

COMPLETE THE SURVEY: HOW HAS COVID-19 AFFECTED YOU AND YOUR FAITH?

Bishop Patrick would like to hear from you! The Diocese of Nottingham has launched a short survey in order to deepen its understanding of Covid-19's impact on all Catholics across the diocese. Bishop Patrick is eager to know more about peoples' experiences of the pandemic, with a view to ensuring that the faithful are well supported and understood in the years ahead. Please visit <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/whats-on/news/share-your-story-how-has-covid-19-affected-you-and-your-faith> and fill out the short questionnaire. Please encourage other parishioners to do so. **The deadline for submissions is July 4th 2021.**



FR CHRIS'S THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY: It is a strange Gospel today with a sandwich structure: the lady with the issue of blood in the middle of the story of Jairus and his daughter. There are various explanations of this structure analysing Marks purpose in putting these two healings together. But maybe it just happened like that! Things in life do happen so often like this. We are interrupted in our purpose or plan. Something or someone comes along and holds us up and it can be very annoying. We become impatient and if it is some person we struggle to treat them properly and can be distracted or even rude as we are thwarted in our purpose.

In today's Gospel Jairus comes to Jesus to plead with Jesus to come and heal his daughter who is desperately ill indeed her life is in great danger. So, Jesus set out with him immediately with the crowd following to come to the aid of this family. Amongst the crowd is this woman in great need who is suffering very much. She has sought healing without success and indeed doctors can offer no more and all and sundry seemed to have given up on her. She reaches out to Jesus with courage amidst the crowd who would consider her unclean and simply touches his garment and is cured. Jesus is aware of what has happened and stops. He asked who has touched him because he wants to meet this woman. He does this, he makes this interruption even though he needs to be somewhere else and quickly. It takes up precious time and yet he's not angry or dismissive quite the opposite, he wants to meet this woman. She is precious and important to him. He does not want this to be a fleeting moment for her but wants a personal meeting between the two of them. For Jesus this person is important. So, he asks who has touched him. And the woman comes forward trembling frightened perhaps amazed and she tells him the truth. She tells her story and all that has happened too and Jesus listens. He not only heals her, but we are told gives her peace. She was able to go in peace and rebuild her life after all these years. He makes time for her even though he is busy. Jesus didn't think about it as we might. This moment was important to him and to her – a moment of grace and indeed this "delay" led to a greater moment of grace in the raising of the daughter of Jairus.

This gospel should make us think about the interruptions in life in a different way. What at first seems like a distraction can in fact be a moment of grace and what the Lord wants us to do or where he wants us be. Indeed, that when our plans do not work out as we wanted through some interruption it may not be the disaster we fear but indeed it could be something even better than we planned. Jesus gave himself fully to the interruption. He could have carried on walking when the woman touched his clothes it was such a small thing hardly noticeable. But he stopped and attended to her. It is what we call sometimes the grace of the present moment. We need to be alert to the possibility that the interruption may be more important than our plans and obviously most particularly when we are responding with compassion to the need of someone else. What happens along the way can be more important than our goal.

To be ready for the possibility of an unexpected interruption we need to be more organised with our daily tasks and not to put things off that we could do now and so there is always a bit of space for those wonderful moments that can come along when we are interrupted. We can also meditate about how much Jesus desires this personal encounter with each of us. He does not want fleeting moments with us!



Our Lady of Victories

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Times of Services

Sunday: 13th of Ordinary Time

Sat. 6.00pm: Fr Owen O'Neill RIP (O'Malley)
9.00am: Mass: People of the Parish
11.00am: Mass: Mary Cunniffe RIP (James)

Monday: St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

Private Mass: Sister Mary O'Riordan RIP (Sisters)

Tuesday: STS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

10.00am Mass: November Dead List

Wednesday: Feria

10.00am Funeral Mass for Margaret Wells

Thursday: Feria

Private Mass: Mary Beirne RIP (Sisters)

Friday: Feria

10.00am Mass: Emma Wellbeing (Linda)

Saturday: ST THOMAS, APOSTLE

11.00am - Sacrament of Reconciliation - CONFESSION
6.00pm: First Mass of Sunday 4th July - Angela & Salvatore Stefanelli

Sunday: 14th of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass: People of The Parish
11.00am Mass: Paolo & Giovanna Di Cicco RIP

Little girl, I tell you to get up.

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 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

2nd Collection today for Peter's Pence

27th June 2021
13th of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 1

FR CHRIS WRITES: We will have celebrated first Communion on Saturday. May I say a big thanks you to our catechists who helped to prepare our Children. Also our First Communions want to thank the members of the parish who became their prayer partners whilst they have been preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. They appreciate you praying for them. The Bishop will be celebrating Confirmation on the 5th July. Please pray for all the candidates.

Please pray for **Billy McCann & Elaina Boswell** who are getting married on Saturday 3rd July. Also I should say that my mother, **Mary O'Connor**, will be staying with me for some time. She has recently sold her house in Leicester recently and is looking for a smaller house.

