but in response to the ongoing restrictions of the covid pandemic, it is now available as a live, on-line experience. The experience is an opportunity to learn from couples who are willing to share their personal journeys and tools for reclaiming the spark and living in love together. Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) offers an experience that helps couples to listen, share and connect more deeply; for over 50 years it has helped millions of Catholic couples and others, throughout the world, unlock the power of their relationships.

There is no group discussion, it is just about the couple learning to be the best, most loving couple they can be. The new format has proved popular, especially with younger couples and is being rolled out during 2021, on **15th - 16th May**. To book or to find out more information about WWME follow the link: **www.wwme.org.uk**

Pax Christi AGM will be held on **Saturday 22nd May** at 10.15am (for a 10.30am start). Please register (by 20th May) via **<https://bit.ly/2Qb6nyx>** or visit the website for more information: **www.paxchristi.org.uk**

Pentecost Prayer and the launch of the Diocesan Caritas. Kindle the fire of love by joining on the eve of Pentecost, **Saturday 22nd May** at 4.00pm, for a special interactive online service to mark the launch of Caritas. Find out how you can grow the Church’s mission of justice and charity. Book your place today via:

<https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/information/diocesan-commissions/justiceandpeace/kindle-the-fire>

More forthcoming Events in our parish and wider community

Open with Care, resuming parish life in the 'new normal'. In late June the Government hopes to relax the restrictions that have prevented most parish activities taking place. It will be the moment when many parish facilities and groups can start up again. Open with Care on **Wednesday 2nd June** at 3.30pm until 5.00pm will help ensure that church premises and the things that happen in it are as safe and healthy as possible, and fulfil the government guidance. We'll be joined by Catherine Scholes from the diocesan property office. Having guided us through lockdown, she'll now be helping make plans to re-open. The link for the event can be found at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScsYjmNkwmFie0FSmFbaoeil6G8B0kKoDdzV0VVr-7OpIu0A/viewform>

From Christian Aid

Wish We Were There! Christian Aid has asked us all to take action for Climate Justice. The G7 (the richest countries in the world) leaders are being hosted by the UK in Cornwall in June. Countries that caused the climate crisis must financially support those facing its worst impacts. The UK must lead the way by making more money available to tackle this crisis – and the G7 is a key moment to make this happen. As we can't be physically present we need to make sure the Prime Minister gets the message another way. Please send Boris Johnson a postcard that represents where you live to show the breadth of support for action on climate justice.

Suggested Message: Dear Prime Minister,

I can't be in Cornwall for the G7, but I call on you to make this summit a success for climate justice. Please:

- Increase climate finance to the most vulnerable communities around the world.
- Cancel unfair debts so that countries can tackle the climate crisis and other urgent priorities.

The futures of millions of people depend on a just finance deal at the G7 and COP26. With best wishes, *(remember to include your name and full address)*.

Use this address to make sure your postcard reaches Number 10:

Rt Hon Boris Johnson, MP, Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, London SW1A 2AA

Our friends around the world, already living with the impacts of the climate crisis, don't get a seat at the G7 table. Make sure they aren't forgotten in the discussions.

Diocesan Job Opportunity

The Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service (NDCYS) is looking for a highly skilled and ideally qualified Youth Worker (or equivalent) to work as part of the leadership team of NDCYS, be responsible for the leadership, supervision and management of the Volunteer Team and to lead young people in retreat programmes at The Briars. You will work as part of the wider diocesan youth service to further the mission of NDCYS across the diocese. You will have responsibility for the management of the site when on programme and be required to undertake training and CPD as part of your role.

This is a full time post (37½ hours per week equivalent) , worked on a ‘week on/week off’ basis, paid at band 4 (£21,748-£24,491). This post has an ideal start date of 7th June, but this is negotiable. The post will require residential work with equivalent time off given for overnight stays. You will need to be resident only for the duration of your programmes and working hours. Full time accommodation is not provided. For more information, and to request an application pack, contact Tom Baptist on director@ndcys.com The application deadline is Friday 30th April.

