



Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Southwell and Calverton

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## 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020 : Seventh Sunday of Easter

*We celebrated Ascension Day on Thursday, and Pentecost will be with us next Sunday. These nine days in-between are the original Novena, nine days of prayer, for the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of each one of us at Pentecost. Jesus' last commission on the day of his Ascension to his disciples, and through them to us, was to go to all the nations and baptise people. We can only fulfil this command if we are filled with God's Holy Spirit. This reflection, from Saint Hilary of Poitiers, helps us ponder on that power of the Spirit in our lives.*

Our Lord commanded us to baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In baptism, then, we profess faith in the Creator, in the only-begotten Son and in the gift which is the Spirit. There is one Creator of all things, for in God there is one Father from whom all things have their being. And there is one only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom all things exist. And there is one Spirit, the gift who is in all. So all follow their due order, according to the proper operation of each: one power, which brings all things into being, one Son, through whom all things come to be, and one gift of perfect hope. Nothing is wanting to this flawless union: in Father, Son and Holy Spirit, there is infinity of endless being, perfect reflection of the divine image, and mutual enjoyment of the gift.



Our Lord has described the purpose of the Spirit's presence in us. Let us listen to his words: *I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. It is to your advantage that I go away; if I go, I will send you the Advocate. And also: I will ask the Father and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you for ever, the Spirit of truth. He will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine.*

From among many of our Lord's sayings, these have been chosen to guide our understanding, for they reveal to us the intention of the giver, the nature of the gift and the condition for its reception. Since our weak minds cannot comprehend the Father or the Son, we have been given the Holy Spirit as our intermediary and advocate, to shed light on that hard doctrine of our faith, the incarnation of God.

We receive the Spirit of truth so that we can know the things of God. In order to grasp this, consider how useless the faculties of the human body would become if they were denied their exercise. Our eyes cannot fulfil their task without light, either natural or artificial; our ears cannot react without sound vibrations, and in the absence of any odour our nostrils are ignorant of their function. Not that these senses would lose their own nature if they were not used; rather, they demand objects of experience in order to function. It is the same with the human soul. Unless it absorbs the gift of the Spirit through faith, the mind has the ability to know God but lacks the light necessary for that knowledge.

This unique gift which is in Christ is offered in its fullness to everyone. It is everywhere available, but it is given to each man in proportion to his readiness to receive it. Its presence is the fuller, the greater a man's desire to be worthy of it. This gift will remain with us until the end of the world, and will be our comfort in the time of waiting. By the favours it bestows, it is the pledge of our hope for the future, the light of our minds, and the splendour that irradiates our understanding.

## Prayer for the Year of the Word

Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.

V. Your word is our path and your truth is our light. R. This day and every day.

Our Lady of the Annunciation : Pray for us.

Saint Matthew : Pray for us.

Saint Jerome : Pray for us.

## Prayer during the Coronavirus Pandemic

*In these days when our churches must stay closed it's a comfort to know that God is close to us and that he holds each of us in the palm of his hand. We are encouraged to use the Holy Father's prayer, to Our Lady, as we seek Divine protection:*

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself,

and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross,

to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test

and deliver us from every danger,

O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

## Access to a Priest or the Sacraments

During these days when our Catholic churches throughout the country have to remain closed Mass is still celebrated every day for the intentions of all the parishioners of Southwell and Calverton, and for the specific intentions you have requested. If you need to contact Father Simon, please get in touch.

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

As requested by the Prime Minister on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, public religious celebrations are not taking place for the time being. **Funeral Services** can still be held, at the cemetery or crematorium, and a Requiem Mass or Memorial Mass can be celebrated later, when it's possible to gather again in church.

If you or someone you know wishes to be anointed with the **Sacrament of the Sick** please speak with Father Simon. Likewise, if you or someone you know wishes to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confession) this can be arranged directly with Father Simon.

