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**FR CHRIS'S THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY:**

Today we celebrate our great day: the coming of the Holy Spirit and the Birthday of the Church. It is the crowning fruit of all Our Lord came to do. He himself had said it is better that I go if I do not go the Holy Spirit cannot come; he is the Advocate helper consoler. Above all he is the sanctifier, the one who make us holy. He gives the life of God to us all. The greatest of God's gifts: the fire of God's love.

We often focus on our own efforts how we should and must be better. St Paul today reminds us we must be aware conscious first and foremost that the Holy Spirit is already at work in us, carrying out his purpose and we must allow him to work. As St Paul says to the Romans : he has made his home in you: our true interest, our truest inclination is to the things of God in other words goodness and love: We have the very Holy Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead within us in our souls and hearts moving us and urging us on. We received him particularly through Baptism and confirmation. He can lift us up from all that tries to drag us down. Our unspiritual self or worse side is not our real true self. We are called to live from the Holy Spirit to let him act in us: Our true self is that we are brothers and sisters of Jesus, children of the Father: Sons in the Son, heirs of God co heirs with Jesus, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.... all through the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit worked a miraculous transformation in the lives of the first members of the Church on Pentecost, changing them from apostates to apostles, from chickens to shepherds. When we consider how the Holy Spirit worked in the lives of the first members of his Church, it is fitting also to ponder whether the Holy Spirit is truly the guide of our day-to-day life as well. Do we let him transform us as he did them? It is the very same Holy Spirit.

We often speak of the Father and of the Son in our prayers, but the Holy Spirit is often forgotten and remains for so many the great unknown in lives of Christians. We heard a reading recently on a weekday from the acts of the apostles about when Paul came to Ephesus and met believers and when asked if they had received the Holy Spirit, they replied that they had not even heard that there was a Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is so often the neglected person of the Trinity and yet so vital as the highest gift of God to humanity as Pope Benedict the XVI said. If we wish to understand the faith, if we wish to live it, if we wish to pass it on, we must allow the Holy Spirit to become the guide of our souls. It is only then that our souls become what they truly are. If we think about it the eyes cannot function without light the ears cannot function without sounds, without odours the nose can do nothing. It is the same with the human soul. Unless it absorbs the gift of the Spirit through faith, the mind has the ability to know God but lacks the light necessary for that knowledge. This unique gift of Christ is offered to everyone, but it is given to each man in proportion to his readiness to receive it. We need to pray to the Holy Spirit we need to invite him in: come Holy Spirit fill my heart enkindle in me the fire of your love. ....He will then transform whole areas of our Christian life.



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5th June 2022  
10th Week of Ordinary Time  
Psalter Week, 2  
Pentecost

**Times of Services****Sunday: Pentecost**

Sat. 6.00pm: Teresa Gatens RIP( Taylor)  
9.00am Mass: Phil Plowright 60 Anniv as Altar Server  
11.00am Mass: People of the Parish  
4.30pm: Rosary outside Church

**Monday: Mary, Mother of the Church**

9.00am Mass: Thanks Bevina & Simon Birthday

**Tuesday: Feria**

10.00am Mass: November Dead List

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**Thursday: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST**

10.00am Mass: Fr Jim Cahill (80th Birthday) (Lowe)

Coffee after Mass

**Friday: Feria**

7.00pm Mass: Chris Mahoney RIP (Cath)

**Saturday: St Barnabas, Patron of Our Cathedral**

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Saturdays

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**FR CHRIS WRITES:** As we celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost we pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit for our Parish and we celebrate the Platinum anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen. We will pray for her at all Masses with the prayer below. We thank God for her fidelity to her vocation and service to this Country through 70 years and more

Please also keep our first Communion children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for First Communion will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> June and 2<sup>nd</sup> July. I wish all our families a Blessed Half term.

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There are **New Year Books** available for £4 with quite a few articles catching up since the Pandemic

**Prayer for the Queen at all Masses** before the final blessing

V.O Lord, save Elizabeth, our Queen. **R. And hear us on the day we call upon you.**

V O Lord, hear my prayer. **R And let my cry come before you.**

V. The Lord be with you. **R/ And with your spirit.**

Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour may, with the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

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An invitation to see and experience life with Christ differently... Bookings are now open for the **ASCENT UK** - a three year discipleship journey for Catholic young people in years 10-12 who want to embrace their faith in Jesus Christ at a whole new level and learn how to share it with others. Check out [www.theascentuk.co.uk](http://www.theascentuk.co.uk) for more details.