Another Diocesan Job Opportunity

There are vacancies for two Lead Lay Chaplains within the Diocese of Nottingham, at the St Thérèse of Lisieux Catholic Multi Academy Trust (Lincolnshire and Rutland) and the St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust (Derbyshire). The closing date for applications is Tuesday 4th May, and further details are available at:

www.stl-cmat.org.uk/vacancies or www.srscmat.co.uk/vacancies

Please consider passing on this information to anyone you think might be suitable for this role, which is pivotal in the lives of the young people in our schools.

Parish Newsletter by email

If you’d like to receive the parish newsletter by email simply email Father Simon at 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. At this time when it’s difficult to come to church being able to post out some newsletters and prayer resources to parishioners is one simple way of keeping in touch.

Settlement Scheme for European Union Citizens

All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is 30th June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at: [gov.uk/eusettledstatus](https://www.gov.uk/eusettledstatus) Information on assistance for those applying is available at: [gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme](https://www.gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme)

The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a valued part of our parishes, schools and communities.

Supporting Newark Foodbank

The following items are especially needed in April:

- ☒ Instant mashed potato
- ☒ Long-life milk
- ☒ Sponge puddings
(tinned or microwavable)
- ☒ Jam
- ☒ Marmalade
- ☒ Peanut butter
- ☒ Chocolate biscuits (eg kitkat)

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

How has covid-19 affected you and your faith?

Bishop Patrick would like to hear from you! The Diocese of Nottingham has launched a short survey in order to deepen its understanding of covid-19's impact on all Catholics across the diocese. Bishop Patrick is eager to know more about peoples' experiences of the pandemic, with a view to ensuring that the faithful are well supported and understood in the years ahead. Please visit

<https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/whats-on/news/share-your-story-how-has-covid-19-affected-you-and-your-faith>

and fill out the short questionnaire. Please encourage other parishioners to do so too. The deadline for submissions is Sunday 4th July.

Thanks from Justine

Please can you say a huge thank you for my amazing M&S hamper. It was such a lovely surprise when I got home from work today! Justine 😊

A little gift and card has been sent to Justine on behalf of our parish.

Financial Support of our Parish

Thank you to those parishioners who give regularly via standing orders. If you don't do so, please consider what you can give, and if you can the details are:

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

Many thanks to all our parishioners for your continuing generosity!

Thanks from Cafod

Michelle Oakford, Head of Supporter relations, has written to our parish for the £272.20 which was raised during the Lent Fast Day in February. Parishioners are thanked: "when life here at home is quite changed, thank you so much for being there for our global family."

Easter Collection

Sincere thanks to all the many parishioners and friends who contributed to the traditional Easter Offering for Father Simon – being the principal source of a parish priest's income (along with the Christmas Offering) your generosity is very much appreciated.

Summer Term Courses offered in Nottinghamshire

Inspire Culture, Learning and Libraries in Nottinghamshire has now released its Summer Term courses which can be found at:

<https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/skills-learning/online-learning-summer-2021/>
This term, as ever, there is a wide range of topics on offer in our discounted accredited and community learning programme which includes titles like 'The History of Computers - Ada Lovelace Connection' and 'Writing a Radio Play'. The vast majority of these will be offered through Zoom. Priority will be given to residents of Nottinghamshire on all of our courses.

More information can be found via the recent Facebook (@InspireLearningSkills) posts: <https://www.facebook.com/InspireLearningSkills/posts/2978607132397439> or contact Andrew Day, Lead Tutor – Gedling, Inspire: Culture, Learning and Libraries, on telephone: 0115 804 4943 or mobile: 07552 290736.

Eye-witnesses to Easter

A series of reflections about Easter prepared by Dries van den Akker SJ, and translated by Stephen Noon SJ, considering the glorious happenings of that first Easter from the points of different eye-witnesses.

I went to the grave at the crack of dawn. I had to pay my last respects to him.

He had been so bloodied and battered. With love and tenderness, I would take time to lay him out and embalm his body. It was the least I could do for him. But the grave was open and he was not there. Couldn't they leave him alone, even in death?