## Ways to continue to participate in the life of the Church

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

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

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

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

The link to the televised Mass is here:

- [http://www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/01\\_Community/livestream.html](http://www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/01_Community/livestream.html)

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

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

**Sunday Mass**, celebrated by Bishop Patrick, will be broadcast from his chapel at Bishop's House each Sunday at 10am:

- [www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf7upUMsn3KI8GD79FotjQ/featured?fbclid=IwAR1JRpqkD00rHZY98bsnSC\\_N9TKbvSKXv0L5bT4yVCcMTHaVmAwaW4g-rAk](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf7upUMsn3KI8GD79FotjQ/featured?fbclid=IwAR1JRpqkD00rHZY98bsnSC_N9TKbvSKXv0L5bT4yVCcMTHaVmAwaW4g-rAk)

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

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

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

**Resources for children and young people** can be found via the Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service's (NDCYS) website, where Father Simon will be a guest on 'Friday Night Live' this week, on Friday at 6.00pm:

- <https://ndcys.com>

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

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

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

## Ascension to Pentecost – Novena

During these days between Ascension and Pentecost consider praying a Novena to the Holy Spirit. There are many available, including one on the parish website. The traditional prayer to the Holy Spirit during these days is:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.  
And you shall renew the face of the earth.**

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise  
and ever enjoy his consolations,  
through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

## An ecumenical Pentecost Novena

*Bishop Patrick has written to all parishes:*

*'Thy Kingdom Come* – Global Ecumenical Prayer Initiative.

Please do encourage your parishioners to join in this exciting ecumenical Global Week of Prayer at home, so that we may be more open to the power and grace of the Holy Spirit, and of prayer, in all our missionary work. You may like to make available, via your bulletin, and website, an electronic copy of a Catholic Novena to the Holy Spirit or to sign up to receive by email, and to pray daily at home, during these days between the Ascension and Pentecost, the Pentecost Novena to the Holy Spirit. found on this Novena website:

**<https://www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-to-the-holy-spirit>**

There are also a wide variety of resources available to share in the Global Ecumenical Prayer Initiative – *Thy Kingdom Come*:

**<https://www.thykingdomcome.global>**

This important initiative links Christians around the world in prayer between Ascension and Pentecost, that more people may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ for themselves. What started off in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Anglican church in England, has now grown into an ecumenical and international call to prayer during this grace-filled time leading up to Pentecost.”

## Pentecost Sunday : National Rosary Rally

Pope Francis is encouraging Catholics to pray the Rosary in their family homes during the month of May, especially when the pandemic is making us aware of the value of our families and making it possible for us to pray together in lockdown at home. He encourages simple Rosaries and joining online Rosary initiatives to pray to Our Lady for deliverance from Covid-19 and he has composed two prayers for this intention. Bishop Patrick now invites us all to join in an initiative that follows on the Pope's request, the **Pentecost Sunday National Rosary Rally**, from 9.00am to 9.00pm across Scotland England and Wales. Our Diocese has been asked to pray a **Rosary Hour at 10.00am** and the Bishop warmly invites us all to take part.

### *Timetable for across the Dioceses:*

- ✘ 9.00am Arundel & Brighton, Northampton and HM Forces
- ✘ 10.00am Birmingham, Nottingham, and Ukranian Eparchy
- ✘ 11.00am Brentwood and Plymouth
- ✘ 12 Noon Cardiff, Portsmouth, and Dunkeld
- ✘ 1.00pm Clifton, Salford, and Saint Andrews & Edinburgh
- ✘ 2.00pm East Anglia, Shrewsbury, and Aberdeen
- ✘ 3.00pm Hallam, Southwark, and Glasgow
- ✘ 4.00pm Hexham & Newcastle, Wrexham, and Ordinariate OLW
- ✘ 5.00pm Lancaster, Westminster, and Argyll & the Isles
- ✘ 6.00pm Leeds, Polish Mission, and Galloway
- ✘ 7.00pm Liverpool, Middlesbrough, and Motherwell
- ✘ 8.00pm Menevia, Paisley, and Syro Malabar Eparchy
- ✘ 9.00pm Bishop John Keenan, as the May 2020 Rosary Mission Episcopal lead, will lead a final Rosary at 9pm to which all are invited.

This is a form of Rosary Rally where the dioceses designated in their Rosary Hour encourage the people across their diocese to pray the Rosary either, individually, in families, as online prayer groups, parish groups, and where possible led online by their parish priests and the Bishop. It does not matter what time during the specified hour that the Rosary is prayed. Then on the hour the next dioceses take up the Rosary relay Rally and so on until 9pm. At 9pm the Rosary Rally will end with a Rosary being led by Bishop John Keenan from Saint Mirin's cathedral in Paisley.

