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Also could People bring in their **Red Mission Boxes** for emptying. If anyone would like a box please let myself or Christine Shepherd know.



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**ALTAR SERVERS:** Starting this weekend Fr Chris has agreed we can trial a 'get back to normal' experiment for Altar Servers. So, no rota from me until further notice, just come along to whichever mass you want and let's see how we get on. Also, please feel free to come along every weekend, or easy yourself back into things your own way. No pressure, we are just happy to have you back. To keep everyone safe please make sure you are Covid free and if in any doubt leave it until you feel 100%. Thanks again to everyone and Stay Safe.Dave Percival M: 07981 205861 E: [dave\\_percival@ntlworld.com](mailto:dave_percival@ntlworld.com)

**Supporting prisoners' families Could you be a volunteer?** Pact is a Catholic charity and their Prisoners' Families Helpline are currently seeking to recruit more helpline volunteers. The role can be carried out remotely. [Click here to find out more about what the role involves](#) or see <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/Pages/Category/volunteer>



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10.00am Mass: Norman Phillips RIP (Anniv)

6.30pm: School leavers Mass and Presentation

### Thursday: Feria

10.00am Mass: Mary & Philip Danks (O'Malley)

Coffee after Mass

### Friday: Feria

7.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

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3rd July 2022  
14th Week of Ordinary Time  
Psalter Week 2

**FR CHRIS WRITES:** Our second group of children received their first Holy communion on Saturday. Congratulations to them all. A big thank you to our Catechists who have supported them and their families.

This week we welcome our school for an end of term Mass on Monday Morning and we have a school leavers Mass on Wednesday Evening. A big thank you to all our school community and I wish everyone a Blessed and restful holiday.

**ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL:** Our School has been thriving and last week Year 6 and Year 5 put on an outstanding musical – Matilda. I was most impressed. Indeed I have not seen anything like it from a primary school before. Congratulations to all! Our School continues to thrive! Do share with others the good News of our school. Invite people you know with children due to start, to come and see it. There are some places still for next year in Reception. All are welcome! The school, smaller than most primary schools, offers a very special care for each child in all areas and seeks to form them to grow as well rounded young people in Mind body and soul. A big thank you to all our Staff and governors.

Sadly **PHIL DANKS** died last Saturday. His funeral will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am. Our prayers & Condolences to Mary and all the family. May he rest in peace. Please also pray for John Van der Liet who died on Friday.

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION FOR PETER'S PENCE LAST WEEKEND:** Many thanks £218 was collected

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**SEA SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND - 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:** Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is Sunday 10th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.



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#### **Statement on the Future of the Catholic Club Building**

I have in consultation with the Parish Council been looking at options for the use of the Catholic Club premises. There are two viable options; to Sell it or lease it.

Each option has its pros and cons which were explored in detail at various meetings. My conclusion is that the interests of the parish will be best served by choosing a 'Full Repairing and Insuring Lease.' This has the advantage of no up front costs to repair the fabric of the building. It will also (hopefully) get the building back into use. It means that the parish will retain control over the use of the premises. I must go through a rigorous process set out by the Diocese in order to conform to regulations and it will be done on a sound commercial basis in accord with the Charities Act. My intention is to use a reputable company highly experienced in managing this kind of leasing arrangement. This will involve paying them a percentage of rental income from the property. This proposal was unanimously agreed at the Parish Council meeting on 6 June. In summary the advantages of this approach are

- It gives the parish a say in the future use of the building and retains it as an asset for future generations.
- It involves no capital funding of repairs in order to lease the building.
- It restores the integrity of the building and produces a modest stream of income.

I will be looking to start this process as soon as practicably possible.

The first edition of the brand **NEW DIOCESANE-NEWS** is on the horizon, sign up to make sure you don't miss it. It only takes 60 seconds! Register via [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/mailinglist](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/mailinglist) , by emailing [naomi.roberts@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:naomi.roberts@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or scanning the QR code on the poster.