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**CHANGES IN THE DEANERY & DIOCESE:** As we have been aware for a number of years, there have been many consultations and discussions about the future structure of the Diocese with the changes in Parishes and fewer priests than we are used to. Inevitably it had to fall to the Bishop and his council to make final decisions. He has now published definitive 'roadmap' for the future direction of the diocese so that we can all work together to make it a reality. The status of our Parish remains unchanged, though we will have to support neighbouring Parishes as I have said before which may make it necessary to reduce to one Mass on a Sunday morning and one on Saturday evening. The New groupings of Parishes for the Deanery are below. The Present and future number of priests are in brackets They will either become one Parish or a Pastoral area. We do not know when the number of priests will change. This depends on retirements and deaths of Clergy. However the Bishop has asked them all to work together from now on in all areas of Parish life with an outlook for mission and evangelisation.

1. Holy Cross, Leicester (3/3) (Religious). 2. Immaculate Conception, Oadby, with St Edward the Confessor, Aylestone Road, St Mary, South Wigston, St John Bosco, Eyres Monsall, and St Thomas More, Knighton Road (2/2). 3 Most Blessed Sacrament, Gooding Avenue, with St Peter, Hinckley Road, and with Mother of God, New Parks (2/2). 4 Our Lady of Victories, Market Harborough (1/1) 5 Our Lady of Victories and St Alphonsus, Lutterworth, with St Pius X, Narborough (1/1). 6 Sacred Heart and St Margaret Mary, Mere Road, with Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rushey Mead, and St Joseph, Uppingham Road (4/2). 7 St Peter, Hinckley, with Sts Peter and Paul, Earl Shilton, and Our Lady and Saint Gregory, Market Bosworth (1/1). 8 Divine Infant of Prague, Syston, with St Patrick, Beaumont Leys Lane, and with St Theresa, Birstall, with Sacred Heart, Rothley (3/1) (Religious?). We pray for all our Parishes especially those facing changes.

**REMINDER! COME WITH LACY** (Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth) to join Bishop Patrick on the **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022 Pilgrimage Mass, Picnics, Holy Mile Procession and Benediction:** We have now booked a coach and **there are still some places left!** £12 per person or £30 per family of 4 people plus. Coach departing at 8.00 a.m. from St. Peter's Hinckley Road, St. Mary's Wigston 8.10 a.m., St. Thomas More Knighton 8.20 a.m. and The Immaculate Conception, Oadby, 8.30 a.m. Fish and chip stop on return journey and drop offs at Churches in reverse order. A warm invitation to all young people, families and friends of all ages to join us. Contact us now! Don't miss out! [paulinepayne@hotmail.com](mailto:paulinepayne@hotmail.com) or mobile: 07885 187374.

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### FR CHRIS'S THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY:

Today we celebrate the highest truth of our faith. Our faith contains many truths but the pinnacle we could say of the pyramid of truth is the most Holy Trinity. This is because it is a truth about the very nature of God. It is about the God who made us, who redeemed us and calls us to share his life now through faith and in full communion in eternity. He is both our beginning, our middle and end. He is everything. We often think that the doctrine of the Trinity is something for theologians alone and is beyond us. Well it is beyond them too, if the truth be told! Certainly, we can increase understanding of this mystery that God is 3 persons in the unity of divine nature through study, but above all we are called to live it and by living it we come to experience the mystery of the Trinity in our daily lives. In other words to live love.

It is Jesus, as the 2<sup>nd</sup> person of the Holy Trinity reveals the mystery to us by what he does, what he says and the Holy Spirit he gives. Simply put he reveals God as a tri-personal communion of love. He shows forth that Love. In his life on earth he reveals this in his obedience to the Father which is how the love of the Father and Son are shown to us. So much so that the Father expresses his love of the Son in his fidelity to the Son and in the resurrection and Jesus reveals his love for the Father in his obedience unto death. They both give everything in their unity of love who is the Holy Spirit.

Now Jesus teaches us about this in the Gospel when he says the Holy Spirit will come and teach us leading us to the complete truth. the Holy Spirit will teach what he has received from the son and indeed in that what the son has received from the father. This work of the Holy Spirit reveals the inner truth of the Holy Trinity as each person shares all that they are with the other. The Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit.

