



Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Southwell and Calverton

Our Lady of Victories, Southwell and Saint Anthony, Calverton

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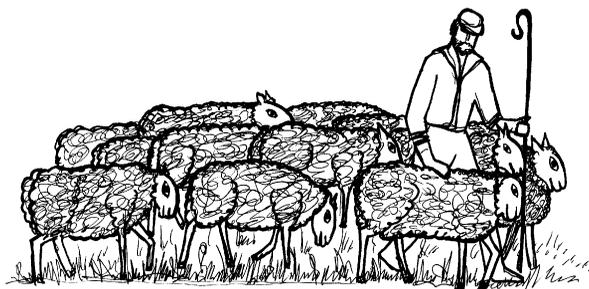


28th and 29th August 2021 : Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year

This Sunday marks a time of change in our parish, as we are called to leave that which is familiar and anticipate new ways of giving glory to God, as Mass times change, new priests minister to us, and we are called to work with others in churches. Change can be challenging, uncomfortable, disruptive; but it can be also a time for growth, for allowing that which is no longer helpful to gently fall away, that new life might come forth. We see this in nature as the seasons change, and we see it in our own lives too as we grow and mature, leaving behind childish securities for the challenges and joys of adulthood.

Within the Church we know that change brings us closer to God, since Jesus leads us in our journeying, which is motivated by the Holy Spirit, and which brings us ultimately to the Father. This doesn't mean that change isn't uncomfortable or challenging, but it does mean that we have nothing to truly worry about if we follow where Christ leads us. Saint Thomas Aquinas put it like this, reflecting on Jesus' leadership of humanity as portrayed by Saint John, in the role of The Good Shepherd:

I am the Good Shepherd. Surely it is fitting that Christ should be a shepherd: for just



as a flock is guided and fed by a shepherd, so the faithful are fed by Christ with spiritual food and with his own body and blood. The Apostle said: *You were once like sheep without a shepherd, but now you have*

returned to the guardian and ruler of your souls. The Prophet has said: As a shepherd he pastures his flock.

Christ said that the shepherd enters through the gate and that he is himself the gate as well as the shepherd. Then it is necessary that he enter through himself. By so doing, he reveals himself, and through himself he knows the Father. But we enter through him because through him we find happiness.

Take heed: no one else is the gate but Christ. Others reflect his light, but no one else is the true light. Saint John the Baptist *was not the light, but he bore witness to the light*. It is said of Christ, however: *he was the true light that enlightens every man*. For this reason no one says that he is the gate; this title is Christ's own. However, he has made others shepherds and given that office to his members; for Saint Peter was a shepherd, and so were the other apostles and all good bishops after them. Scripture says: *I shall give you shepherds according to my own heart*. Although the bishops of the Church, who are her sons, are all shepherds, nevertheless Christ refers only to one person in saying: I am the Good Shepherd, because he wants to emphasise the virtue of charity. Thus, no one can be a good shepherd unless he is one with Christ in charity. Through this we become members of the true shepherd.

The duty of a good shepherd is charity; therefore Christ said: *The good shepherd gives his life for his sheep*. Know the difference between a good and a bad shepherd: the good shepherd cares for the welfare of his flock, but the bad shepherd cares only for his own welfare.

The Good Shepherd does not demand that shepherds lay down their lives for a real flock of sheep. But every spiritual shepherd must endure the loss of his bodily life for the salvation of the flock, since the spiritual good of the flock is more important than the bodily life of the shepherd, when danger threatens the salvation of the flock. This is why the Lord says: *The good shepherd lays down his life*, that is, his physical life, *for his sheep* – this he does because of his authority and love. Both, in fact, are required: that they should be ruled by him, and that he should love them. The first without the second is not enough.

Christ stands out for us as the example of this teaching: *If Christ laid down his life for us, so we also ought to lay down our lives for our brothers*.

Changes to Mass times this week

Father Simon will celebrate Mass on Monday morning in Southwell at 9.00am; the schedule of weekday Mass times from September will be determined very soon.