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#### FR CHRIS' THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY

My thoughts today are filled with the wonder of the Words of Moses and the call to do the same as the Samaritan in the story that Jesus told. The Words of Moses are his parting words before his death. He extolls the Beauty and wonder of the Law of God and that in keeping his commandments we will have life. And in fact even though we may think it is beyond us as does the Lawyer in the Gospel who seeks to limit the love of neighbour by defining him or her, Moses says that in fact the Law of God is very near to us so much so that it is in our heart for our observance. Well, no and Yes!! They are wonderful words but our experience of life and the experience of many might say that many a time the Law of God seems very far from our hearts as we try to keep ourselves in order and be a good neighbour. We struggle to keep our unloving thoughts and feelings in order from one day to the next. We often pass by someone in need of our time or care. We put off the acts of charity we should do with many an excuse as we hear in the Gospel with the religious people who came up with good excuses from a religious or liturgical point of view. We put a limit on who our neighbour may be. So indeed, the Law of God and even more the Law of love of the New Testament seems very far away. We struggle to live our faith from the basics of prayer - love of God - and treating our neighbour as we should including those in our family – our own brothers and sisters wives and husbands. Yes, the law of God seems a long, long way at times. Yet Moses says it is very close to us and he is right. The reason of course for the seeming contradiction is sin and its effects. Our true nature is damaged by original sin and actual sin. Sin clouds our understanding of the law of God and our ability to hear and indeed heed the word and law of God in our hearts. We have a conscience which is really the voice of God speaking to us in the deepest part of our being and is always present. And yet we don't or can't tune in. Indeed, right and wrong are written into the fabric of nature and the fabric of *our nature*. *If we thought rationally, we would discern the good from the bad. However, due to our inclination to sin, we tend not to think rationally, but instead to rationalize from our selfishness. This is not our true nature.*

Our true nature is as revealed by St Paul in the great canticle of the second reading. In Christ we were all created, and all things were created for him and through him. If we were created in Christ, then who we are is revealed by him and in him. We are in him and he in us. Thus, the Law is very close to us, in our heart because Christ is. But there is more. St Paul tells us that not only are we made in Christ we are reconciled through him and for him when he made peace by his death on the cross. In other words, Our Lord had made it possible to live the law of God. He is our peace who reconciles all things. And it is the Holy Spirit who bridges the gap whom we receive through the Sacraments particularly the daily sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion which helps us in the daily journey to let the Law of God become part of us and even more to heed the call of Jesus with the New law of love: to love one another as he loved us. So much so that we do not ask who is my neighbour but how I can be a neighbour to those around me.

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10th July 2022  
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##### **Monday: St Benedict**

9.00am Mass: Personal Int

##### **Tuesday: Feria**

10.00am Mass: Jim Ashcroft RIP

##### **Wednesday: Feria**

10.00am Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

##### **Thursday: Feria**

1.30pm Funeral of John Van der Liet

##### **Friday: St Bonaventure**

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**FR CHRIS WRITES:** : As we enter into Holiday time I would like to wish all a blessed summer and restful holidays especially all those from our school Community. Thank you to Mrs Dabbs and all our school community and governors. I wish all our school leavers well and congratulations to Year 6 on their SATs results. Outstanding!

**POPE FRANCIS: APOSTOLIC LETTER ON THE LITURGY: DESIDERIO DESIDERAVI**

The Pope has written an Apostolic Letter to the people of God on the liturgy, to recall the profound meaning of Eucharistic celebrations as it emerged from the Council and to encourage liturgical formation. This Apostolic Letter reaffirms the importance of ecclesial communion around the rite that emerged from the post-conciliar liturgical reform. It is not a new instruction or a directive with specific norms, but rather a meditation on understanding the beauty of liturgical celebration and its role in evangelization. It concludes with an appeal: "Let us abandon our polemics to listen together to what the Spirit is saying to the Church. Let us safeguard our communion. Let us continue to be astonished at the beauty of the Liturgy". It can be found by a google search or the above link. It is worth a read.

Sadly we lost 3 Good Parishioners recently:

**Phil Danks.** His funeral will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am.

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**Helena Ditchett:** Her funeral will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 10.30am

Our prayers & Condolences to all the families. May they all rest in peace.

As the war in Ukraine continues there is still a need to extend a welcome to refugees. Would you like to help develop support locally? Are you waiting to host a family - or do you have experience you'd like to exchange with fellow hosts? Caritas invite you to a third **Parishes of Welcome** workshop, at 7.00pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July by Zoom. Hear about initiatives underway around the diocese and explore plans with other parishioners. Book at [www.bit.ly/CaritasUkraine3](http://www.bit.ly/CaritasUkraine3) or email [cari-tas@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:cari-tas@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**CARING FOR CREATION** is a workshop from Caritas to help us put Pope Francis's environmental encyclical *Laudato Si'* into practice: 7.00pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July by Zoom. Discover the connections between our faith and our environmental footprint. Explore ways mark this autumn's Season of Creation in the parish. Find out about the diocesan Pioneer Parishes scheme to support our journey to become a 'zero carbon Church'. Book at [www.bit.ly/FaithandFootprint](http://www.bit.ly/FaithandFootprint) or email [cari-tas@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:cari-tas@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