**Come Holy Spirit and renew the face of the earth  
Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us**

## Pope Francis's Message for World Communications Day

*On the Sunday before Pentecost, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May this year, the Church throughout the world celebrates World Communications Day, which this year the Pope has given the theme 'That you may tell your children and grandchildren' (Exodus 10:2)*

### **Life becomes history**

I would like to devote this year's Message to the theme of storytelling, because I believe that, so as not to lose our bearings, we need to make our own the truth contained in good stories. Stories that build up, not tear down; stories that help us rediscover our roots and the strength needed to move forward together. Amid the cacophony of voices and messages that surround us, we need a human story that can speak of ourselves and of the beauty all around us. A narrative that can regard our world and its happenings with a tender gaze. A narrative that can tell us that we are part of a living and interconnected tapestry. A narrative that can reveal the interweaving of the threads which connect us to one another.

### **1 Weaving stories**

Human beings are storytellers. From childhood we hunger for stories just as we hunger for food. Stories influence our lives, whether in the form of fairy tales, novels, films, songs, news, even if we do not always realize it. Often we decide what is right or wrong based on characters and stories we have made our own. Stories leave their mark on us; they shape our convictions and our behaviour. They can help us understand and communicate who we are. We are not just the only beings who need clothing to cover our vulnerability (cf. Genesis 3: 21); we are also the only ones who need to be "clothed" with stories to protect our lives. We weave not only clothing, but also stories: indeed, the human capacity to "weave" (Latin *texere*) gives us not only the word textile but also text. The stories of different ages all have a common "loom": the thread of their narrative involves "heroes", including everyday heroes, who in following a dream confront difficult situations and combat evil, driven by a force that makes them courageous, the force of love. By immersing ourselves in stories, we can find reasons to heroically face the challenges of life. Human beings are storytellers because we are engaged in a process of constant growth, discovering ourselves and becoming enriched in the tapestry of the days of our life. Yet since the beginning, our story has been threatened: evil snakes its way through history.

### **2 Not all stories are good stories**

"When you eat of it ... you will be like God" (cf. Genesis 3:4): the temptation of the serpent introduces into the fabric of history a knot difficult to undo. "If you possess, you will become, you will achieve..." This is the message whispered by those who even today use storytelling for purposes of exploitation. How many stories

serve to lull us, convincing us that to be happy we continually need to gain, possess and consume. We may not even realize how greedy we have become for chatter and gossip, or how much violence and falsehood we are consuming. Often on communication platforms, instead of constructive stories which serve to strengthen social ties and the cultural fabric, we find destructive and provocative stories that wear down and break the fragile threads binding us together as a society. By patching together bits of unverified information, repeating banal and deceptively persuasive arguments, sending strident and hateful messages, we do not help to weave human history, but instead strip others of their dignity.

But whereas the stories employed for exploitation and power have a short lifespan, a good story can transcend the confines of space and time. Centuries later, it remains timely, for it nourishes life. In an age when falsification is increasingly sophisticated, reaching exponential levels (as in *deepfake*), we need wisdom to be able to welcome and create beautiful, true and good stories. We need courage to reject false and evil stories. We need patience and discernment to rediscover stories that help us not to lose the thread amid today's many troubles. We need stories that reveal who we truly are, also in the untold heroism of everyday life.

### **3 The Story of stories**

Sacred Scripture is a Story of stories. How many events, peoples and individuals it sets before us! It shows us from the very beginning a God who is both creator and narrator. Indeed, God speaks his word and things come into existence (cf. Genesis 1). As narrator, God calls things into life, culminating in the creation of man and woman as his free dialogue partners, who make history alongside him. In one of the Psalms, the creature tells the creator: "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made... My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth" (139:13-15). We are not born complete, but need to be constantly "woven", "knitted together". Life is given to us as an invitation to continue to weave the "wonderful" mystery that we are. The Bible is thus the great love story between God and humanity. At its centre stands Jesus, whose own story brings to fulfilment both God's love for us and our love for God. Henceforth, in every generation, men and women are called to recount and commit to memory the most significant episodes of this Story of stories, those that best communicate its meaning.

The title of this year's Message is drawn from the Book of Exodus, a primordial biblical story in which God intervenes in the history of his people. When the enslaved children of Israel cry out to Him, God listens and remembers: "God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. God saw the people of Israel – and God knew" (Exodus 2: 24-25). God's memory brings liberation from oppression