Parish Changes

As from Wednesday 1st September the Parishes of Holy Trinity, Newark; Our Lady of Victories Southwell, and Saint Anthony, Calverton; and Saint Joseph, New Ollerton will be under the leadership of Canon Michael O'Donoghue as parish priest of the three parishes. According to Canon Law, Bishop Patrick will instigate a period of consultation of the laity among the three parishes. The result of the consultation will be submitted to the Council of Priests, before the Bishop makes a decision on the status of the Catholic Community associated to the three existing parishes. If considered wise, Newark, New Ollerton and Southwell could form one parish, with Calverton being incorporated into the parish of The Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe.

Parish Meeting

A **parish meeting** will be held on **Thursday 2nd September** at 7.00pm in the parish hall in Southwell. The purpose of the meeting is to begin to set things in motion for the Sunday's celebration of Mass, which will be celebrated at 9.00am on Sunday mornings in Southwell. The time of Mass in Calverton has yet to be confirmed, but is likely to remain at 10.45am for at least the short term. All those interested in attending the parish meeting are warmly invited to do so.

Thanks from Father Brian

Monsignor Brian Dazeley was welcomed back to Our Lady of Victories church on Wednesday to begin his diamond jubilee celebrations, having been



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ordained priest on 29th October 1961. He sends his thanks to all those who came to the Mass, as well as to those who have sent such kind and warm wishes.

A Mass of Thanksgiving in Calverton will be arranged later in the year also.

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 advised not to engage in social interaction in church, although we can talk after Mass outside of church, in the car park. We can come to church with a maximum (including priest and stewards) of 28 people in Southwell and 30 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;
- ✘ Wait at a social distance outside the church door as the steward confirms your booking;
- ✘ The congregation is strongly recommended to 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;

- ✘ Sit on the seat to which you are directed, following the one-way system; seating is at one-and-a-half 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;
- ✘ During Mass you will be invited to receive Holy Communion at the usual time; come forward one by one, maintaining a social distance, and return to your place, following the one-way system.
- ✘ Exit the church via the side door, into the car park at the end of Mass.
- ✘ Please dress appropriately for the weather and temperature, noting that the necessary ventilation in church can produce draughts.

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>

Mass, celebrated by Bishop Patrick, will be broadcast from his chapel at Bishop's House during the week, on various days and at various times:

- 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 during school term time, and a challenge for the week ahead:

- <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/>

Pope's Prayer Intention for August

Intention for evangelization - The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

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

Organising a drop-in? **Come to the Diocesan Caritas Drop-ins' Forum, on Thursday 2nd September**, 3.30pm – 5.00pm on Zoom. Several parishes are opening a Covid-safe and simple drop-in or community café in their parish hall. The aim is typically to offer people in the neighbourhood, regardless of faith, welcome and hospitality. They are beacons of what Pope Francis in *Fratelli Tutti* calls 'social friendship'. The idea is simple, but the rewards can be profound, both for the organisers and those who visit them. These are places of encounter where isolation can be dismantled and lives enriched, one conversation at a time. Caritas is offering a forum for anyone who is running, or thinking about opening, such a facility. It's an opportunity to meet others who are reaching out to the wider community, pick up ideas and build mutual support. We'll be joined by diocesan health and safety adviser Catherine Scholes for those tricky questions about Covid precautions. Whatever stage you're at in your planning, you'd be welcome. If you are planning to cater to people who have a specific need, such as parents and toddlers, or those experiencing bereavement, you are also welcome. Speak to Father Simon for more information.

The annual World Day of Prayer will be held on **Friday 3rd September** (held over from 5th March), under the title '**Praying with Vanuatu**'. A service will be held in Southwell Methodist church at 2.00pm, and everyone is welcome. For more information visit www.wwdp.org.uk

The annual **March for Life UK** will be held on **Saturday 4th September**. A number of indoor events for children, teens and adults will take place from 10.00am until 1.00pm in The Emmanuel Centre, 9-23 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 3DW. The March to Parliament Square will start outside The Emmanuel Centre at 1.30pm. There will be a number of Pro-Life speakers at Parliament Square, including Bishop John Keenan who will travel from Scotland to attend this very important event. For more details see www.marchforlife.co.uk