Saint Paul tells us today: the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. This is the foundation of our knowledge of the Trinity. It is a lived experience of the love of God that is of the father and the son who is the Holy Spirit. We make this real for ourselves as we, in imitation of our Lord, live out a life of obedience to God, His commandments which are above all love of God and love of neighbour. Loving each other as Jesus loved us. It involves the willingness to sacrifice oneself for others, to undergo suffering as Christ did. In doing this we learn patience with ourselves and others and then this patient perseverance is born and then extraordinarily hope comes to live in our hearts and that hope and indeed joy is the lived experience of most Holy Trinity. It is the true joy of God that we share in and it does not deceive. It comes from experiencing the inner love of God

As we try to imitate Jesus in his life We know the truth of the Trinity. Drawing from the Holy Spirit, as we seek to imitate Jesus in obedience to the Father, the dynamic of love between the Father and Son becomes ours. As the Holy Father said: *But the mystery of the Trinity also speaks to us of ourselves, of our relationship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In fact, through baptism, the Holy Spirit has placed us in the heart and the very life of God, who is a communion of love. God is a "family" of three Persons who love each other so much as to form a single whole. This "divine family" is not closed in on itself, but is open. It communicates itself in creation and in history and has entered into the world of men to call everyone to form part of it. The trinitarian horizon of communion surrounds all of us and stimulates us to live in love and fraternal sharing, certain that where there is love, there is God.*



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12th June 2022  
11th Week of Ordinary Time  
Psalter Week 1

### Times of Services

#### Sunday: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Sat. 6.00pm: Clive Blencowe RIP (B. Phillips)

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Ann Fagan (Price)

4.30pm: Rosary outside Church

#### Monday: St Anthony of Padua

9.00am Mass: Personal Int

#### Tuesday: Feria

1.00pm Funeral of Charles Van der Liet

#### Wednesday: Feria

10.00am Mass: Personal Int

#### Thursday: Feria

10.00am Mass: Carmel Crehan RIP (Breda & Walsh family)

Coffee after Mass

#### Friday: Feria

7.00pm Mass: Personal Int

#### Saturday: Feria

11.00am: First Holy Communion Mass

6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

#### Sunday: Solemnity of Corpus Christi

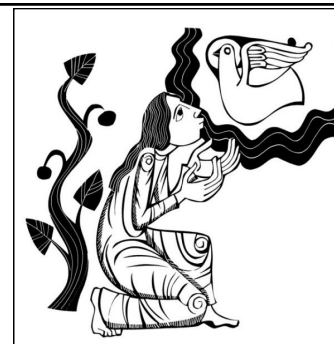
9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Joey Maloney (Eileen)

4.30pm Rosary & Benediction.

**Next Sunday Day for life** This is the day in our calendar set aside to celebrate life from conception to natural death. This year our focus is on caring for and valuing the elderly. There will be a 2nd Collection

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*Everything the  
Father has is mine:  
all the Spirit tells  
you will be taken  
from what is mine.*

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No 11.00am only  
5.15 - 5.45pm this  
Saturday



#### FR CHRIS WRITES:

Please also keep our first Communion children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for First Communion which will take place next Saturday and 2<sup>nd</sup> July. We ask our **First Communion children** to join us at the 11.00am Mass the next day to celebrate if they can.

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Next Sunday is Corpus Christi. We will have Rosary and Benediction at 4.30pm

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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.

**MESSAGE FROM THE CURIA:** It is with great joy that we celebrate "the plurality and variety of voices" in our diocese by launching a **Diocesan Mailing List**, something that will undoubtedly help us become more united as a "choir" of communities, sharing news, updates, and stories from across our beautiful diocese. Sign up to be part of this step forward as we recently marked the 56th World Day of Social Communications: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/maillinglist](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/maillinglist) There is also a poster with a QR code in the church that you can use to sign up with.

**COLLECTIONS IN CHURCH:** As we are now returning to normal post COVID we need to restart taking the Offertory Collection in Church during Mass again. We hope that those who did this ministry before will return and we are looking for new volunteers as well for each Mass: Men, women and indeed families!! There would normally be 2 Collectors at each Mass. If you could let me know your name and contact details and which Mass you attend. Many thanks

People have been talking about **Sunday Coffee** and recently we discussed this at the PPC. I am hoping to see if we can have Sunday Coffee after the 9.00am Mass. I know some people have been meeting at Bars for a quick one after Mass or before going to the 11.00am. In the Past groups took responsibility for a particular Sunday in the month. So could the various groups in the Parish let me know if they would like to participate and we will see how it goes.