through a series of signs and wonders. The Lord then reveals to Moses the meaning of all these signs: “that you may tell in the hearing of your children and grandchildren... what signs I have done among them, that you may know that I am the Lord” (Exodus 10:2). The Exodus experience teaches us that knowledge of the Lord is handed down from generation to generation mainly by telling the story of how he continues to make himself present. The God of life communicates with us through the story of life. Jesus spoke of God not with abstract concepts, but with parables, brief stories taken from everyday life. At this point life becomes story and then, for the listener, story becomes life: the story becomes part of the life of those who listen to it, and it changes them. The Gospels are also stories, and not by chance. While they tell us about Jesus, they are “performative”; they conform us to Jesus. The Gospel asks the reader to share in the same faith in order to share in the same life. The Gospel of John tells us that the quintessential storyteller – the Word – himself becomes the story: “God’s only Son, who is at the Father’s side, has made him known” (John 1: 18). The original verb, *exegésato*, can be translated both as “revealed” and “recounted”. God has become personally woven into our humanity, and so has given us a new way of weaving our stories.

#### **4 An ever renewed story**

The history of Christ is not a legacy from the past; it is our story, and always timely. It shows us that God was so deeply concerned for mankind, for our flesh and our history, to the point that he became man, flesh and history. It also tells us that no human stories are insignificant or paltry. Since God became story, every human story is, in a certain sense, a divine story. In the history of every person, the Father sees again the story of his Son who came down to earth. Every human story has an irrepressible dignity. Consequently, humanity deserves stories that are worthy of it, worthy of that dizzying and fascinating height to which Jesus elevated it. “You” – Saint Paul wrote – “are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts” (2 Corinthians 3:3). The Holy Spirit, the love of God, writes within us. And as he writes within us, he establishes goodness in us and constantly reminds us of it. Indeed, to “re-mind” means to bring to mind, to “write” on the heart. By the power of the Holy Spirit, every story, even the most forgotten one, even the one that seems to be written with the most crooked lines, can become inspired, can be reborn as a masterpiece, and become an appendix to the Gospel. Like the Confessions of Augustine. Like A Pilgrim’s Journey of Ignatius. Like The Story of a Soul of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus. Like The Betrothed, like The Brothers Karamazov. Like countless other stories, which have admirably scripted the encounter between God’s freedom and that of man. Each of us knows different stories that have the fragrance of the Gospel, that have borne witness to the Love that transforms life. These stories

cry out to be shared, recounted and brought to life in every age, in every language, in every medium.

## **5 A story that renews us**

Our own story becomes part of every great story. As we read the Scriptures, the stories of the saints, and also those texts that have shed light on the human heart and its beauty, the Holy Spirit is free to write in our hearts, reviving our memory of what we are in God's eyes. When we remember the love that created and saved us, when we make love a part of our daily stories, when we weave the tapestry of our days with mercy, we are turning another page. We no longer remain tied to regrets and sadness, bound to an unhealthy memory that burdens our hearts; rather, by opening ourselves to others, we open ourselves to the same vision of the great storyteller. Telling God our story is never useless: even if the record of events remains the same, the meaning and perspective are always changing. To tell our story to the Lord is to enter into his gaze of compassionate love for us and for others. We can recount to him the stories we live, bringing to him the people and the situations that fill our lives. With him we can re-weave the fabric of life, darning its rips and tears. How much we, all of us, need to do exactly this!

With the gaze of the great storyteller – the only one who has the ultimate point of view – we can then approach the other characters, our brothers and sisters, who are with us as actors in today's story. For no one is an extra on the world stage, and everyone's story is open to possible change. Even when we tell of evil, we can learn to leave room for redemption; in the midst of evil, we can also recognize the working of goodness and give it space. So it is not a matter of simply telling stories as such, or of advertising ourselves, but rather of remembering who and what we are in God's eyes, bearing witness to what the Spirit writes in our hearts and revealing to everyone that his or her story contains marvellous things. In order to do this, let us entrust ourselves to a woman who knit together in her womb the humanity of God and, the Gospel tells us, wove together the events of her life. For the Virgin Mary "treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart" (Luke 2: 19). Let us ask for help from her, who knew how to untie the knots of life with the gentle strength of love: O Mary, woman and mother, you wove the divine Word in your womb, you recounted by your life the magnificent works of God. Listen to our stories, hold them in your heart and make your own the stories that no one wants to hear. Teach us to recognize the good thread that runs through history. Look at the tangled knots in our life that paralyze our memory. By your gentle hands, every knot can be untied. Woman of the Spirit, mother of trust, inspire us too. Help us build stories of peace, stories that point to the future. And show us the way to live them together.

