**Volunteers required – Diocesan Archives:**

The Diocesan Archive team is looking to recruit some volunteers. If you have IT skills and have an interest in history, please consider volunteering with general office duties that includes things like labeling, filing, and cataloguing documents. For further details contact: Joanna.matthews@dioceseofnottingham.uk

**The Year of the Word *‘The God who speaks’*:**

The Catholic Church is celebrating the importance of the scriptures in this special year dedicated to The Word of God. Here is the scripture reading chosen by Mrs Taddeo from St John Houghton School:

Do you have a favourite scripture reading? Email it to the parish office email and we will share it with others!

**Job Vacancy:**

The Directors of St Thomas Aquinas CMAT are seeking to appoint a new Head teacher at Holy Cross Catholic VA, Leicester (Salary scale L15-21). For an application pack please call the Trust’s HR department on 0116 298 8164 or email pcooper@aquinas-cmat.org Closing date Monday 23rd November. To arrange a school visit please contact Elizabeth Routledge (school office) on 0116 283 3135 or email eroutledge@holy-cross.leicester.sch.uk

**New Parish Initiative:**

‘Our Lady’s Rosary Prayer from Home’ is a new initiative starting Saturday 5th December at 10am.

On the First Saturday of every month, we plan to pray the Rosary, united but each person in their own home. Its purpose is to honour Our Lady and to urgently ask Our Lady to intercede with Jesus, to ask God our Father to stop Covid-19 in our country and across the world.

An introductory leaflet and calendar of prayer dates for the next 12 months will be available the week commencing 15th November by post (see details below). We particularly want to reach out to anyone who may be housebound or shielding at this time. A monthly newsletter will be published one week prior to each First Saturday, containing useful additional prayers. Each month the newsletter will re-visit key details and history of Marian Apparitions and the serious messages which our Lady brings from the Lord. The newsletter for the 5th December explores ‘*Why did Our Lady appear at Fatima?*’ Covid-19 will not affect our plans, but to ensure you receive your copy of the introductory leaflet and the 5th December newsletter, please **call Val on 01773 438372**

**Census Forms:**

Thank you to everyone who has completed and returned the census forms. There are forms available in the porch at church, if you know of anyone who hasn’t completed a form and would like to. It’s a great way to be able to keep in touch and to know who is involved and part of our lovely parish community.

**Government guidelines for the closure of churches:**

Our church, together with all other churches across the diocese, has been ordered to close for public worship until at least 4th December, but our church will be open for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on Monday’s between 9.30-11.30am.

Fr Paul will continue to celebrate mass privately on weekdays. Mass on Wednesday and Sunday will be posted on our parish YouTube Channel.

**Quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:**

Every Monday morning, even during lockdown, for two hours (9.30 - 11.30am) the church will be open for exposition of The Blessed Sacrament and a quiet time for reflection and prayer. Call in and enjoy the peaceful presence of Jesus.

**For those who have died:**

We pray for Maurice Leighton and Kathleen Byrne. Kathleen’s funeral will be at Our Lady’s Eastwood on Friday 20th November at 11am. The funeral will be limited to 30 people in church. Please keep their families in your prayers.

**Christmas Raffle:**

The Christmas Raffle has been a good fundraiser for the parish in the past and essential for the on-going costs of the church. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, things are a bit different this year. Through our website and also when church reopens after the 28 day lockdown, we are going to try ‘Lucky Christmas Numbers’ – pick your favourite numbers and leave your name and contact details and you could win a prize! (Donations of prizes gratefully received as always) Just £2 a square or £5 for three squares!

**Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) update:**

A note from Ruth Marriott:

*‘Thank you to everyone for your support to the parish, Fr Paul, myself and the PPC over the last very difficult year. However, I wanted to let you know that I have decided to step down from the Parish Council but will continue to send you all the very best of wishes as we strive to maintain and grow OLGC as a place of worship and community spirit, which is even more important at this time. Ruth’*

And thank you Ruth, for your commitment and valuable contribution to the parish at a challenging time - very much appreciated. Marilyn Blackburn is now chair of the PPC.