**VICTORY PRIZE DRAW, JUNE WINNERS:** 1st Prize £70 M O'Malley ticket number 139; 2nd Prize £30 M Packer ticket number 46; 3rd Prize £20 M Sparks ticket number 174.

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**HIDDEN TREASURE: Catholic Churches in England and Wales** The Friends of Nottingham Cathedral invite everyone to their inaugural Summer Lecture on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm, in the Cathedral, and given by Sophie Andreae, architectural historian. It will explore Catholic architecture from around the country, with particular attention to our Cathedral, St Mary's, Derby; Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe; and All Saints, Hassop. Tickets (£10, including a glass of wine) can be purchased at [friendsofnottinghamcathedral.eventbrite.co.uk](http://friendsofnottinghamcathedral.eventbrite.co.uk) All proceeds to the work of The Friends.

An exciting opportunity has arisen to support the work of Bishop Patrick as the **Bishop's Personal Assistant**. This role would suit someone with experience as a Senior Personal Assistant or Executive Assistant in a substantial complex organisation, who is willing and able enthusiastically to support the mission of the Catholic Church and with knowledge of its organisation and functions. For more information and an application pack email [office@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:office@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

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Today we celebrate this most special of gifts of God the gift of Jesus himself in the most holy sacrament of the altar. The feast of the body and blood of Jesus who gives himself unsparingly to us in Holy Communion. We celebrated yesterday our first group who received our Lord for the first time. We need to have that same desire and anticipation as we come to Mass each Sunday or indeed during the week. Jesus gave us that gift for the first time at the Last Supper. It is true. But he anticipated it in this wonderful miracle of the feeding of the 5000. It is so rich in symbolism of our Mass. He first teaches the people about the Kingdom of God as of course he does each Sunday in the liturgy of the Word, and he also heals us at the beginning of Mass in the Penitential Rite or when in confession when we ask for his mercy.

He then receives the offering of the young boy the fish and the loaves and performs the four actions of our mass. He takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it and gives it. These same things the priest does as he takes the offerings of bread and wine he blesses them in the consecration and breaks them in the fraction of the host to be shared and then of course gives them. And so in this miracle he teaches us about this most holy Eucharist.

The people are hungry they have been following him all day and listening to him in a lonely place in the desert. This strikes us: there is nothing to feed on. Our world is similar in a certain way; it is a spiritual desert in that the world cannot give us a lasting satisfaction because it cannot satisfy our deepest hunger which is for a lasting love which is only fulfilled in God himself. So many are hungry. but so often they do not know what they hunger for. They seek it out in so many things which can never satisfy in the pleasures that our world offers, and they do not know sadly that they really hunger for God; they hunger indeed for the bread of life which Jesus gives superabundantly but we cannot give ourselves. It is beyond us. This indeed the disciples recognise; they have not enough resources to feed the people, it is beyond them. It is when they recognise this that Jesus performs the miracle and feeds everyone So that they may understand he alone can satisfy the human heart and soul. It is always him. And that later when they become the first priests at the Last Supper and celebrate the Mass in the early Church, it is Christ who takes blesses breaks and gives. This is powerfully symbolised in the 12 baskets that are collected afterwards. They symbolise the Apostolic ministry of priesthood of the church which will give the bread of life superabundantly throughout the ages and that of course this food will never run out. It is always there; Christ can always provide even when the need seems beyond our means.

Simply we are called to bring what we have - a few loaves and fishes to Christ. They do not seem very much, hardly anything. Yet when Jesus takes them and blesses them as he feeds us with the Eucharist, the bread of life, we are able to do much more we could possibly expect or imagine. As we break open our heart and give of ourselves great things come from the power of the holy Eucharist because Christ is in us. In giving himself in the form of the bread and wine, he was declaring himself to be our food and drink. In calling us to take and eat, to take and drink, he is asking us to take our stand with him, to give ourselves to him as he gives himself to us. He calls us with him to feed all those who hunger for Christ though they know it not.

The feast of Corpus Christi each year invites us to renew the amazement and joy for this wonderful gift of the Lord, who is the Eucharist.