Were all those humiliations that he had to endure – the spitting and mockery, the crucifixion and annihilation – was all that not enough? I forgot my embalming vase and ran to Peter and John: 'They have taken the Lord away and I don't know where they have put him.'



What did I expect? Understanding? They themselves were still too numbed by everything that had happened to hear what I was saying. They looked at me as if I was hysterical. Maybe I was. But finally they got up and ran with me to the tomb.

They too saw that the grave was empty.

The cloths his body had been wrapped in lay there, neatly folded.

Yes, and then they left again. Still numb.

And I stayed behind. In tears. Someone came up behind me and said: 'Woman, why are you weeping?' At that moment I did not realise what an idiotic question it was. Have you ever asked someone in a cemetery, 'Why are you crying?' They have taken my master away, and now I don't know where to look for him. Or have you perhaps ...? And then he said my name... He said my

name... That voice, I would recognise it from a thousand voices. And yet I hadn't recognised him at the moment of that idiotic question: 'Rabbi!' It was him. I didn't doubt it for a moment. There he was! I embraced his feet, as I had done so often; as I had done for the final time, when he was taken down from that horrific cross. He said, 'Do not cling on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father.'

Now, afterwards, since he has indeed gone back to the Father, only now do I realise what those words mean. Now he lives in me as love. And not only in me, but in all of us. He surrounds me like the atmosphere, the very air I live in. I breathe him in and he gives me life. He becomes part of the essence of my body, my soul, my salvation.

He is the love that lives in me. And not only in me ...

Mary Magdalene

Prayer Intentions for Eastertide

Although we can't pray the Universal Prayer (bidding prayers) at Mass presently, Bishop Patrick gives us some suggestions for our prayers during each week of Easter.

God is our maker, redeemer and sustainer: we turn to him for all our needs.

- ✘ For the Church, that the joy of Easter may renew our faith and make us enthusiastic witnesses of the Gospel. Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.
 - ✘ For Pope Francis and all pastors of the Church; that in their ministry of the Word and Sacrament, all may recognise the face of Christ. Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.
 - ✘ For regions of the world experiencing warfare and civil unrest; that instigators may heed calls for peace, and victims would experience healing. Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.
 - ✘ For those who are overwhelmed by their sins and have lost hope in forgiveness; that they may see God as one who loves them, and not someone to be feared. Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.
 - ✘ For those who have recently died; that after their pilgrimage on Earth, they may now be admitted to their homeland in heaven. Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.
 - ✘ We pray to Mary, the Cause of our Joy, as we say: Hail Mary...
- O Lord, you listen and have pity on your people: let your help guide us all the days of our life, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Saint George – Patron of England – Solemnity on Friday

Saint George is a martyr, and patron saint of England, Venice, Genoa, Portugal and Catalonia. He is highly revered in Germany, Russia, Ethiopia and a patron of soldiers, knights, archers and armourers. This third century saint was one of the most famous of the early martyrs, although there is no historical evidence for his life. According to the writings of Saint Jerome and the Gregorian Sacramentary, he was a Palestinian soldier who was martyred for his faith at Lydda, during the persecutions of Diocletian and Maximian. From earliest times churches were dedicated to him in Jerusalem, and numerous icons of him portrayed him as a powerful helper against evil powers.



The most famous legend of Saint George and the Dragon became immensely popular in the west through the Golden Legend, translated and printed by Caxton. This tells of a dragon which terrorised the whole country, killing anyone who came near. For many years the monster was placated with offerings of sheep, and the occasional human being, chosen by lot. One day the king's daughter was picked as the dragon's next victim. She went to her fate, dressed as a bride, but George followed her, attacked the dragon and held it captive, using the princess's girdle. George told the people not to be afraid. He said if they believed in Jesus and were baptised, the dragon would be gone. The king and the people agreed and 15,000 were baptised then and there. George then killed the dragon. He refused any reward, simply asking the king to build churches and care for the poor.

