



Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Southwell and Calverton

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**13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021 : Sixth Sunday of the Year**

*This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. In preparation for this season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, consider here a reflection from Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, writing in the fourth century about the Cross bringing us deep joy:*

**Even in time of persecution let the Cross be your joy**

The Catholic Church glories in every deed of Christ. Her supreme glory, however, is the cross. Well aware of this, Paul says: God forbid that I glory in anything but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ!

At Siloam, there was a sense of wonder, and rightly so: a man born blind recovered his sight. But of what importance is this, when there are so many blind people in the world? Lazarus rose from the dead, but even this affected only Lazarus: what of those countless numbers who have died because of their sins? Those miraculous loaves fed five thousand people; yet this is a small number compared to those all over the world who were starved by ignorance. After eighteen years a woman was freed from the bondage of Satan; but are we not all shackled by the



chains of our own sins? For us all, however, the cross is the crown of victory. It has brought light to those blinded by ignorance. It has released those enslaved by sin. Indeed, it has redeemed the whole of mankind! Do not, then, be ashamed of the cross of Christ; rather, glory in it. Although it is a stumbling block to the Jews and folly to the Gentiles, the message of the cross is our salvation. Of course

it is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it was not a mere man who died for us, but the Son of God, God made man.

In the Mosaic law a sacrificial lamb banished the destroyer. But now it is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Will he not free us from our sins even more? The blood of an animal, a sheep, brought salvation. Will not the blood of the only-begotten Son bring us greater salvation?

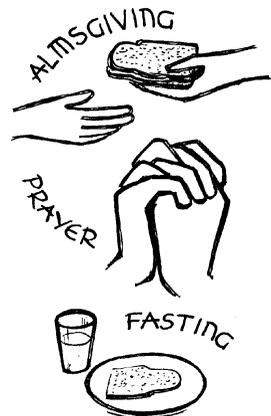
He was not killed by violence, he was not forced to give up his life: his was a willing sacrifice. Listen to his own words: I have the power to lay down my life and take it up again. Yes, he willingly submitted to his own passion. He took joy in his achievement; in his crown of victory he was glad and in the salvation of man he rejoiced. He did not blush at the cross, for by it he was to save the world. No, it was not a lowly man who suffered, but God incarnate. He entered the contest for the reward he would win by his patient endurance. Certainly in times of tranquillity the cross should give you joy. But maintain the same faith in times of persecution. Otherwise you will be a friend of Jesus in times of peace and his enemy during war. Now you receive the forgiveness of your sins and the generous gift of grace from your king. When war comes, fight courageously for him.

Jesus never sinned; yet he was crucified for you. Will you refuse to be crucified for him, who for your sake was nailed to the cross? You are not the one who gives the favour; you have received one first. For your sake he was crucified on Golgotha. Now you are returning his favour: you are fulfilling your debt to him.

## Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday !

We begin Lent on Wednesday, the traditional forty-day period of prayer, fasting and almsgiving which reminds us of Jesus' own forty days in the wilderness as he prepared for his public ministry, during which time he was tempted by Satan. The Church asks us to fast (those who are aged between 16 and 60 are to eat only one meal, and a collation) and abstain (those who are 14 and over are to refrain from eating meat) on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. The ashes we wore on Wednesday on our forehead, made from burning the palms from last year's Palm Sunday, are a sign of our repentance and conversion.

We are called to pray more in Lent, perhaps making prayer a regular part of our daily devotions. Even a few minutes each day helps to bring us closer to God our loving Father.



We are called to fast in Lent. Fasting can take many forms – we might consider:

- ✕ giving us something that we enjoy eating or drinking; or perhaps giving up some other pleasurable activity, such as watching television or spending time on Facebook; the time saved could be spent in a little prayer too;
- ✕ giving up things that divert us from God, such as criticising other people, judging others' actions, or using bad language.

Finally our Lenten actions call us to give alms, perhaps time or perhaps money, to those who are in need of our help. This can take different forms, and we usually support the Cafod Lent Fast Day which this year falls on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

Let us really consider how we can make this Lent a time of personal prayer, fasting and almsgiving, so that we truly enter into that journey of conversion to Jesus.

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

So that parishioners can come to Mass on Ash Wednesday can do so, it is hoped that two public Masses will be offered that day, subject to stewards being available:

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

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

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

Bookings can be made in the usual way this coming Monday and Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February.