A Gidea Park Study Morning – **The Cry of Creation Exploring the Encyclical *Laudato Si*** will be held on **Saturday 4th September** at 11.00am. As the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 26), to be held in Glasgow in November, draws nearer, and at a time of unprecedented danger for the world, the 2015 encyclical of Pope Francis, *Laudato si*, on care for our 'common home', could not be more relevant. Father Ashley Beck, of the Archdiocese of Southwell, will explore its contents and explain its crucial relevance. For access to this free event go to www.whatgoodnews.org. No registration is needed; talks will later be available on www.whatgoodnews.org

The **Diocesan Altar Servers Mass** will be celebrated at 11.00am on **Saturday 4th September**, at Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham. All are very welcome.

The Cry of Creation *Laudato Si'* in a nutshell, six years on, and its challenge to us in the Diocese of Nottingham, will be held on **Monday 6th September**, 7.00pm - 8.30pm. Whether it's climate change or the depletion of wildlife, news is coming in thick and fast of the changes our planet is undergoing. The world's poorest, who are least responsible, are being hardest hit - but all of us are beginning to feel the impact. This interactive webinar will be a curtain-raiser for the launch of the diocesan environmental programme on 20th November. To book a place visit:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvc-Gorj4rH9Fh9M8cHurBpAKfdzi3lwp>

Your spare room could change a life! An online open evening on offering supported lodgings in Nottingham, **Tuesday 14th September** between 7.30pm and 9.00pm. Do you have a spare room that you are looking to rent? Do you enjoy meeting new people? Do you have a heart to help homeless young people? Open Homes Nottingham provide accommodation for homeless 16-25 year olds in trained hosts' homes. They currently run two projects. Nottingham Nightstop provides emergency overnight placements on a night-by-night basis, responding to the immediate crisis when a young person becomes homeless. Supported Lodgings, offers longer term placements of 6-12 months with the host, where the young person pays rent and a contribution towards utility bills. There is a dedicated Supported Lodgings Worker who will support the young person to claim benefits, look for work or education, help them develop independent living skills and support them to find long term accommodation. This session will give you more information about how the schemes work and what impact it has on the young people who have accessed the services. There will also be an opportunity to meet some of our current hosts and to ask any questions you may have.

To book for the event, follow the link at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supported-lodgings-information-evening-tickets-163999536027>

The annual McMillan **World's Biggest Coffee Morning** will take place on **Saturday 18th September** from 8.30am until 1.00pm in the Methodist church hall, Prebend Passage, Southwell. There will be plenty of things to do, including: fresh coffee or tea and delicious home made cakes; pre-owned items, books, jig-saws and family games; children / toddler pre-loved items; garden plants; games. Covid-19 precautions will be in place.

‘When a person is conquered by the Fire of His gaze, no sacrifice seems too great to follow Him’ A discernment evening for those who feel called to the Priesthood at the Vocation Centre, 247 Gordon Road, Nottingham, NG3 2LG. If you are interested in exploring a vocation to the Priesthood, you’ll be very welcome to join the newly appointed Vocations Directors on **Friday 24th September** at 7.00pm for a time of prayer, informal discussion and social time. For more information email: vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk

YouCan – a Retreat for Catholic Families at Alton Castle will be held over the weekend of **24th and 25th September**. The Young Catholic Adult Network, YouCan, is a grouping of young Catholic adults aged between 18 and 35, living in the UK, together with organisations that work with them. It aims to bring all young Catholics together. For more information on YouCan, or to book on the retreat at Alton Castle in September follow the link: <https://youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk>

The **National Altar Servers Mass** will be celebrated at 12.00 noon on **Saturday 25th September**, at Saints Mary and John church, Wolverhampton by Archbishop Bernard Longley. All altar servers from across the country are warmly invited to attend this Mass in celebration of their ministry. Booking in advance is requested, follow the link at: <https://guildofstephen.org/event/national-mass-for-altar-servers-2021/>

Christus Vivit - ‘Christ is alive, and he wants you to be alive’. A new group for young adults with a monthly meeting for fellowship and Formation for young adults aged 18-35 in the Diocese of Nottingham. The first meeting will take place on **Thursday 7th October** at Saint Barnabas Cathedral, starting at 6.30pm with adoration and ending at 8.00pm with an optional visit to a local pub to continue conversations and grow in community.

