

YOU CAN – Retreat for Catholic Families at Alton Castle – 24th-25th September - The Young Catholic Adult Network, YOU CAN, is a grouping of young Catholic adults aged between 18 to 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 please follow the link to their website: <https://youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk>

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>



FR CHRIS'S THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY:

As we begin our summer holidays this is perhaps a most apt gospel. As we heard last week the disciples had been sent on their first missionary journey in the area and that had a busy time quite intense time, preaching and healing. They had hardly had time to eat. So, as they come back and to tell Jesus all that they had done and how well it had gone. he says to them: come away with me spend some time with me and rest.

As we begin the summer many of us have had a busy time with work and children at school. Our students have been busy studying. And even if we are older, we have had quite an intense year with the COVID pandemic.

Our Lord in the Gospel call us to rest, to be with him and with each other. To rest and relax – Our Lord is aware of the danger of burnout. Rest and relaxation are good things. God rested on the seventh day after his work of creation. As human beings we are body and soul as one person. Simply put, a physical rest can be good for our soul. We have to allow ourselves to be a little bit lazy in a positive way. One of our faults in this country is said to be that we always feel we have to be doing something or active. But the body needs its time of recuperation each week and in holidays. We can sit in the garden with a good book, a good yarn as we used to call it and lose ourselves in it and so come from it enriched and refreshed.

Our Lord also calls his disciples to come away to be with him. This in fact is the whole mark of the disciple. When Jesus calls his disciples, he chose them to be with him firstly. So this time of holiday is an opportunity to be with the Lord and to encounter him in a fresh way and life giving way through quiet and perhaps some good spiritual reading. As we can lose ourselves in a good novel so we can in the stories of the scriptures and come out enriched and refreshed having spent time with our Lord. There are some great stories in the scriptures which perhaps we haven't read at one sitting. The Bible in its very name means a collection of books. There are some short books which can be read in an hour. The book of Tobit is a great tale for the young or the Book of Esther, in which the Jewish Queen saves her people from extermination with her faith and prayer; or the Book of Ruth, a stranger who meets God and experiences his providence, which is even shorter. More demanding is the book of Job which deals with innocent suffering or the great love poem of the Song of Songs. Of course, there are the Gospels and our favourite stories in them. Some of the stories in St John are wonderful such as the Samaritan woman by the well. We could read Mark - the shortest Gospel - straight through.

Thirdly the Disciples were with the Lord and each other. It is good to spend time with each other. Summer is a good time to cut down on social media television etc and spend in each other's company over a good meal or in the garden. We can often be ships that cross in the night in our busy lives. We can also go out into the countryside and visit beautiful places as well as wonderful buildings museums and Art Galleries. Perhaps there will be opportunities to get together with family we have not seen for a long time. This is all good refreshing rest.

May I wish you all a blessed summer and thank you.



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17th July 2021
16th of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 4

Times of Services

Sunday: 16th of Ordinary Time

Sat. 6.00pm: November Dead List

9.00am: Mass: Fr Owen O'Neill RIP (Page Family)

11.00am: Mass: People of the Parish

Monday: FERIA

Private Mass: Patsy McCann Anniv

Tuesday: FERIA

10.00am Mass: Diana & Ernie Downing RIP

Wednesday: FERIA

Private Mass: November Dead List

Thursday: FERIA

10.00am: Mass: Fr Owen O'Neill RIP (Grundy)

Friday: FERIA

10.00am Mass: Sister Eileen Keating (Sisters)

Saturday: FERIA

11.00am Confessions

6.00pm: First Mass of Sunday 25th July - November Dead List

Sunday: 17th of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Health Family Homeless (Andrews)



*They were like
sheep without a
shepherd.*

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

Also it would be helpful to book for weekdays too, as we no longer have Stewards taking names. We will sign in ourselves.

Booking is now online: www.Massbooking.uk You can sign up there and then book. If you do not have the internet you can ask someone else to book for you, a child or grandchild or ring or email Fr. Chris on 01858 462359 giving your name and phone number. Please see instructions on our website: www.olvic.com/news.htm

FR CHRIS WRITES:

Dear All,

Confirmation: We had a lovely celebration of Confirmation last week. It was very prayerful and recollected. I sent my congratulations to all the Candidates as new full members of the Church. The Bishop wrote a note in which he remarked on the lovely atmosphere of prayer and love for the young people who were confirmed. He thanked all involved and particularly the catechists and the musicians who enhanced the prayerfulness of the Mass. Jonathan Rose also remarked on the joy of a wonderful celebration. May I too thank all involved.

Covid 19: As you all know the Government is removing regulations on Monday 19th July. However, the Virus is still about and the rate of infection remains high. So we need to proceed carefully and slowly. This is the opinion of those whom I have consulted. With the Delta variant on the rise in our areas **Hands, Face, Space, Ventilate is just as important as ever.**

So we will still have to wear **masks** in Church as before: this is to protect all concerned and is an act of Christian charity

There will still be the 2m **social distancing** in Church., even if we can relax the spacing a little in the future

We will still **sanitise** hands as we enter and leave Church.