*Saint John Lateran, Rome*

*The Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales 24 January 2020*

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## Stations of the Resurrection

On **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May** at 4.00pm LACY, Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth, will be having a virtual celebration of the Via Lucis, the Stations of the Resurrection, which is a response to the call of Vatican II to place a renewed importance on the Resurrection. Its inspiration lies in the spirituality of Saint John Bosco. The celebration will last for approximately 40 minutes and we would be delighted if you would like to join us – all ages welcome! Father Simon Gillespie will be leading us through the devotions. To join us you will need to obtain the Zoom app on your computer, iPad or mobile phone. If you have not used this app before you are welcome to contact us and we can talk you through it. The ID is 775 4342 5527. You will also need a password. To keep the occasion safe for all we ask you to contact [paulinepayne@hotmail.com](mailto:paulinepayne@hotmail.com) for the password. Participants under the age of 18 will need to have an adult present. We look forward to hearing from YOU!

LACY PRESENTS  
*Via Lucis'*  
*Stations of Light*

FOURTEEN STATIONS REFLECTING ON ALL  
THE HAPPENINGS FROM THE RESURRECTION  
TO PENTECOST

31 May 2020 | Pentecost  
4.00pm | Meeting by using Zoom

An opportunity to come together in this lockdown time to  
pray and reflect on the light of our Faith!  
An exciting period of time!

Invitation to all to join us via Zoom ID 775 4342 5527

Contact us by email for the password:  
[paulinepayne@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:paulinepayne@hotmail.co.uk)  
All under 18 years of age should ask parents to be in touch

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING THIS WITH YOU

## Justice and Peace Issues in our Diocese

The Diocesan Programme Leader for Social Action, and the Diocesan Adult Formation Administrator have put together an on-line magazine with information about initiatives around the diocese. Called **Grapevine**, this week's edition has stories about:

- ✧ Laudato Si' – build a better world after lockdown
- ✧ A parish pandemic toolkit from SVP, CSAN and Nottingham Diocese
- ✧ Catholics reach out to Uganda under lockdown
- ✧ Praying with Mary in May and beyond
- ✧ Going online – Leicestershire Catholics stay connected

To view the magazine follow this link:

[https://us8.campaign-  
archive.com/?e=&u=8660f054ac5b3dc3f5fec2801&id=91c5e5dc5b](https://us8.campaign-archive.com/?e=&u=8660f054ac5b3dc3f5fec2801&id=91c5e5dc5b)



## Feast Day this week

On Wednesday we celebrate the feast (only in England) of Saint Augustine of Canterbury, known as the Apostle of England.

Pope Saint Gregory the Great had lived under Augustine's rule in his monastery. When he decided it was time to send missionaries to Anglo-Saxon England, he chose Augustine and thirty monks to make the unexpected, and dangerous, trip to England. Missionaries had gone to Britain years before but the Saxon conquest of England had forced these Christians into hiding. Augustine and his monks were to bring these Christians back into the fold and convince the warlike conquerors to become Christians themselves. King Ethelbert himself wasn't as sure, but he was a just king and curious. So he went to hear what the missionaries had to say about Christianity. He did not convert at first, but was impressed enough to let them continue to preach -- as long as they didn't force anyone to convert. They didn't have to -- the king was baptized in 597. Unlike other kings who forced all subjects to be baptized, Ethelbert left religious a free choice. Nonetheless the following year many of his subjects were baptized. Augustine was consecrated bishop of the English and from these first, tentative missionary steps, the Church of Rome flourishes in our country to the present day.

## Some practical points

Father Simon continues to celebrate Mass everyday; if you wish to have a Mass offered for an intention put a Mass envelope through the presbytery letterbox, or email Father Simon directly. The Mass intentions are published in the newsletter.

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

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

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

If you'd like to receive the parish newsletter by email simply email the parish office, at [olv.rcchurch@gmail.com](mailto:olv.rcchurch@gmail.com), asking to be added to the list. It's helpful to have parishioners' consent (via email is fine) to send out the newsletter, and possibly other urgent messages, via email.

## Two Job Opportunities in the Diocese

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

A **Director of Adult Formation for Mission** to lead the creation and delivery of adult formation, promoting the Diocesan Vision and Mission, the three themes of Encounter, Discipleship and Missionary Discipleship, and helping people to grow in confidence as practical, Spirit-filled witnesses of Jesus Christ in their everyday lives. This position would suit a committed Catholic, qualified in theology, catechetics, evangelisation or pastoral ministry, experienced in leading catechesis and evangelisation and with a passion for the mission of the Church.