Community Organising Events from Nottingham Citizens

Nottingham Citizens is an alliance of faith, education and voluntary organisations working together for justice and the common good. Two Catholic parishes are members – Saint Barnabas Cathedral in Nottingham, and Holy Spirit parish in West Bridgford – and others are very welcome to find out more and to join. The next opportunity to get involved is:

✘ **Saturday 6th November**, 9.30am-4.30pm: ‘How to make change’, an introduction to Community Organising through ‘five steps to social change’

For more information visit: <https://linktr.ee/nottinghamcitizens>

Here : Now : Us

An invitation from the diocese to host a parish workshop. *Here: Now: Us* is a one-day workshop to help you put Catholic Social Teaching into action. Developed by the charity Together for the Common Good and brought to you by Caritas in the Diocese of Nottingham, it helps lay people grow in confidence and leadership, and reach out to their local community. We can help you bring the workshop to your parish. As we emerge from lockdown *Here: Now: Us* will enable you to:

- ✘ Seize the opportunity build the Common Good
- ✘ Listen for how God is calling you to live the Gospel
- ✘ Join with others to let the Kingdom of God break in

After months of social distancing, hosting the gathering in your parish will help it to re-weave, repair and grow as a confident, outward-looking missionary community. The workshop works best with a group of 8 to 20 people from your own parish, or in collaboration with a neighbouring parish. If you'd like to find out more about hosting the workshop, speak to Father Simon.

Mental Health Awareness Courses

Nottinghamshire County Council has commissioned Harmless to deliver a range of Mental Health Awareness and Suicide prevention accredited courses. The training is free and provides a certificate on completion. The details are:

- ✘ Thursday 2nd September, 1.00pm-5.00pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-module-1-mental-health-suicide-awareness-online-nottinghamshire-tickets-163479677115?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

- ✘ Tuesday 14th September, 9.00am-1.00pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-module-1-mental-health-suicide-awareness-online-nottinghamshire-tickets-163481011105?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Module 1 is a half-day session for those involved in a community scheme or activity about mental health or suicide prevention for adults (18+), all are welcome to attend. The learning outcomes include: a) Define the term mental health, using the mental health continuum; b) Recognise the signs of mental ill-health and suicide risk; c) Explore the links between physical and mental health; d) Increase awareness of the impact of attitudes and beliefs that lead to stigma and discrimination around mental ill-health and suicide; e) Understand the Five Ways to Wellbeing and Safe to Talk about Suicide; f) Increase confidence in having a conversation with someone in distress and supporting them to seek help; g) Understanding the wider impact of emotional distress on friends and family.

Online and Remote Volunteers Needed

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support - providing counselling and marriage preparation throughout England and Wales. We are looking for volunteers who can spare just a few hours a week working from the comfort of their own home to help us support marriage and relationships. **Zoom Support:** Are you an expert on Zoom and would you like to use your tech-skills to help us run marriage preparation courses, training or CPD events online? **Remote Secretary:** Provide a vital service to counsellors and clients, taking last-minute cancellations calls and communicating changes as necessary. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

Update from Cafod

An update received recently from Cafod, where our local representative writes:

Cafod is responding to significant crises across the world at the moment. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the Cafod website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

On Saturday 14th August, a devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti. More than 1900 people have been killed and at least one million more people are affected. Tropical storm Grace has now hit Haiti, exacerbating the already serious emergency. Cafod is working through the local Church organisations, Caritas Haiti, the Jesuit Migrants and Refugees Service, the religious congregations and sister agency Catholic Relief Services to provide urgent humanitarian aid – food, water, tents, hygiene kits and first aid for families affected.

In Afghanistan, we are shocked and gravely concerned by the Taliban take-over of the vast majority of the country. The generosity and compassion of our Catholic community have allowed us to stand together with communities in Afghanistan since the 1980s, supporting local organisations committed to improving the lives of

vulnerable and marginalised people. As you will appreciate, the situation in Afghanistan is uncertain and changing rapidly. Our Emergency Response Team are assessing how best to respond. We are doing everything possible to ensure the immediate well-being of local partners and the communities they serve. Please keep the people of Afghanistan in your prayers.