## Coming to Mass

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

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

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

## What to expect when coming to Mass

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

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

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

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

Along with most public buildings both of our churches and the parish hall now have their own QR code, situated just inside the door. If you have a smart-phone please scan the code as you come in, enabling you to 'check in' and assisting with the Government's Track and Trace system. Please note this is in addition to booking a place at Mass, and not instead – please continue to book for Mass as well!

## Covid Vaccine

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

**[https://www.swiftqueue.co.uk/nottinghamc19vpatient.php?fbclid=IwAR0nHe0lfONdVaFT8vwQIDjb5UQJ0\\_DQbEjxdLAKEdqdeGIHHATF35ENOEI](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](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/UCaf7upUMsn3KI8GD79FotjQ/featured?fbclid=IwAR1JRpqkdOOrHZY98bsnSC\\_N9TKbvSKXv0L5bT4yVCcMTHaVmAwaW4g-rAk](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf7upUMsn3KI8GD79FotjQ/featured?fbclid=IwAR1JRpqkdOOrHZY98bsnSC_N9TKbvSKXv0L5bT4yVCcMTHaVmAwaW4g-rAk)

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

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

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

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

## Pope's Prayer Intention for February

### Violence Against Women

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

## A reflection from 'Marriage Matters'

### Keeping our love alive

Sometimes we have a sense of being at odds and separated from each other. The question, often unasked, is 'do you love me?' The answer is the same as Jesus gave to the outcast leper 'of course I do!' From being apart, we can be one again. How often do we say to each other 'I love you'?

## 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.

## Lenten Prayer Resources from Churches Together in Southwell

Under the circumstances Churches Together in Southwell will not be able to run a Lent course as has been undertaken in previous years. Therefore they suggest that parishioners might like to consider alternative courses that are available for either personal reflection or some that contain live on-line involvement. Have a look at the ones below and consider whether one might be helpful to you this Lent:

Rev. Peter Hibberts hopes to run a remote Lenten course entitled LiveLent - God's Story, Our story, which is open to everyone; contact him at [peter.hibberts@methodist.org.uk](mailto:peter.hibberts@methodist.org.uk); or see the resources available at:

✂ <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/livelent-2021-church-resources-gods-story-our-story>

Global Healing - a series of 6 hour-long reflective evenings with inspiring speakers, prayers and panel discussion on environmental themes - Thursdays 7.30pm during Lent. Register at:

✂ <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcvcOuuqzsvEtMBwz2hxBzhhvwy0hcgyoEb>

Women in the Shadows - a course for Lent by the Clewer Institute, looking at the impact of modern slavery on marginalized women; the resources are at:

✂ [www.theclewerinitiative.org/womenintheshadows](http://www.theclewerinitiative.org/womenintheshadows)

The Sycamore Lent Course can be found at:

✂ <https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/lent-course/>

The Minster's Lent Course 2021 is replaced with a gathering live online and using the existing Thursday evening Compline 7.30pm slot (which is already viewed by some 30 people each week). The talks will be based around 'A Cross in the Heart of God: Reflections on the Death of Jesus', a seven-week Lent study course by Sam Wells. Beginning on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February and running through until Holy Week, there will be a reflection, Compline and, for those who wish to stay on, discussion facilitated by the speaker. As well as study and prayer together some people are missing conversation and fellowship after a year without, and so this course will try to encompass both via our new technology. To join, please email:

✂ [dean@southwellminster.org.uk](mailto:dean@southwellminster.org.uk)

If you would like to order the book, it is available online from the Cathedral Shop for 'click and collect' or by post.

## The Word of God on your 'phone

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

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

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

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

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

- ✘ <https://ocarm.org/>

## The Year of the Word

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

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

V. Your word is our path and your truth is our light.

R. This day and every day.

Our Lady of the Annunciation : Pray for us.  
Saint Matthew : Pray for us. Saint Jerome : Pray for us.

Why not start to read the Bible during Lent? Even if you've never really opened your Bible before have a look at what Father Stephen Wang, a priest of the Archdiocese of Westminster, has to say. He gives a personal and simple reflection on exactly what the Bible is and why it's relevant in our lives today, especially in this holy time of Lent.