Stewards will operate at the weekend Masses with booking for Mass as we do now. However, **on weekdays** there will be only one steward who will still ask people to sign in or use the NHS Q code. **It will be easier if people book in online on a weekday.** On a weekday we will alternate sitting: on the Sacred Heart side on Tuesdays, Our Lady's on a Thursday and Sacred heart on a Friday. I think we are now all accustomed to how to act in a safe way. We will review this every few weeks in the light of local conditions.

The Good News is that we can begin to sing again!!

Meanwhile we have been bringing the Hall up to standard with an inspection of the electrics of the Hall and House as well as a Health & safety review by an outside Consultant There is some upgrading to do on the electrics. As we are now coming out of lockdown we do **need a Parish Health & Safety representative** if someone could volunteer who has some relevant background.

The Church is open for Private prayer each day

Enter through Fairfield Rd

Sanitize your hands on Entry & Exit

Please sign in on the list or use the Covid NHS App Q code displayed

SEA SUNDAY – 11th JULY 2021 Many thanks for the 2nd Collection which raised £183.30 To donate and for more information, please visit: www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you.



REV ANDY MURPHY has done an interview with Graham Kendrick on zoom which may be of interest to many. He is a leading Christian hymn writer: see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eU3yzseNuDc>

DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK:

There is a new diocesan Year Book available for £4.00

Results of The Victory Prize Draw for July

1st Prize £70
B Goodman ticket No 232

2nd Prize £30
T Ruane ticket No 26

3rd Prize £20
J Masding ticket No 98

ONLINE DISCUSSION: Post Lockdown Parish Evangelisation and Catechesis

As the restrictions begin to lift, and over the coming weeks and months life starts returning to normal/the new normal what could evangelisation and catechesis look like in our parishes? Join an online discussion on **Wednesday 21st July at 7pm** to listen to and share ideas with people from across the diocese on how we can Encounter God, grow as Jesus' Disciples and be Spirit filled Missionary Disciples. Sign up at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk

NEWS FROM CAFOD: Thank you too for supporting CAFOD. The level of support from parishes, schools and individuals has been incredible in our Diocese; not only through donations but using our prayer and campaign resources. Do follow the link to find some of the stories of [communities transformed by water projects](#), including a video of [Binga from Zimbabwe](#) who is delighted with a new water source – 'I even whooped for joy.'

PRAYER FAMILY RESOURCES FOR SUMMER - We will be offering a prayer focus for each week of the summer holidays with some simple ideas, designed to help parents explore faith with their children, in solidarity with our global family. They will be available from mid-July at <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources> Resources for the **Season of Creation and Harvest Fast Day** (Friday 1st October) will feature some of our partners' work in the Amazon and will be available from September at <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>. Join us in praying the joyful mysteries of the Holy Rosary as we seek to nourish our commitment to care for the earth. **Maggie Mairura** *Community Participation Coordinator – CAFOD*

CHURCHES TOGETHER is hoping to run a Holiday at Home again this year (COVID lockdown permitting) from the 18th to 20th August at the Methodist Church from 9.30 to 1.00pm. This is for senior citizens of all faiths and none. Transport can be arranged. We are calling it Fun, Fellowship and Food with different activities to choose from each day. A light lunch is included every day with fish and chips on Friday. The cost is £3 per person including lunch and coffee on arrival. To book a place phone Christine on 01858 410878. If no reply, leave your name and phone number so we can ring you back"

PARISH MOVES **Fr Dominic O'Connor** – who is now Parish Priest of St. Mary's Boston. **Canon George Woodall** – who will become Parish Priest of Sacred Heart, Skegness, and Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Spilsby, near the beginning of August. It's good to welcome Canon George back to the diocese after his many years of generous teaching in Rome. **Fr Jonathan Rose** – who will become the Parish Priest of St. Mary the Immaculate, Grantham, at the end of August. **Fr. Limnyuy Gamsi** – who will be Assistant Priest serving St. Bernadette's, Scunthorpe, Holy Souls', Scunthorpe, St. Norbert's, Crowle, and St. Thomas of Canterbury, Gainsborough, near the end of September. **Fr. Liam Carpenter** – who will be Assistant Priest serving St. Augustine's, Sacred Heart, and Our Lady and St. Edward's, Nottingham, in early September, as well as Assistant Vocations Director. **Fr. Marc Besana** – who will replace **Fr Paul Smith** as Assistant Priest in St. Philip Neri, Mansfield and associated parishes in early September. **RETIREMENT OF PRIESTS** **Fr Alex Adkins, and Canon Jonathan Cotton** are both retiring from Parish ministry having delayed their retirements because of the COVID outbreak. We thank them for their years of ministry to the diocese