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Martha is wonderful: She is wonderful in her service in her thoughtfulness in wanting to give honour to her guest and indeed guests. It is a great thing to be hospitable especially in Middle Eastern cultures, as we see from the First reading. Abraham rushes to welcome some guests in the heat of the day and as Martha with Jesus, he prepares a meal for them. On a straightforward level, we should be welcoming to all at home. Our families should be ready to share their blessings especially with those who do not have a family. The family is called the domestic Church whose doors should be open. It is wonderful to hear about people who do this, but particularly those who have welcomed refugees from the Ukraine this year. There is greater joy we are told in giving than receiving and also we have the saying that probably comes from today's first reading of entertaining angels unaware. Of course in this case it is the Lord whom Abraham is welcoming who is mysteriously one person and three persons in the account. Perhaps a hint at the trinity.

Spiritually speaking, God is the guest waiting to be invited in. He is standing by the door of our tent as it were, and we need to welcome him and very simply as we would do a guest, we invite him in. How often I wonder is the Lord standing there or passing by and we failed to invite him in. Abraham and Martha both invite in him. This is good. Martha is delighted but forgets the one thing needed. Rightly she wants to show her love for Jesus. It is wonderful to do that especially in serving others. Jesus words are clear about that. But she forgets the right order of things and that is of course what Jesus wants to do for us. This is the first thing and is necessary. Because without God we cannot do the serving and loving. Jesus gently and lovingly chides her. He understands her mindset and knows that her desire to serve is ultimately also an expression of love for him, even if misguided. But in her good will she is losing the communion she needs with Jesus. Mary seems to understand this, as she sits at Jesus' feet.

As the summer holidays begin perhaps Jesus is reminding us of our need to sit at his feet. We are busy about so many things in our lives that can take up so much time and attention. Not least of course for parents with children to look after and jobs to keep up. Holiday time as well as a time for rest is also a time to sit at the feet of Jesus to recharge our spiritual batteries. In this time of the year, suffering from tiredness we can often end up angry, anxious, and worried. Hence, we need to put aside the work we do for the Lord in serving others and just spend some time being with Him, talking to Him and listening to Him, fully aware of His holy presence in our souls. We can read a bit more of the Scriptures in a meditative way with some spiritual reading. An easy read is always found in the lives of the Saints. Also it can be a time for family prayer such as the Rosary. It can also be an opportunity for those who work to pop in to a weekday Mass. The Mass is most profoundly what God does for us. He is the one who serves us and is the perfect way of renewing the communion with him which has suffered as we have been busy and fretting about many things. And of course so closely linked is prayer before the Blessed Sacrament when we can sit at the feet of Jesus. May we remember this summer that Jesus is the one thing necessary for the peace and joy of our lives. Our Church is always open!! To de-stress there is nothing better than prayer. I wish you all a blessed holiday time.



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5.00pm Reception of the Body of Helena Ditchett

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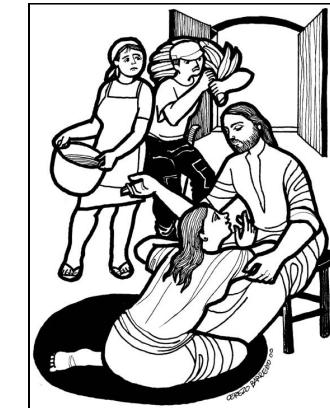
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The Walsingham Association exists primarily to spread devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham and encourage pilgrimage to her Shrine. Founded in 1933, the Association now has some 50 branches throughout the country. St Mary's Ordinariate will be establishing a Walsingham Association Cell in July. The intention will be to meet once a month for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and once a month to share Mass together. We shall pray for the life and witness of the Catholic Parishes around us, and praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we seek to develop our sense of God's presence, encourage retreats and pilgrimages to the Shrine, and to help spread devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham. We will be meeting at St Mary's Church, Husbands Bosworth for the first Exposition on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July beginning at 10.30am, with prayers. Fr Matthew will say Mass on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July again at 10.30am. Our meetings will be Exposition on the first Saturday of each month and Mass on the third Thursday of each month. All are welcome.