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/bible-basics/about-the-bible/what-is-the-bible/>



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

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

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

**Grief and loss workshops**, Tuesday mornings, 10.00am, from **23<sup>rd</sup> February**. These workshops are an opportunity to understand more about grief and loss and its impact, particularly as a result of the covid-19 pandemic. There will be time to share, discuss and look at ideas for ways that you could support those in your community helping them to remember those who have died and opportunities they have lost, with more love than pain and to live fully in the face of that loss. The workshops are provided online for free by the ecumenical partnership Transforming Notts Together. They come highly recommended by parishioners of our diocese who have attended them, and have kindly been made available to Catholics throughout our diocese. Find out more and book your place, or watch the video below for more information:

<https://transformingnottstogether.org.uk/areas-of-work/grief-bereavement-befriending>

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

## A spiritual meditation for Lent

*As we begin to journey through Lent we might meditate on a sermon by Pope Saint Leo the Great about purification of spirit through fasting and almsgiving.*

Dear friends, at every moment the earth is full of the mercy of God, and nature itself is a lesson for all the faithful in the worship of God. The heavens, the sea and all that is in them bear witness to the goodness and omnipotence of their Creator, and the marvellous beauty of the elements as they obey him demands from the intelligent creation a fitting expression of its gratitude.

But with the return of that season marked out in a special way by the mystery of our redemption, and of the days that lead up to the paschal feast, we are summoned more urgently to prepare ourselves by a purification of spirit. The special note of the paschal feast is this: the whole Church rejoices in the forgiveness of sins. It rejoices in the forgiveness not only of those who are then reborn in holy baptism but also of those who are already numbered among God's adopted children.

Initially, men are made new by the rebirth of baptism. Yet there still is required a daily renewal to repair the shortcomings of our mortal nature, and whatever degree of progress has been made there is no one who should not be more advanced. All must therefore strive to ensure that on the day of redemption no one may be found in the sins of his former life. Dear friends, what the Christian should be doing at all times should be done now with greater care and devotion, so that the Lenten fast enjoined by the apostles may be fulfilled, not simply by abstinence from food but above all by the renunciation of sin.

There is no more profitable practice as a companion to holy and spiritual fasting than that of almsgiving. This embraces under the single name of mercy many excellent works of devotion, so that the good intentions of all the faithful may be of equal value, even where their means are not. The love that we owe both God and man is always free from any obstacle that would prevent us from having a good intention. The angels sang: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. The person who shows love and compassion to those in any kind of affliction is blessed, not only with the virtue of good will but also with the gift of peace.

The works of mercy are innumerable. Their very variety brings this advantage to those who are true Christians, that in the matter of almsgiving not only the rich and affluent but also those of average means and the poor are able to play their part. Those who are unequal in their capacity to give can be equal in the love within their hearts.

## 2021 – The Year of Saint Joseph

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**To you God entrusted his only Son;**

**in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.**

**Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father**

**and guide us in the path of life.**

**Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil.**

**Amen.**

## National Novena to Saint Joseph

The National Novena to Saint Joseph will take place from 10<sup>th</sup> until 18<sup>th</sup> March at Saint Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. In this Year dedicated to Saint Joseph, the Mill Hill Missionaries are preparing for the Feast of Saint Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work.

If you wish to join the Masses from home, they will be celebrated on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March) at 7.30pm; Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am; Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am; Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Join in via Zoom or YouTube from the parish website: <https://stjosephsparish.co.uk> or the Mill Hill website: [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena), where you will also find

the Novena prayer leaflet. Parishioners are welcome to send in your petitions and / or to request a printed Novena prayer leaflet by writing to the Novena Director, 41 Victoria Road, Liverpool, L37 1LW, or by email at [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com).

The last year been a difficult time for all of us. We can only hope that the current vaccine rollout will eventually provide some relief. May the coming Novena to Saint Joseph, in this Year dedicated to him by Pope Francis, be a source of comfort and support to all who have lost loved ones and whose lives have been adversely affected by this pandemic.



**Reclaim our Common Home:** CAFOD's new campaign is a response to Pope Francis's call for a new way of thinking about the world, and to take an active part in renewing our troubled societies by embracing the universal values of solidarity and fraternity. As we seek to plan a world after the pandemic, let's tackle the other challenges that plague our common home: the pandemic of hunger, the pandemic of poverty and the pandemic of runaway climate change. As a result of the pandemic, 150 million people are set to fall into extreme poverty and an additional 130 million people will be left hungry. Let's do something about it:

- ✘ Reclaim nature so that everyone can breathe clean air and be protected from the threat of climate disasters.
- ✘ Reclaim the world's land and resources so they are more fairly distributed and all our brothers and sisters around the world can live in dignity.
- ✘ Reclaim power so that everyone can be involved in decision making and have control over their own lives.