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19th June 2022  
12th Week of Ordinary Time  
Psalter Week 4  
Corpus Christi

## Times of Services

### Sunday: THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST - CORPUS CHRISTI

Sat. 6.00pm: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

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11.00am Nuptial Mass: Charles Haddock & Caroline Colacicchi

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10.00am Mass: Mary Nolan RIP (Sisters)

### Thursday: THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

9.30am Mass: Norman Phillips RIP (Birthday)

Coffee after Mass

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*They all ate as much as they wanted.*

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**FR CHRIS WRITES:** Yesterday we celebrated First Communion for many of our Children. The 2<sup>nd</sup> group will receive Our Lord for the first time on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. This weekend we celebrate Corpus Christi whose origins go back to St Juliana of Mont-Cornillon who received visions and mystical experiences from Our Lord. She died in 1258. Urban IV instituted this feast in 1264 during a period of great development in eucharistic Devotion. The Most Holy eucharist is the Source and summit of our faith as it contains Christ himself and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament reserved in Church is an extension of the Mass. We are privileged to be able to visit Our Lord at any time as our Church is always open during the day. How can we not come to visit Our Lord who is personally present in the Tabernacle? We will have rosary and Benediction at 4.30pm this Sunday Happy Feast day!!

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Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass to celebrate the **Tenth World Meeting of Families**, on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm in the parish of Our Lady of Lincoln, Lincoln, with a BBQ and social afterwards. There is no cost to this, but please book to help with catering – see the poster at the back of church, or visit: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events). **There are also some zoom sessions: Parenting as a way to sainthood:** What we can learn from ss Louis and zelié martin. Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 8:00pm on zoom. Also **Evangelising your children:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 8:00pm on zoom. this talk will look at how to pass the faith on to your children See the link for more information.

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An exciting opportunity has arisen to support the work of Bishop Patrick as the **Bishop's Personal Assistant**. This role would suit someone with experience as a Senior Personal Assistant or Executive Assistant in a substantial complex organisation, who is willing and able enthusiastically to support the mission of the Catholic Church and with knowledge of its organisation and functions. For more information and an application pack email [office@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:office@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**SPRINGBOARD**, a hands-on workshop from Caritas, is coming to **Leicestershire and Rutland parishes on Saturday 25 June at Saint Joseph, Leicester** from 10.30 until 3.30 – you'll be welcome for the morning, afternoon or both. Following the Here: Now: Us workshop and Synod consultations last Autumn, the pandemic is giving way to a time of crisis for the poorest in society and for the planet. At **Springboard** we'll discern our call to mission in the 'new normal', build local collaboration for mission, and establish a local Caritas Hub as a platform for action – all inspired by Pope Francis's The Joy of the Gospel. For bookings and further information visit <http://bit.ly/2022Springboard>, email [caritas@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:caritas@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or call 0115 648 1509.

**CALLING FOUNDATION GOVERNORS** A virtual information session about being a foundation governor in one of our Catholic schools is taking place on **Wednesday 22 June** from 7.00pm – 8.30pm. Please see the poster on the parish notice board. For further information, please contact: Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan Education Service ([julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk](mailto:julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk)). This will be a on line introduction. **The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** takes place on Saturday 11 June 2022. to pray for vocations, peace in our world, and evangelisation. Join with Bishop Patrick on pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady to pray for vocations, peace in our world, and evangelisation. See Poster for details.

#### **MARKET HARBOROUGH EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUNDRAISER:**

Ladies Lunch Returns!!! Ladies Lunch Marston Trussell Hall June 23<sup>rd</sup> 12.30pm £37.50/ticket All money raised to go to St. Joseph's Catholic Academy. For tickets please Contact Kate Crawford Tel 01858 446873 please leave a message if there's no answer.



		Sat. 6.00 pm	Sunday, 9.00 am	11.00 a.m.
Readers	25/26 June	E. Andrews	S. Acton	R. Lewin
	2/3 July	N Williamson	P. Green	M. Lane

### FR CHRIS'S THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY:

Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem, indeed on his way to calvary. He has to pass through Samaria, the Old Northern kingdom which for centuries had been split from the southern kingdom and they did not get on with all sorts of prejudices, hurts and religious differences keeping them apart, on both sides. As the disciples press ahead the Samaritans make it quite clear they want nothing to do with Jesus, as he is making for Jerusalem. James and John, the so-called sons of thunder, want to punish them for their rejection: they want revenge. Jesus was the Lord, and he deserved the highest respect. Therefore, in rejecting him, the Samaritan village deserved punishment even though they were unfriendly to all Jews.