This week we said Goodbye to **Sister Lucy** from the Convent who has moved to the Presentation Convent in Swindon. We thank her for her presence in our Community for these last 3 years or so. Please keep all the sisters in your prayers. Their presence with us is a very great blessing.

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

PETER'S PENCE: This weekend we have the traditional collection for the Holy Father which is always the weekend near the Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul (Tuesday).

Peter's Pence are donations or payments made directly to the Holy See of the Catholic Church. The practice began under the Saxons in England and spread through Europe. Both before and after the Norman conquest the practice varied by time and place; initially, it was done as a pious contribution, whereas later it was required by various rulers, and collected, more like a tax. Though formally discontinued in England at the time of the Reformation, a post-Reformation payment of uncertain characteristics is seen in some English manors into the 19th century. In 1871, Pope Pius IX formalized the practice of lay members of the church and "other persons of good will" providing financial support to the Roman See. Modern "Peter's Pence" proceeds are used by the Pope for philanthropic works throughout the world and for administrative costs of the Holy See.

DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK:

There is a new diocesan Year Book available for £4.00

MANY THANKS for the Second Collection which raised £ 376.91



ARE YOU CALLED? The Vocations Team are holding their next Zoom café on Monday 12th July at 7 pm. This month's guest speaker is Maggie Mairura from CAFOD who will be talking about how she lives her call today. If you would like to know more about Vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life and would like to meet the team please email Diane at vocationsadmin@dioceseofnottingham.uk for the Zoom link. A warm welcome awaits you. Cf <https://nottinghamvocations.co.uk/>

Margaret Wells. Requiem Mass. 10am Wednesday 30th June. The funeral will also be live-streamed So if you would like to attend the funeral on-line please contact Andrew at andrewjohnwells@gmail.com For further details.

ALTAR SERVERS: Just to keep everyone up-to-date, we are still being restricted to one Server at the Saturday Vigil and the two Sunday Services or two from the same household/bubble. The rota system is working well so a big thank you to all the servers for their help and support.



However as we enter the holiday season I need to ask our servers and/or parents to let me know as early as possible if you have any dates you are away or not available. Any advance warning will be helpful. As I said a few weeks ago, please do get in touch on 07981 205861 if you would like adding to the rota. Again absolutely no pressure to come back if you or your parents are not comfortable, we completely understand and welcome you back when you are ready. Thanks to everyone and Stay Safe. Dave Percival

ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC ACADEMY, Market Harborough We are seeking to appoint an excellent Office Administration Assistant to join our happy and successful school from August 2021. We are looking to appoint a member of staff to cover 17.5 hours per week (9:00 – 12:30pm Monday to Friday). This is a permanent position. Closing Date for applications is Midnight Sunday 26th of June. Interviews will be held during the week of the 5th July. Visits to the school are welcome and you can arrange to visit by telephoning the school office on 01858 465359. See [St. Joseph's Catholic Voluntary Academy, Coventry Road, Market Harborough \(stjosephs.leics.sch.uk\)](http://St.Josephs.Catholic.Voluntary.Academy.Coventry.Road.Market.Harborough.stjosephs.leics.sch.uk)



MARKET HARBOROUGH STREET PASTORS: are back on the streets again meeting "real" people and after a very difficult year, once again being able to bring the life and works of Christ to the people of our town. *The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few! Could this be your calling too? There is a pressing and urgent need for more people (like you), to come and help. We need prayer warriors, board members and most of all....boots on the street. Why not check out our Facebook page and view the new video Or if you are feeling God's calling to come and help, we would be delighted to hear from you www.marketharborough.streetpastors.org.uk . Stephen Morse Administrator 07504 221 696 . marketharborough@streetpastors.org.uk*



SPUC MIDLANDS REGIONAL CONFERENCE SATURDAY 3RD JULY 2021, 10.30am-3.30pm THE BECKET SCHOOL, NOTTINGHAM NG2 7QY Tickets: adult - £5 student/unwaged - £3 family (2 adults and children) - £10. Payment for places and refreshments will be taken on the day (no card payments, so please pay by cash or cheque). Refreshments and lunch available (for a donation). To reserve a place/s at the conference, please register online at <https://forms.gle/uBovKgo2YLXX5uoX6> (If you are unable to use the link, email: johnvedwards56@gmail.com or Tel 07757815625) Please see poster for further info. Fr Chris can give you a copy.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children

GRAPEVINE NEW EDITION: Grapevine is the Diocesan Newsletter for Adult formation, Justice & Peace and Caritas in our diocese. **This week** there are various bits of news and events. Please ctrl + click on the image above or [this link](#):



NEWS FROM THE BISHOP'S CONFERENCE can be found at [Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://Catholic.Bishops.Conference.of.England.and.Wales.(cbcew.org.uk)) on all sort of areas.

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