This year, the UK will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil: the COP26 climate talks. We must urge the Prime Minister to make sure communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at this historic event. Sign the Petition. See: [cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home](https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home)

**The Injustice of debt:** African countries will pay out more than \$10 billion in debt repayments in 2020 and 2021 alone. More than half will go to firms such as HSBC and BlackRock, some of the richest companies in the world. During this crisis, Pope Francis has called our attention to the injustice of global debt. One part of our coronavirus petition is the chance to lobby the UK government to cancel debt payments by developing countries so they can fund their just recovery from the pandemic. Read more about why CAFOD is calling for the cancellation of debt at [cafod.org.uk/News/Campaigning-news/Debt-and-coronavirus](https://cafod.org.uk/News/Campaigning-news/Debt-and-coronavirus)

**Let's Pray for our Common Home:** Lord, Father of our human family, you created all human beings equal in dignity: pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter, dialogue, justice and peace. Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified world, a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war. May our hearts be open to all the peoples and nations of the earth. May we recognize the goodness and beauty that you have sown in each of us, and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects, and shared dreams. Amen.

*Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, 4 October 2020.*

## Actions for Lent 2021:

- ✘ **Walk for Water this Lent:** Need a new challenge for 2021? One in three people worldwide do not have access to safe clean drinking water. Are you ready to change your life and transform someone else's this Lent? Cafod is asking supporters to walk 10,000 steps a day for the 40 days of Lent to give the boot to water poverty. You can sign up and seek sponsors via Just Giving at [cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Walk-for-Water](https://www.justgiving.com/cafod/walk-for-water)
- ✘ **Family Fast Day:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Fast and donate at [cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day](https://www.justgiving.com/cafod/family-fast-day) to end water poverty.
- ✘ **Lent Calendar:** Daily prayers and reflections from Cafod. See [cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-Calendar](https://www.cafod.org.uk/pray/ Lent-Calendar)
- ✘ **Spring Raffle 2021:** Buy a raffle ticket to support vital work helping the people in the world who need it the most and you could win one of eight fabulous prizes! See [www.raffleplayer.com/cafod](https://www.raffleplayer.com/cafod)

## Pray with Cafod during Lent 2021

Our Lenten preparations this year will look very different because of the pandemic. Join Cafod for a special online **Mass to mark Ash Wednesday** and the beginning of Lent, our season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We may be apart but we can still come together as a community as we journey to grow closer to Christ.

<https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/Ash-Wednesday>

This Lent, we will walk through the **Stations of the Cross** online in a prayerful journey of transformation in solidarity with people living in poverty around the world. Join us each **Friday during Lent from 19<sup>th</sup> February** at 11.00am as we meditate on Christ's journey to the cross, following themes of justice, poverty, mercy, friendship and hope.

[https://www.bigmarker.com/series/lent/series\\_summit](https://www.bigmarker.com/series/lent/series_summit)

**A Lent challenge from CAFOD**  
***10,000 steps a day - done your way!***

**10,000**  
**steps a day**  
**every day for 40 days**



<https://walk.cafod.org.uk>

## Therapy for the soul

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, who founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), has inspired millions to dig deeper, connect more closely with the world, and find God in all things. It is a spirituality which appeals to people of all religions and none.

In these uncertain times, Ignatius reaches across the centuries and asks: What moves you? What brings you life? What do you want to give yourself to? What do you desire most deeply? What holds you when you suffer? With his help, you can begin to answer these questions.

This Lent, BBC Radio 4 will explore aspects of Ignatian spirituality and point listeners to 'Knowing Jesus', an online retreat being offered by the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow. This retreat is available to anyone in the world with access to the Internet who wants to immerse themselves in the spirituality of Saint Ignatius. Read the BBC article on this:

<https://www.jesuit.org.uk/bbc-and-jesuits-britain-bring-you-special-lent-retreat>

## Clergy Appointments

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

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

Please pray for these priests and the communities in which they will minister, especially in this time of transition.

## Job Opportunity for a Development Worker

The Diocese of Nottingham is proud to be a member of Faith Action Nottingham, the ecumenical social action network for churches in Nottinghamshire. FAN has a vacancy for a Development Worker for 21 hours a week for at least 18 months. Could it be you? For more information visit: <https://transformingnottstogether.org.uk/whats-new/faith-action-nottingham-come-and-work-with-us>

## Diocesan Job Opportunity

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

## Parish Newsletter by email

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

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

## Financial Support of our Parish

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

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

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

## Our Lady of Victories church heating

Over the past couple of months, with the colder winter weather, temperatures in our parish church in Southwell have been particularly chilly. Although the church is fitted with both underfloor heating and wall-mounted radiant heaters, neither of these are viable options presently. The underfloor heating can't be used presently due to suspected asbestos in the switching system. This could be investigated to find out more, but is likely to be expensive work which might simply prove that the system is no longer operable. The electric wall-mounted heaters are designed to heat people sitting directly underneath them, not the space in the church, and are expensive to run; the one recent Mass during which they have been switched on provoked no response from any of the congregation present.

