

|         |            | Sat. 6.00 pm | Sunday, 9.00 am | 11.00 a.m. |
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| 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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25th June 2022  
13th Week of Ordinary Time  
Psalter Week, 1

## Times of Services

### Sunday: 13th of Ordinary Time

Sat. 6.00pm: The Biddle Family (P. Biddle)  
9.00am Mass: People of the Parish  
11.00am Mass: Mary Cuniffe RIP Anniv  
4.30pm: Rosary outside Church

### Monday: Feria

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  
7.30pm Mass: Personal Int

### Thursday: Feria

10.00am Mass: Sr Frederica Britts( Diamond Anniv)  
Coffee after Mass

### Friday: Feria

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

### Saturday: Feria

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

### Sunday: 14th Week of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish  
11.00am Mass: Charles Van der Liet RIP (Sisters)



*Jesus resolutely  
took the road for  
Jerusalem. I will  
follow you  
wherever you go.*

### 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:

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.

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION FOR PETER'S PENCE THIS WEEKEND:** Peter's Pence is the name for the financial help offered by the faithful to the Holy Father in support of his apostolic and charitable mission in favour of the universal Church and the entire world. Each donation, small or large, also has a powerful symbolic value – it is a concrete sign of communion with the Holy Father. Peter's Pence helps the Holy Father exercise his universal mission in two ways: 1) makes possible many works of service throughout the universal Church, carried out by the Dicastery's that assist the Pope in evangelization, the promotion of integral human development, education, communication, etc.; 2) contributes to numerous charitable works directly assisting the most in need (people and families in distress, populations hit by natural disasters or war, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or development support). Cf [Peter's Pence \(obolodisaniopietro.va\)](https://www.obolodisaniopietro.va)



### 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.



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

The first edition of the **brand new diocesan e-news** is on the horizon, sign up to make sure you don't miss it. It only takes 60 seconds! Register via [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/maillinglist](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/maillinglist), by emailing [naomi.roberts@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:naomi.roberts@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or scanning the QR code on the poster.

**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.

**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](https://www.friendsnottinghamcathedral.eventbrite.co.uk) All proceeds to the work of The Friends.

**JUBILEE FOOD BANK:** You are asked to leave food bank items in the trolleys at : various supermarkets when you shop. Refill Revolution at the Eco Village, Sainsbury's, Waitrose, Both Coop supermarkets, B&M, Nationwide, Coop, Great Glen cf <https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk/>



**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.