We can see that these two close disciples of the Lord have not understood him. For Jesus "resolutely took" the road to Jerusalem, where he would allow himself to be rejected. Christ had repeatedly explained that he was on his way to Jerusalem precisely to accept the people's rejection. That is how he will show us the depths of his love - through his unwavering patience and forgiveness, through not giving his enemies what they truly deserve but rather Mercy

He reminds them that his mission is not to condemn sinners, but simply to announce the Good News and live it out. He doesn't destroy his neighbours, even when they are in the wrong. Instead, he loves his neighbour as himself, and gives them another chance. He has come to break the chains of circles of hurt revenge and vendetta. He always sees the best in others, he does not give up on people.

What do the disciples do? They rush to judgement: so easy to do. We do it so often. Jesus does not. He breaks the circle. He does not judge: he thinks the best. He of course of all people is the only person capable of Judgement; our judgments are so often rash judgments. We jump to conclusions. *Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. We become guilty of rash judgement when we, even tacitly, assume as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbour. This is exactly what the disciples did today. They want to call down fire from heaven to burn them up. Do we not often think or do the same? The Catechism of the Church says: To avoid rash judgement, everyone should be careful to interpret insofar as possible his neighbour's thoughts, words and deeds in a favourable way (CCC 2478)* Every good Christian ought to be more ready to give a favourable interpretation to another's words or deeds than to condemn them. We can never truly know someone's intention or the full facts let alone their life story. One of the ways that we do this is in fact through gossip. It so often involves judging others: Did you hear what so and so did or said? We judge, condemn and hardly ever forgive!! Gossip often involves two sins. There is detraction: When we say something which is true about someone else but discloses another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them and thus damage their reputation. Slander or calumny when we spread things that are not true about another which harm their reputation and good name. Everyone enjoys a natural right to the honour of their name and reputation and to respect. Thus, detraction and calumny offend against the virtues of justice and charity. In a 2013 homily, Pope Francis said: "Every time we judge our brothers and sisters in our heart, and worse, when we talk about it with others, we are killer Christians", imitating Cain who committed "the first homicide in history". How do we form the habit of speaking well of others? By thinking well of them. So this week let's all pick someone and begin to see the good in that person. Each day, pick one good aspect of that person and focus on it. And you'll be amazed at the effect that has on your words.



# Our Lady of Victories

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9.00am Mass: Personal Int

### Tuesday: St Irenaeus

10.00am Mass: Sr Margaret McCarthy Diamond Anniv

### Wednesday: STS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES - Holy Day of Obligation

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish  
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10.00am Mass: Sr Frederica Britts( Diamond Anniv)  
Coffee after Mass

### Friday: Feria

7.00pm Mass: Greg O'Connor RIP (C. Goddard)

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11.00am: First Holy Communion – 2nd Group  
6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

### Sunday: 14th Week of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish  
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*Jesus resolutely  
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Our first group of children received our Lord in Holy Communion last Sunday. Next Saturday our second group will receive Our Lord. Please pray for them all. I want to thank you all for your prayers for my brother. His funeral took place on Friday in an atmosphere of faith, hope and love.

**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.

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**Shopping List: MOST NEEDED--URGENT:** Tomatoes (tinned), Rice pudding (tinned) Jam Chicken in white sauce (tinned) Hot dogs Beans with sausage (tinned) Packets of rice, 500g Sweetcorn (tinned) Custard Other beans: chickpeas, red kidney beans...Spam/Ham (tinned) Corned Beef (tinned) **We are also short of:** Tinned red meat such as bolognese or stewed beef Carrots (tinned) Fruit (tinned) Coffee Crackers Sugar (small bags--500g) Smash/powdered mashed potato Sandwich paste in small jars Fray Bentos pies Tinned Ham Tinned peas Pasta sauce UHT juice or bottles of squash Baked beans: after a long time saying we have too many, we now need a few more. Thank you for checking our lists. :) Jars of curry sauce to go with rice UHT Semi-Skimmed milk UHT Whole milk Tinned potatoes Tinned meatballs. Used, clean and strong carrier bags/Bags for life

**THIRD WORLD GROUP:** Due to the ongoing limitations on social events for fund-raising, our main source of income at the moment is selling items on eBay, but our stock is dwindling. If we are to keep our promises to our beneficiaries we must maintain this activity. Please look through your cupboards, drawers, lofts, even sheds and garages, for good quality items that you no longer need. Clothing is the most popular but anything as long as it is in good condition and still has some value. Our box is under the table opposite the noticeboard in the cloister.