Some parishioners have expressed views about the ways in which the church might be heated, but there doesn't appear to be a consensus presently: some think the electric heaters are good, some suggest they make no difference, some that the underfloor heating was very warming, others again that it took so long to warm the church that it had to be switched on days in advance. If you have any views about what might be done please speak to Father Simon directly. Whatever we undertake we're likely to need the services of a specialist heating adviser, and in the meantime (with the doors and windows open during Mass) please continue to wrap up warmly.

## Supporting Newark Foodbank

The following items are especially needed at the moment:

- ✘ Passata
- ✘ Tinned carrots
- ✘ Long-life milk
- ✘ Chocolate biscuits
- ✘ Toothpaste

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

## Nottingham 40 Days for life 2021

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

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

You are invited to peacefully pray for an hour or more during a 40-day vigil running for 12 hours daily during Lent. Please **sign up now** to pray with us at [40daysforlife.com/nottingham](http://40daysforlife.com/nottingham), or contact us at [40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com).

## A prayer for life

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

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

## Prayers for ...

Please remember in your prayers especially:

- ✘ **All those affected by the coronavirus outbreak** – those infected, those caring for them, those who have died, and those who mourn.
- ✘ **Helen Foley**, who died on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January, and whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. May she rest in peace.
- ✘ **Brendan O’Flanagan**, who died on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January, and whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February. May he rest in peace.
- ✘ **Gerard Law**, who died on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January, and whose funeral service will be celebrated on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. May he rest in peace.
- ✘ **John Pett**, of Saint Wilfrid’s church, Calverton.
- ✘ **Clergy of our diocese who are sick at this time**: Monsignor Jonathan Moore, Canons Michael Moore and Owen O’Neill, Fathers John Cairns, 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, Bill Hutchinson and Robin Pollard.

## Masses and Services this week

<p><b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>No morning Mass</i></p> <p>S 6.00pm Mass</p> <p><b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b> C 10.45am Mass</p> <p><b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b> Mass</p> <p><b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b> Mass</p> <p><b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b></p> <p><b>Sixth Sunday of the Year</b> Pro Populo (people of the parish)</p> <p><b>Sixth Sunday of the Year</b> John Hodgkinson RIP (Thomas)</p> <p><b>Feria</b> Gerard Law RIP</p> <p><b>Feria</b> Peter Mooney RIP</p> <p><b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b></p>
A day of Fasting and Abstinence	
<p>S 9.00am Mass</p> <p>C 7.00pm Mass</p> <p><b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b> Mass</p> <p>S 11.00am Requiem Mass</p> <p><b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b> Mass</p> <p><b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>No morning Mass</i></p> <p>S 6.00pm Mass</p> <p><b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b> C 10.45am Mass</p>	<p>Sherlock Family Number 2</p> <p>Maurice Joyce RIP</p> <p><b>Lenten Feria</b> Brendan O’Flanagan RIP (funeral day)</p> <p>Brendan O’Flanagan RIP</p> <p><b>Lenten Feria</b> Ellie (nee Newton) RIP</p> <p><b>Lenten Feria</b></p> <p><b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Father James Duffy RIP</p> <p><b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Pro Populo (people of the parish)</p>

## Readings at Masses this week

<b>Sunday</b>	Leviticus 13:1-2.44-46; Psalm 31(32):1-2.5.11; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45
<b>Monday</b>	Genesis 4:1-15.25; Psalm 49(50):1.8.16-17.20-21; Mark 8:11-13
<b>Tuesday</b>	Genesis 6:5-8. 7:1-5.10; Psalm 28(29):1-4.9-10; Mark 8:14-21
<b>Wednesday</b>	Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 50(51):3-6.12-14.17; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6.16-18
<b>Thursday</b>	Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Palm 1:1-4.6; Luke 9:22-25
<b>Friday</b>	Isaiah 58:1-9; Psalm 50(51):3-6.18-19; Matthew 9:14-15
<b>Saturday</b>	Isaiah 58:9-14; Psalm 85(86):1-6; Luke 5:27-32