

**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:

Today we commence the reading of John 6 on the Bread of life over the next few weeks but also today we celebrate the World Day for grandparents and the elderly instituted by the Holy Father. In the miracle Jesus feeds a vast Crowd over 5000 people that had gathered to listen to him in a miracle that is a sign of the Mass through the ages when we gather to listen to Jesus's word and be feed by him with the bread of life. That crowd was made up of all sorts including the young and the elderly as are our Sunday Mass Communities with all age groups and we all form and are necessary to the Body of Christ the Church. We are all one body with one Spirit and share the same hope. This truth means we have all much to give. The Holy Father today wants to underline the vital role of Grandparents and the elderly within our Church especially towards the young. This is the beauty of the Church family. We are not saved alone. We need each other as indeed did Jesus need the small boy with the bread and fishes. The scene presented in the Gospel helps us to understand how, even in everyday family life, whatever each of us possesses can be a great resource for all of us. *"The elderly are not saved by themselves alone because they need strong legs on which to make their dreams walk. Young people are not saved by themselves alone because they need someone to tell them that even from a dark night, the sun of a new dawn can rise."* Pope Francis message: [www.cbcew.org.uk/world-day-grandparents-elderly-2021/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-day-grandparents-elderly-2021/)

What gifts could we share as elderly? What can they give to the Lord for him to bless & multiply? The Holy Father shares some thoughts in his wonderful [message](#). We are all labourers in the vineyard even if we are a great age for we are filled with the Holy Spirit who is eternal youth and freshness. The elderly have great gifts. Grandparents, then, have the specific task of transmitting the faith to the younger generations and accompanying their grandchildren with their wisdom of lived experience. They need to help them to avoid losing touch with their roots and to build their lives on solid foundations. Also there is the tenderness of grandparents. Their way of loving and pampering their grandchildren, to the point of spoiling them, may seem exaggerated to us, but exaggeration is the only measure of love as the Lord himself show in the multiplication of the loaves.

As we come out of the pandemic we need each other. The HF says: The future of the world depends on this covenant between young and old. *Who, if not the young, can take the dreams of the elderly and make them come true? The dreams of the elderly of a better more just and loving world can enable the youth to have visions and give legs to the ideas. Also in the memory of grandparents and the elderly is the experience of difficulties lived through and overcome which can give hope to the young who may lose hope and be tempted to give in to cynicism.* Then there are the two fishes of prayer and love which are there even for the most elderly and frail. As the Holy father says: *"the prayer of the elderly can protect the world and help it perhaps more incisively than the toil of so many. Your prayer is a most precious resource: it is a lung of which the Church and the world cannot be deprived (cf. Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium, 262). Especially at this time [...], your intercession for the world and for the Church is not in vain, but shows everyone the serene confidence of having a firm foothold.*



# Our Lady of Victories

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25th July 2021  
17th of Ordinary Time  
Psalter Week 1

### Times of Services

#### **Sunday: 17th of Ordinary Time**

Sat. 6.00pm: November Dead List  
9.00am: Mass: People of the Parish  
11.00am: Mass: Health Family Homeless( Andrews) 20

#### **Monday: Sta Joachim & Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*Private Mass:* Dan Horgan RIP (Mary & Dave Hill)

#### **Tuesday: Feria**

9.00am Mass: Tom Wagstaff RIP (Lowe)

#### **Wednesday: Feria**

*Private Mass:* November Dead List

#### **Thursday: St Martha**

10.00am: Mass: June Clarissa Henderson RIP (Barrett)

#### **Friday: Feria**

10.00am Mass: Margaret Wells RIP (The Sisters)

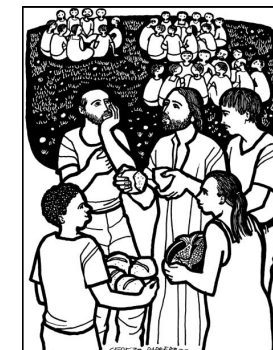
#### **Saturday: St Ignatius Loyola**

6.00pm: First Mass of Sunday 1st August - Bridget Weston RIP

#### **Sunday: 18th of Ordinary Time**

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish  
11.00am Mass: Ted & Josie Greener RIP(Cutsforth)

*Jesus gave out as much as was wanted to all who were sitting ready.*



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

*Also it would be helpful to book for weekdays too, though not necessary at the moment as we are not full.*

**Booking is now online:** [www.Massbooking.uk](http://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](http://www.olvic.com/news.htm)

