

AND SO IT IS TIME TO SAY GOODBYE: I do so with the great joy, vocation and blessing of my priesthood over the past 55 years. I have had such a blessed life, from the love and security of a loving family in my native Co. Tipperary, to my time in the seminary and my Priestly Ordination on June 13th 1965, to my first journey and appointment as a new assistant priest at Radcliffe-on-Trent, to my second appointment as an assistant priest in the parish of the Good Shepherd in Nottingham, with the inspirational and beloved late Canon Bernard



Mooney, to being appointed Director of the Catholic Children's Society as it was then, for a 6 year stay, to becoming parish priest at St John Bosco parish in Leicester, and the joy of seeing a new church being built there and a very happy stay of 12 years, to being moved to the parish of Our Lady of Lincoln in Lincoln, and being able to undertake some beautiful artwork on the sanctuary wall, and also the suite of offices to mark the new millennium (known as the Millennium Suite), to being moved after 9 years to Market Harborough, and to have had the great honour, privilege and blessing to do God's work here in this wonderful parish, with such wonderful people. I thank God every day for the great joy, blessing and privilege of my priestly vocation and ministry. I am now happy and at peace with my imminent retirement and just pray for a few more years of health, happiness and fulfilment in a changed way of life for me. **So as I say goodbye, I also say: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU** for what God has given to me through the lives, and the love of the countless number of people who have enriched me and blessed me in such a wonderful and beautiful ways over 55 years of ministry.

WELCOME: WELCOME: WELCOME:

On behalf of the entire parish, I welcome your new parish Priest - Canon Chris O'Connor - who wishes to be known as Fr Chris. It is a very difficult time for any priest to take over a new parish, but knowing you as I do, I know you will welcome him with open arms, with big hearts and with great faith and confidence. I know Fr Chris as an affable man, and a dedicated and faithful priest. If you give him the support, encouragement, affirmation and the love you have shared with me over the past 19 years, which I'm sure you will, he will indeed be a happy and fulfilled priest. If he is half as happy and blessed as I have been, he will indeed be a very happy priest in your midst. So:



WELCOME FR CHRIS. GOOD LUCK. GOD BLESS AND FILL YOU WITH JOY IN YOUR MINISTRY IN THIS LOVELY PARISH OF OUR LADY OF VICTORIES.

FR OWEN'S FAREWELL FOR ALL OF YOU: (from the Book of Numbers Ch. 6:

*"May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."*



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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13th September 2020
Week 24 of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 4

Times of Services

Sunday: 24th of Ordinary Time

Saturday: 6.00pm - The Parishioners

N.B. 9.00am Mass - Margaret Lang R.I.P.

N.B. 11.00am Mass - Pat Curran R.I.P.

Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Private Mass - Sr Gabriel O'Brien (Platinum Jubilee)

Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Private Mass - Mary Malloy R.I.P.

Wednesday: Sts Cornelius & Cyprian

Private Mass: Margaret Deane R.I.P.

Thursday: Feria

10.00am - Fr Chris will celebrate Mass in Church

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Saturday: Feria

NO MORNING MASS

11.00am - Sacrament of Reconciliation - CONFESSION

6.00pm: First Mass of Sunday September 20th - The Parishioners

Sunday: 24th of Ordinary Time

N.B. 9.00am: Mass - Fr Chris's Intentions

N.B. 11.00am: Mass - Fr Chris's Intentions



*I do not tell you
to forgive seven
times, but
seventy-seven
times.*

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST PRE BOOK FOR OUR WEEKEND MASSES:

TO PRE BOOK TO COME TO MASS:

You can only make your booking on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings between 5pm and 7pm.

TO BOOK TO COME TO THE 6PM MASS, please ring Angela Wade on 01858 462293.

TO BOOK TO COME TO THE 9AM MASS, please ring Jo Shellard on 01858 440983.

TO BOOK TO COME TO THE 11AM MASS, please ring Stephen McGlone on 01858 465939.

BOOK NOW

MASS INTENTIONS: Fr Owen apologises for not being able to fulfil the following requested Mass Intentions before his leaving. The following intentions are being passed on to Fr Chris who will fulfil the requested intentions:

George Boyko R.I.P.;

In Thanksgiving according to the donor's intention;

Sr Joan Brosnan R.I.P.;

Shirley Hylands R.I.P.

June Brown R.I.P.;

Wellbeing of Tanya;

God's blessings on Pat Weldon's family;

Pat Weldon's intentions;

Pat Weldon's intentions;

Philip Green R.I.P.;

Kathleen Heron R.I.P.;

Wellbeing of Agnes Ash;

Peter Kimberlin R.I.P. - September 28th at 11am;

Joe Humphries R.I.P. - October 4th at 11am;

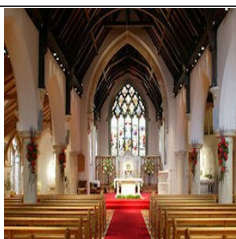
Ewaryst Nowakowski R.I.P. - October 26th at 6pm (37th Anniv.)



APOLOGIES for the omission of the name of Kathleen Gibbon from the Newsletter anniversary list as published in this month's anniversary list.

WELL DONE PAUL AND THANK YOU:

For a number of years, our church lighting has been something of a problem with continuous bulb failings, cost of replacing and danger and difficulty involved. A solution had to be found and it was, when that particular type of light fitting became no longer obtainable and no longer legal under EEC law. Paul Nelson was asked by our Parish Pastoral Council to investigate and report to the P.P.C. and to the Diocesan Trustees. Having presented his report to the P.P.C. and the Diocese, he was authorised to proceed. A lighting consultant was employed, a scheme was drawn up and was acceptable to the Diocese. A tender was accepted from 3 tenders submitted. Work was scheduled to start in February. With an unforeseen delay in delivery of the new fittings and the scourge of Covid-19, work was delayed until a month ago. It is now almost completed and has given a particular and different brightness and lighting to our church. For your information and interest the old lighting system consumed 17,200 watts. The new lighting system consumes 1,650 watts. This as you can see is a saving of 90%. Furthermore, all the bulbs are now LED and thus, we have become greener and sympathetic towards our environment. We can now be categorised as a "Green Church". This past month was entirely driven, managed and successfully completed under Paul's gentle direction, competence and professionalism. God bless you Paul and on my own behalf and on the behalf of the entire parish, thank you; thank you; thank you.



Market Harborough
Fairtrade Town



A bag of rice to change a life

**From September, we are challenging you
to buy FAIR TRADE RICE grown in MALAWI**

If we can sell **NINETY** one-kilogramme bags of Kilombero rice then: **ONE** Malawian rice farmer can afford to send **ONE** of his/her children to secondary school for **ONE** year.

We commit to do the Challenge on an annual basis to ensure that a child is able to go all the way through school rather than just do one year.

**Kilombero rice is £3.20 a bag
£6.00 for two bags**

Available from:

- **Harborough Farmers Market**, Sept 3rd and Oct 1st
- **Any church Fair Trade Town representative**
- **The Oxfam shop in the High Street**
- **The Grape Tree in the High Street**
- **Anita Beer** (01858 440988 / 07910 0734336)

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VICTORY PRIZE DRAWE FOR SEPTEMBER:

£70: Ticket number 278 - G Stewart,

£30: Ticket number 130 - J O'Leary

£20: Ticket number 228 - M Teesdale.