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Our opening prayer of the mass speak to us as we ask God for mercy that with him as our ruler and God we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. On this 2<sup>nd</sup> annual day of celebration of Grandparents and the Elderly, we celebrate the great gift of the elderly for their families and others. Especially the gift they are to the young to be able to share with them the gift of their wisdom and lived experience. The elderly can point to what endures from their experiences. These are both the failures and successes that give wisdom. Above all that the young may use the many good things of this world properly and in the thought of Tolkien in Lord of the rings, not be possessed by them. They can be enticing for the superficial joy that they present which does not last and can lead to cynicism and even despair. The elderly, who have to slow down, can offer something to our young who are often overtaken by the frenetic pace of the world as The older generation have great blessings to bestow.

Pope Francis in his message for this day says: *Old age is no time to give up and lower the sails, but a season of enduring fruitfulness: a new mission awaits us and bids us look to the future. He highlights that our world needs a revolution of tenderness. Tenderness comes from an experience of our redeemed weakness. The Lord has forgiven our sins and we experience him walking with us in our frailties and struggles. This is the experience of the Father's tenderness which we can pass on to others. Our world needs to learn to regard others as true brothers and sisters. The Holy father writes: We grandparents and elderly people have a great responsibility: to teach the women and men of our time to regard others with the same understanding and loving gaze with which we regard our own grandchildren. We ourselves have grown in humanity by caring for others, and now we can be teachers of a way of life that is peaceful and attentive to those in greatest need. The Holy Father is alert to the dangers in our world following the pandemic and of course the present wars in the world and the economic and financial crisis in many parts. This can lead to a hardness of heart in respect of others when tenderness is needed.*

For this tenderness, grandparents and our elderly need to cultivate prayer and the interior life for which they have more time: reading the word of God, reception of the sacraments and participation in the liturgy. Our prayer purifies the heart. It prevents our hearts becoming hardened by cynicism and selfishness which can be a danger of old age and writes off the young. This helps us to be a centre of tranquil calm for others.

Our readings today encourage us to be persistent in our prayer and intercede for others. Our world needs this. The great example is Benedict XVI who has dedicated his time since retiring to prayer for the Church and the World. This is a vital mission that the elderly have especially those who are housebound. The prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others. The elderly can be the enduring chorus of prayer that sustains those who toil in the field of life. They can pray for those who cannot or indeed will not pray. What an act of love! They pray for all in need above all for those who endure the worse suffering that of being far from God as did Abraham an image of Christ. This is the worse margin of society. There is great evil about, and the battle needs to be sustained by prayer. We stand at a point of crisis or decision for our world. The fate of many hangs in the balance. The cry of the elderly for mercy on behalf of the world is vital.



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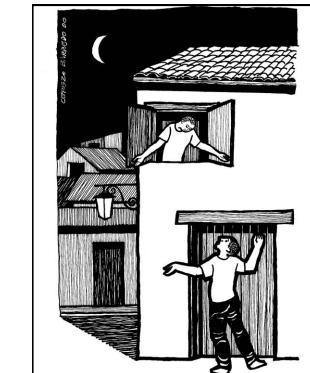
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We all know about the ancient polytheistic religions such as those of Greece and Rome with the worship of many Gods and the worship of such things as the sun or the moon and we wonder how they could have been so easily deceived or fall for such superstitions. We wonder how people could confuse the finite for the infinite limited for the unlimited. We may laugh but we cannot escape so easily as our readings tell us.

Do we not create our own idols or false Gods and in effect do the same things as they did? Saint Paul warns the Colossians about various idols but most especially about falling into greed which he describes as worshipping a false idol because when we suffer from greed, we put material things in the place of God; we make things that are not God divine. What a foolish thing to do, yet we do it!

The rich man with the good harvest speaks to us. In one way he is sensible to build barns for his harvest, but it gets out of control or out of proportion and becomes avarice. He turned in on himself forgetting others and indeed that his life could end at any moment. We can all succumb to this, and avarice can present itself in a variety of ways which is wanting more of something than we need. Money is the most obvious of things but there are possessions such as fame success career and so on.

And the thing is, it starts very reasonably. We look to our security and planning is sensible as in the case of the farmer. We do not want to be a burden to others or indeed on the state and that is quite right. We want to provide for our family and legitimate needs. And yet it can get out of control and disproportionate and the legitimate becomes excessive. Some people live on the very small salary and yet I hear people saying they are struggling on 60 or £70,000 a year or even more. We put things by for our retirement but what is enough? The farmer is not sure and so he builds bigger and bigger barns. But they can never be big enough because ultimately, they cannot make us secure. It is always that we have a car but we need a better one we have a bathroom but we need a nicer one we have a television, but we need to upgrade it or a mobile phone that is not enough. These are but examples; we each need to examine ourselves. How easily do we come up with justifying reasons?

