

MARKET HARBOROUGH EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUNDRAISER:

Ladies Lunch Returns!!! Ladies Lunch Marston Trussell Hall June 23rd 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	4/5 June	C. Baldam	C. Reed	C. Sellechia
	11/12 June	E. Andrews	S. Acton	R. Lewin

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.



Our Lady of Victories

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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

Wednesday: Feria

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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

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

Sunday: 11th Week of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Ann Fagan (Price)



*As the Father sent
me, so am I send-
ing you: receive
the holy Spirit.*

CONFESSIONS

11am &
5.15 - 5.45pm
Saturdays

PLEASE NOTE: *Booking is no longer needed for Masses. However, please sanitise as you enter the church and we encourage people to wear masks but please respect those who do not. Please to not come to Mass if you have any symptoms of a viral infection*

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 18th June and 2nd July. I wish all our families a Blessed Half term.

Also a reminder that the Sunday Mass Obligation returns with the Feast of Pentecost. Mass is the source and summit of our lives as Christians. However the obligation does not apply when there is illness or fear of illness or indeed the need to care for the sick and so on. It remains a serious but reasonable obligation.

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

Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass to celebrate the **Tenth World Meeting of Families**, on Saturday 25th 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. **There are also some zoom sessions:** **Parenting as a way to sainthood:** What we can learn from ss Louis and Zelig martin. Tuesday 21st June 8:00pm on zoom. Also **Evangelising your children:** Thursday 23rd June 8:00pm on zoom. See the link for more information.

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 for more details.

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 or call 0115 648 1509.

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 11TH 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 or mobile: 07885 187374.

Please pray for Charles Van der Liet who died last week. We pray for all the family on their grief. His funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 14th June 1.00pm

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). 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.

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