**Vocation Café:**

The Diocesan Vocations Team is holding a ‘Zoom Café’ for men and women (18+) on Tuesday 1st December at 7pm. If you would like to meet the team, ask questions or simply listen in, email: vocationsadmin@dioceseofnottingham.uk and Diane will forward a link and password to enable you to join them on your device. Get your coffee and cake ready and join in!

**Mass from church on YouTube:**

We have set up our very own YouTube channel where Mass will be celebrated on Wednesdays and Sundays during lockdown. To begin with, Mass will be pre-recorded and then available to access. If we have 100+ subscribers then we can ‘live stream’ the Mass. To join in with Fr Paul celebrating Mass from the Martyrs Altar in church, search ‘Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Eastwood’ on YouTube or simply use the QR Code on the front of the newsletter.

**Year of the Word**

*‘Beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.’*

We are the face of Christ when we do

small acts of kindness.

**SCHOOLS**

The Priory CVA Raglan Street Eastwood NG16 3GT. Telephone: 01773 713731 Head teacher: Mr Anthony Harrison.

St John Houghton CVA: Abbot Road Ilkeston DE7 4HX, Telephone: 0115 982 4280. Head teacher: Mr Stephen Brogan.

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**HOSPITAL PATIENTS:**

If you know of anyone in hospital who would like a visit from the chaplain, please call:

**QMC**: 0115 9249924 (Chaplaincy ext63799)
**The City Hospital:** 0115 9691169 (Chaplaincy ext 56187)

**Fr Slavic: RC Chaplain**

07773 366120

Or have a word with

Fr Paul

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Due to restrictions because of Covid-19, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by request only.

Contact Fr Paul at the parish office if you would like confession.

**Thought of the week:**

To be kind

is much more important

than to be right.

Many times what people need

is not a brilliant mind that speaks,

but a special heart that listens.

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**QR code to access YouTube** for Mass on Wednesdays and Sundays at Our Lady’s Church Eastwood.



**Sacramental Policy**

**Baptisms:**

Please contact the parish office, Fr Paul or Kath Holmes

**Adults wanting to find out more about the Catholic Faith:**

Please contact Fr Paul or Anna Fitzpatrick

**Marriage:**

Couples wishing to marry are required to give at least six months’ notice. See Fr Paul

**Communion to the Sick and Housebound:**

If you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass and would like Communion at home, please contact Fr Paul or one of our Eucharistic Ministers.

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| **ROTAS** |
| **STEWARDS****5.30pm Mass****10.15am Mass** | 14/11/2015/11/2021/11/2022/11/20 |  |
| **MINISTERS****5.30pm Mass****10.15am Mass** | 14/11/2015/11/2021/11/2022/11/20 |  |
| **READERS****5.30pm Mass****10.15am Mass** | 14/11/2015/11/2021/11/2022/11/20 |  |
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**Mass Times, Services and Intentions**

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| **SATURDAY 14th November** | **(Private Mass)** | **People of the Parish** |
| **SUNDAY 15th  November***33nd Week* | **(Private Mass)** | **Fr Tom Jordon RIP** |
| **MONDAY 16th November***Feria* | **No public Mass** | **9.30 - 11.30 Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament** |
| **TUESDAY 17th November***Saint Hugh of Lincoln* | ***(Private Mass)*** | **Annie Veighton** |
| **WEDNESDAY 18th November***Feria* | **(Private Mass)**Mass available on YouTube | **November Dead List** |
| **THURSDAY 19th November***Feria* | ***(Private Mass)***  | **Freda Briggs RIP** |
| **FRIDAY 20th November***Feria* |  **(Private Mass)** | **Michael Hussey RIP** |
|  **SATURDAY 21*st* November***Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary* | **(Private Mass)** | **November Dead List** |
| **SUNDAY 22nd November***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of the Universe* | **(Private Mass)**Mass available onYouTube | **People of the Parish** |

**Thirty Third Week of Ordinary Time 14th/15th November 2020**

**Divine Office: Psalter Week 1, Readings: Year A (weekdays Cycle 2)**