We should be aware that avarice can be at work in us like a disease almost unnoticed when we dismiss the symptoms as something else. We all suffer from the effects of original sin which we call concupiscence: the difficulty of controlling our desires or appetites or indeed passions. This leads to desires for things that are good in themselves to become excessive. This is part of the spiritual battle.

Firstly we need to be clear as St. Paul says: *you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth. He is our life.* Secondly that self-denial is fundamental part of our lives when we deny ourselves things that are good in themselves and what we consider necessary is actually only what we want. And indeed many of the things which we consider necessary so many in the world have to do without. The Christian practices of penance and fasting should be part of our regular life particularly on Fridays, our day of fasting and abstinence. And then of course the sacrament of penance and the practise of thanksgiving in prayer remind us that these things in fact do not belong to us but to God who is the giver of all gifts. And not least the vital role of giving away and sharing. This is the great vaccine against the false worship of avarice. As Jesus said these are the true riches that make us help rich in the sight of God. This we take with us the rest we cannot. We are encouraged by the words of St Paul: *There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.*



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**THE NDCYS** (Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service) continues to push the boundaries and explore new ways of delivering engaging and accessible Catholic Youth Ministry to the young people it serves. From October they are seeking to appoint a new **Director of Youth Services** to drive their work forward and to ensure the service delivery meets the needs of young people. Your skill, experience and vision will be crucial to the success of the service and you'll have the privilege of leading and caring for a team of skilled, passionate and talented staff. For more information visit [www.ndcys.com](http://www.ndcys.com)

**CLERGY CHANGES:** There are various appointments this summer: *From 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022: Father Andrew Harding*, as Parish Priest of the parishes of Our Lady of Lourdes, Ashby-de-la-Zouch; and Saint Charles Borromeo, Measham. **Father Joby John**, as Assistant Priest of the parishes of Our Lady and Saint Thomas of Hereford, Ilkeston; Saint John the Evangelist, Stapleford; and Our Lady of Good Counsel, Eastwood; continuing as Chaplain to the Syro-Malabar community in Nottingham. **Father Paul Newman**, as Parish Priest of the parishes of Our Lady and Saint Thomas of Hereford, Ilkeston; and Saint John the Evangelist, Stapleford; continuing as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Eastwood, Chaplain to the Nottingham Catholic Diocesan Youth Service, and Episcopal Vicar for the Lay Apostolate. *From 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022: Father Matthew Jakes*, as the clergy member of the Diocesan Safeguarding Panel, in succession to Canon Joe Wheat.

*From 1<sup>st</sup> September: Father Liam Carpenter*, as Assistant Priest of the parishes of the Holy Spirit, West Bridgford; Our Lady of Grace, Cotgrave; Saint Anne, Radcliffe on Trent; and Saint Margaret Clitherow, Keyworth. **Father John Martin**, as Parish Priest of the parishes of the Holy Spirit, West Bridgford; Our Lady of Grace, Cotgrave; Saint Anne, Radcliffe on Trent; and Saint Margaret Clitherow, Keyworth. **Father John McCay**, as Assistant Priest of the parish of Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham, in addition to his duties as Prison Chaplain. *From September 2022: Father Patrick Bassey*, as Parish Priest of the parish of Saint Winefride, Shepshed.

**KEY HOLDERS:** We need to establish a list of key holders to Parish Property. I do not have one. Could those who hold keys to the Church Hall or Presbytery let me know what keys they hold. Many thanks

**THE SOCIETY OF VINCENT de PAUL (SVP)** are fundraising to redevelop their camp site and building in Mablethorpe, Lincs. The site provides holidays for up to 200 children from the diocese of Nottingham every summer. If you would like more information on the project or if you would like to donate to this appeal or are able to provide materials or resources for the project please contact Dom Merrison by email at [mablethorpe@svp.org.uk](mailto:mablethorpe@svp.org.uk).

**CATHOLIC VOICES and WORD ON FIRE** are hosting a conference called **Sharing the Church's Story**. Join Catholics who are passionate about the renewal of the Church in the UK, and a host of dynamic speakers including Bishop Robert Barron. This conference is for all: volunteers, parents, catechists, clergy, and religious. The Conference is being held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 10.00am – 6.00pm, at Friends House, Euston Road, London; more details at: [www.sharingthechurchstory.com](http://www.sharingthechurchstory.com)

		<b>Sat. 6.00 pm</b>	<b>Sunday, 9.00 am</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>
<b>Readers</b>	30/31 July	E. Andrews	S. Acton	M. Lewin
	6/7 August	J. Rowland	D. Chappell	R van der Liet