**FR CHRIS WRITES:** Dear All, This weekend we celebrate the World Day of Grandparents and the elderly which Pope Francis has instituted as a special day each year around the Feast of St Joachim and Anna. Throughout his papacy Pope Francis has reminded us to value the many gifts of grandparents and the elderly. In his theme chosen for this inaugural year *I am with you always, the Holy Father is highlighting that promise of closeness that generations share with each other. Not only are our young people called to be present in the lives of older people, but so too grandparents and elders have a mission to encourage young people on their faith journey. Our little domestic churches are always enriched by the inclusion of grandparents and elders.*



"In the text of his inaugural message Pope Francis expands on this theme and assures us that he has been close to all those who have felt isolated and alone in recent months and that, even at the darkest of moments, the Lord continues to send angels to console our loneliness and to remind us that 'He is with us always'. Pope Francis tells us that these angels sent to console us will at times have the face of our grandchildren, while at other times, the face of family members, lifelong friends or those we have come to know during these trying times, when we have learned how important hugs and visits are for each of us.

Bishop Nulty from Ireland said, "There have been so many unsung heroes and heroines during the pandemic – grandparents and elders, including our older priests and religious – all who are to be applauded for how they have coped with the challenges and uncertainty brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic. As a society we have learned a lot from their stoicism and pragmatism in the face of so many challenges.

**Covid 19:** As you all know the Government removed 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.

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**

**DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK:** There is a new diocesan Year Book available for £4.00

**THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS:** I publish today the annual return to the Diocese. Many thanks to our Treasurer Angela Wade for preparing the accounts throughout the Year. Obviously last year has been marked by the Pandemic with the Collections down £18,000 and there was no Bazaar. However we did receive a legacy from Mary Cunningham a long time parishioner. Capital expenditure included the work on the lights in the Church and the flat roof on the Church which was part of the ongoing Maintenance of the Buildings in response to the

*continued.....* Quinquennial inspection. Many thanks to all who have supported the Church through this time in their weekly offering. For the future we have to look at the Club and its role in the Parish.

The Social Club ceased last September and we will no longer have the rents. Also we will need to look at the Church and the problem of draughts from the roof and the heating system. Over the year we managed to breakeven which was very good. However, at the end of the year 2021/2021 there was £2384 in accruals owing.

OPENING BALANCE AS AT 31/03/2020		
CURRENT	35346.66	
DIocese SET OFF ACCOUNTS	135930.84	
PETTY CASH	286.23	
TOTAL	171,563.73	
PARISH INCOME	Yr2020/21	Yr 2019/20
1) COLLECTIONS	69,244.69	86,912.46
2) RESTRICTED INCOME	9,716.50	9,317.57
3) FUNDRAISING INCOME	2,729.79	16,650.80
4) DONATIONS RECEIVED	1,704.77	5,904.00
5) LEGACIES RECEIVED	21,000.00	0.00
6) GRANTS RECEIVED	0.00	0.00
7) INTEREST CREDITED - SET OFF	802.75	551.30
8) REPOSITORY INCOME	169.02	3,733.52
9) RENTS RECEIVED	4,125.00	5,500.00
10) CHAPLAINCY INCOME	901.44	1,890.61
11) GIFT AID TAX REPAYMENT	15,552.73	15,772.74
12) SUNDRIES	1,636.05	13,231.76
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>127,582.74</b>	<b>159,464.76</b>

**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.'

**Family Prayer 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 Nottingham Churches Together:

	Yr2020/21	Yr 2019/20
<b>PARISH EXPENDITURE</b>		
13) CHURCH AND HALL	12,634.29	27,464.57
14) HOUSE AND HOUSEKEEPING	4,886.66	11,611.47
15) INSURANCE	2,666.66	3,111.54
16) RESTRICTED INCOME	7,601.99	10,465.29
17) DIOCESAN QUOTA PAID	22,752.00	22,788.00
18) PAYMENTS TO CLERGY	599.30	2,270.00
19) WAGES AND NIC	6,073.60	4,919.00
20) OFFICE EXPENSES	3,355.98	2,772.44
21) TRAVEL EXPENSES	150.00	575.00
22) OTHER QUOTAS PAID	0.00	0.00
23) INTEREST PAID LOAN	0.00	0.00
24) REPOSITORY PURCHASES	28.06	1,880.45
25) FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	20.00	2,647.09
26) CAPITAL EXP MAJOR MAINTENA	64,251.42	26,502.00
27) DONATIONS MADE	2,470.42	4,568.07
28) SUNDRIES	0.00	170.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>127,490.38</b>	<b>121,744.92</b>
<b>CLOSING BALANCES AS AT 31 MARCH 2021</b>		
CURRENT ACCOUNT	2853.92	
DIOCESAN SET OFF	168802.17	
PETTY CASH	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>171656.09</b>	

**'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"

**YouCan – 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>