We are also responding to serious food shortages in Africa – in Ethiopia’s Tigray region, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. Families across these three countries face extreme hunger because of a deadly combination of covid, climate change and protracted conflict. A recent UN report identifies hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan, and north-east Nigeria as “catastrophic”. We have committed £500,000 already to get food and clean water to hundreds of thousands of people. With further support local aid workers will be able to scale up their response to reach more women, children, men, the elderly and people with disabilities with the food they urgently need. Thank you for your solidarity, your prayers and your support for Cafod’s work across the world. We share this prayer with you in this time of crisis.

Loving Lord,

For those who have died, give them eternal rest.

For those who are bereaved, comfort and console them.

For those who are hurt, heal and strengthen them.

**Lord God, enable us to help our suffering brothers and sisters
in whatever way we can.**

Heavenly Father, be with us now and always. Amen.

A prayer for Afghanistan

**Lord, compassionate and merciful,
you hear the cries of all peoples,
formed as they are in Your own image.**

Reach with into the hearts of all who call Afghanistan home;
of all her people in this time of trauma;
of all who flee, and all who can give them shelter;
of all who have given of themselves in the cause of peace; and of all who have
taken the nation in their hands.

We pray for tranquillity, dignity and freedom;
for the women, men and children of Afghanistan; and
for wisdom and generosity in the international community.
Jesus Christ, prince of peace, hear our prayer. Amen.

Parish Newsletter by e-mail

To receive the parish newsletter electronically ask to be added to the mailing list by emailing Father Simon at olvsouthwell.stacalverton@dioceseofnottingham.uk. Under the data protection laws it isn't possible to contact parishioners without their explicit consent: please consider completing a census form if you haven't already.

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!

Supporting Newark Foodbank

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

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| ☒ Instant mashed potato | ☒ Chocolate biscuits |
| ☒ Long-life milk | ☒ Washing-up liquid |
| ☒ Tinned / microwave sponge puddings | ☒ Shower gel |
| ☒ Jam | ☒ Deodorant |

A reflection from 'Marriage Matters'

Choosing what is best for 'us' Today, Jesus almost affirms His disciples' rule-breaking. He talks of people honouring Him with lip-service, with hearts far from Him. In marriage, it's the same when behaving 'husbandly' or 'wifely': saying / doing the right words / actions with hearts far from one another. Making listening to Jesus and each other a lifestyle choice enables us to choose what is best for 'us'.

A prayer for life

We bring to mind the words from Saint James in our second reading and his call to look after those in need. We pray that, as a church, we would improve how we look after those who are experiencing difficulty in their pregnancies and provide the care and support they need in welcoming their child to the world. Lord hear us.

. Also visit: www.righttolife.org.uk/news

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 in 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.

Prayers for ...

Please remember in your prayers especially:

- ✘ **Becky Bennett**, a parishioner in Southwell.
- ✘ **Clergy of our diocese who are sick at this time:** Monsignori Martin Cummins, Jonathan Moore; Canon Michael Moore; Fathers John Daley IC, Hugh Doherty, Paul Entwhistle, Kevin Gradwell, James Hannigan, Peter Harvey, Christopher Hogan, James Lynch, Frank McLaughlin, Robert Rutledge, Patrick O'Doherty, Michael Tutcher; Deacons Tom Berrie, Stephen Doona, Bill Hutchinson.

From Father Simon

These two years have passed too swiftly and disruptedly for me to get to know more than a handful of parishioners; this has been a sadness for me. Thank you for your support of me, and I am truly sorry to those I have offended during my ministry in Calverton and Southwell. Thank you for the kind gifts and cards received in these past days, especially the presentation made after Mass in Calverton last Sunday. Know that you will all be in my prayers each day, especially as the future changes unfold in this parish. May we all serve Jesus Christ more faithfully each day, in whatever ways he asks us. Please pray for me too,

Father Simon