The salary is £45k - £50k, dependant on qualifications and experience. For more information and an application pack please email [office@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:office@dioceseofnottingham.uk)  
The closing date is Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

A **Director of Communications** to lead the development and implementation of an effective communications framework across the Diocese, promoting the Diocesan Vision and Mission and the three themes of Encounter, Discipleship and Missionary Discipleship. This would suit a committed Catholic with a strong track record in communications; an experienced media professional (or journalist) who has recently been involved in leading communications in a dispersed organisation.

The salary is £45k - £50k, dependant on qualifications and experience. For more information and an application pack email: [office@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:office@dioceseofnottingham.uk)  
The closing date is Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

## From Newark Foodbank

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

## A reflection from 'Marriage Matters'

### Filled with hope

Today's readings tell us of the end and the beginning of something new and exciting in the life of the young Church. When we married, we were filled with both excitement and trepidation for our future together. But like the disciples, the Spirit of the risen Lord has been with us since we became "Little Church" on our wedding day.

## 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.

## From Pope Francis for May, the Marian Month

### Prayer to Our Lady

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross,  
were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.  
"Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs,  
and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee,  
joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us.  
For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows  
to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.  
Amen.  
We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God;  
Do not despise our petitions in our necessities,  
but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

## Pope's Prayer Intentions

**For Deacons** We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

## A Spiritual Communion

Spiritual Communion is the heartfelt desire to receive Our Lord, even when we are unable because of the distance or for some other reason, such as in the present circumstances. If you are at home and live-streaming the Mass, or praying the texts of the Mass, when it comes to the time for receiving Holy Communion pray instead the prayer below:

*From Saint Aphonusus 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.

## 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
- ✘ **Bishop Vincent Malone**, former auxiliary bishop in Liverpool, and titular bishop of Abora, who died on Monday morning, 18<sup>th</sup> May. He was ordained priest for Liverpool diocese in 1955 and ordained auxiliary bishop in 1989, retiring in 2006. May he rest in peace!
- ✘ **Father Adolfo Nicolas SJ**, former Superior General of the Jesuits (2008-'16), who died on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May. May he rest in peace!
- ✘ **Father Paul Dynan**, a priest of the diocese of Brentwood, who died on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. May he rest in peace!
- ✘ **John Greenland**, who died on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, and whose Funeral Service will be celebrated on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. May he rest in peace!
- ✘ **Rosemary Renee**, who died on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May. May she rest in peace.
- ✘ **Bishop Paul Swarbrick**, Bishop of Lancaster, who sustained a fractured skull and damage to his ear last Friday whilst cycling; he is now out of hospital and is recovering at home.
- ✘ **Clergy of our diocese who are sick at this time:** Monsignor Jonathan Moore, Fathers John Cairns, Anthony Colebrook, Hugh Doherty, James Hannigan, Peter Harvey, Christopher Hogan, James Lynch, Frank McLaughlin, Robert Rutledge, Michael Tutcher; Deacons Stephen Doona, and William Hutchinson.

## Masses and Services this week

During these days, although parishioners aren't able to attend Mass, Father Simon will continue to celebrate Mass each day for your requested intentions.

<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Easter Feria</b>
Mass	Maria O'Donnell RIP
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
Mass	Pro Populo (people of the parish)
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Bede the Venerable, doctor</b>
Mass	Sabina May Crosse RIP
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, priest</b>
Mass	The Dunne Family RIP
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, and Apostle of England</b>
Mass	Laurence Bratt RIP (first anniversary)
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Easter Feria</b>
Mass	Herd Family – health and wellbeing
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Easter Feria</b>
Mass	Winifred and John McCarthy RIP
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Easter Feria</b>
Mass	John and Cora Lynch RIP
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST</b>
Vigil Mass	Dr Alan Murphy RIP
Day Mass	Pro Populo (people of the parish)

## Readings at Masses this week

Sunday	Acts 1:12-14; Psalm 26(27):1.4.7-8; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11
Monday	Acts 19:1-8; Psalm 67(68):2-7; John 16:29-33
Tuesday	Acts 20:17-27; Psalm 67(68):10-11.20-21; John 17:1-11
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 2:2-8; Psalm 116(117); Luke 10:1-9
Thursday	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Psalm 15(16):1-2.5.7-11; John 17:20-26
Friday	Acts 25:13-21; Psalm 102(103):1-2.11-12.19-20; John 21:15-19
Saturday	Acts 28:16-20.30-31; Psalm 10(11):4-5.7; John 21:20-25