The cult of Saint George has been known in England since the seventh century. During the Crusades there was said to be a vision of the saint at the siege of Antioch, before the defeat of the Saracens. At the Synod of Oxford he was made the special patron of chivalry. Under King Edward III he became England's national patron, and the King founded the Order of the Garter under his patronage. In 1348 Saint George's Chapel at Windsor was founded, and in 1415, this day was made a special festival throughout the country. Saint George's flag, the red cross on a white background, is so widespread it is often regarded as a general Christian banner.

There are many paintings of Saint George including Ucelo's in the National Gallery, London, and Raphael's in the National Gallery of Washington. There are also murals at the cathedral of Clermont-Ferrand and the chapel of San Giorgio at Padua. In England over 160 ancient churches and some modern ones are named for him.

Celebrate on Friday (no abstinence this year!) and may Saint George Pray for Us!

A reflection from 'Marriage Matters'

Let peace reign in our hearts

There are times in life, as couples, when the demands of work, concerns about money and care of the children can seem overwhelming. In times like these let's acknowledge each other, take time out to clarify the issues and remind ourselves of the words of Jesus to the Apostles when they thought it was all over, "*Peace be with you!*"

A prayer for life

We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities. We pray for protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of society to consider abortion, and that they and their mothers would instead experience overwhelming support from all who surround them. Lord hear us.

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.
- ✘ **HRH Prince Philip**, who died on Friday 9th April, aged 99, and whose funeral will be held on Saturday 17th April. May he rest in peace!
- ✘ **Canon Owen O'Neill**, aged 80, and a priest of our diocese for 56 years, who died on Saturday 10th April and whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday 26th April in Our Lady of Victories, Market Harborough. May he rest in peace!
- ✘ **HE Edward Idris Cardinal Cassidy**, who died on Saturday 10th April, having been the Vatican's lead ecumenist for many years. May he rest in peace!
- ✘ **Geoffrey Hawkins**, a parishioner of Calverton, and brother of Eileen Turner, who died on Thursday 25th March, and whose funeral will be held on Thursday 22nd April. May he rest in peace!
- ✘ **Joan Hyde**, a parishioner in Calverton.
- ✘ **Clergy of our diocese who are sick at this time**: Monsignor Jonathan Moore, Canon Michael Moore, Fathers John Cairns, Tony 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, William Hutchinson.

Masses and Services this week and next week

Saturday 17th April	Easter Feria
<i>No morning Mass</i>	
 	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
S 6.00pm Mass	Carol and Geoff Tinker (Golden Wedding)
Sunday 18th April	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
C 10.45am Mass	Father John Abbott RIP (fourth anniversary)
Monday 19th April	Easter Feria
Mass	Steven Durlucia RIP
Tuesday 20th April	Easter Feria
Mass	Rodney and Elizabeth Holt and family
Wednesday 21st April	Easter Feria
Mass	Father David Myers' intentions
Thursday 22nd April	Easter Feria
Mass	Geoffrey Hawkins RIP (funeral day)
Friday 23rd April	SOLEMNITY OF SAINT GEORGE
	martyr, patron of England

No Friday abstinence or penance today

Mass	Pro Populo (people of the parish)
Saturday 24th April	Easter Feria
<i>No morning Mass</i>	

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Good Shepherd)

Collection for the Clergy Formation Fund
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S 6.00pm Mass	Barbara Pearson RIP and Tom Sills RIP
Sunday 25th April	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Good Shepherd)
C 10.45am Mass	Intentions of Pat Marriott (birthday)

Readings at Masses this week

Sunday	Acts 3:13-15.17-19; Psalm 4:2.4.7.9; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-38
Monday	Acts 6:8-15; Psalm 118(119):23-24.26-27.29-30; John 6:22-29
Tuesday	Acts 7:51-8:1; Psalm 30(31):3-4.6.8.17.21; John 6:30-35
Wednesday	Acts 8:1-8; Psalm 65(66):1-7; John 6:35-40
Thursday	Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 65(66):8-9.16-17.20; John 6:44-51
Friday	Apocalypse 12:10-12; Psalm 125(126); 1 Peter 4:12-19; John 15:18-21
Saturday	Acts 9:31-42; Psalm 115(116):12-17; John 6:60-69