

For those who have died:

Please keep in your kind prayers the happy repose of the soul of Eileen Oliver whose funeral was celebrated in July. The burial of ashes will take place on Monday 14th September at Kimberley Cemetery. We also remember Wendy Quinney who died recently. Wendy taught at The Priory School for many years. May she rest in peace. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Mass intentions:

Please consider having a mass celebrated for someone you love, someone who is important to you. It's a wonderful way to remember a relative or friend who has died, perhaps on their birthday or near the anniversary of their death.

Mass can also be celebrated for someone's intention, for a birthday or a wedding anniversary, or just as a gift for a friend. Put their name on an envelope, enclose a donation and either hand it to Fr Paul or one of the stewards.

Planned Giving Boxes:

If you are in the 'planned giving scheme' (envelope scheme) your new box of envelopes is ready for you to collect in the foyer of church. If anyone would like to be part of the scheme, please let one of the stewards know.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC):

Our PPC meeting planned for Monday of this week (14th September) has been cancelled due to the government's new restrictions of more than six people meeting together. Over the next few weeks, Fr Paul will meet with smaller (sub) groups of the PPC to discuss different areas of work within the parish. There will be an opportunity soon for him to meet with other groups and representatives from the different parish organisations in the next few weeks.

If there is anything you would like to bring to the attention of the PPC, please have a word with one of the members. It is hoped soon, to have a box provided in the foyer of church and slips available for you to ask any questions or offer any thoughts or ideas to the parish council. Watch this space!

Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith?

Covid-19 restrictions permitting, we are hoping to introduce a step by step guide to the Catholic Faith beginning in October. If you want to explore more about our faith or if you are interested in becoming a catholic, come along to the introductory meeting on Thursday 15th October at 7pm in the parish meeting room. We will be following a simple course of 12 sessions called 'Catholic Foundation Stones' and it looks at the basics of the faith. Books and information will be provided. Email Carrie at the parish office or telephone to let us know you are interested, and we can order the books for the course.

Baptisms:

As you will know, baptisms have been 'on hold' during lockdown, but we are now able to celebrate baptisms again! Forms are available for parents to complete and parents will be expected to attend two sessions of preparation (dates to be announced later). We are limited to a maximum of 30 people at the ceremony and all guests and parents have to wear masks/face coverings (except the child!). If there are any further government restrictions placed upon us, you will be advised in plenty of time.

Our Lady of Good Counsel – we're open again!

Given the restrictions due to social distancing (2 metres), weekend masses will be by pre-booking only. To book a place at mass go to www.massbooking.uk and register on this website. Once registered you can book your place regularly. Alternatively, you can book by calling **01773 770495** Monday to Friday between **12 noon - 3pm**. **Please book early to secure your place.** Because of limited numbers in church, please consider those who may have been unable to book a place at mass the previous weekend and give them an opportunity. **The Bishops conference of England and Wales have continued to suspend the Sunday Obligation for coming to Mass until further notice.**

Ventilation in churches – one of the conditions of the churches being able to be open is that doors are to be left open for constant ventilation – so when the days get cooler, don't forget to bring an extra jumper or scarf until the heating is put on!

During this time of restriction, Fr Paul will be celebrating public mass on Wednesday's at 9am. There will be no need to book online for Wednesday mass, but you will be required to sign in for 'track and trace' purposes when you arrive at church. Thank you.

Finances:

As you can imagine, for the last few months with no mass, there has been no weekly collection taken for the upkeep of the parish. Thank you to those who are already contributing by standing order – it's very easy and there is no need to bring cash to mass or put anything in the collection at the offertory. It makes a huge difference to parish finances when you open a standing order for church because it guarantees the regular income we need. Please consider going on to standing order. The bank details for the parish Our Lady of Good Counsel bank: Lloyds.

Account name: OUR LADY OF GC EASTWOOD RCP

Account number: 00708648

Sortcode: 30-96-18

Counters:

Thanks to those who have already volunteered to be counters for our weekend collections. We are still looking for teams of counters. Teams consist of two or three people, and the counting should take no more than half an hour. It is not a difficult task and full training will be given! Let Fr Paul know if you can help. Thanks.

Sick and housebound:

If you know anyone who is sick or housebound and would like a visit from Fr Paul to pray with them and give them the Sacrament of the Sick, please let us know and if it's safe to do so, Fr Paul will visit them at a convenient time for all. We keep our sick and housebound very much in our prayers.

Congratulations:

Abbot Erik Varden, who until recently was Abbot at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey will be ordained Bishop of Trondheim in Norway, on Saturday 3rd October. Please keep Bishop elect Erik in your prayers. We will send a contribution towards a Diocesan gift to the Finance Office on behalf of the parish next week.

SCHOOLS:

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

St John Houghton CVA: Abbot Road Ilkeston DE7 4HX 0115 982 4280. Headteacher: Mr Stephen Brogan.

The Trinity CVA: Beechdale Road, Nottingham NG8 3EZ 0115 929 6251. Headteacher Mt Matthew Shenton.

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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 ext 63799)

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

Twenty Fourth Week of Ordinary Time 12th/13th September 2020

Divine Office: Week 4, Readings: Year A (weekdays Cycle 2)

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

SATURDAY 12th September	5.30pm Vigil Mass	Mgr David Forde (90th birthday)
SUNDAY 13th September <i>24th Sunday of the Year</i>	10.15am Mass	People of the Parish
MONDAY 14th September <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	No public Mass	
TUESDAY 15th September <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	No public Mass	
WEDNESDAY 16th September <i>Saints Cornelius and Cyprian</i>	9.00am Mass	Tony Tierney RIP
THURSDAY 17th September <i>Feria</i>	No public Mass	
FRIDAY 18th September <i>Feria</i>	No public Mass	
SATURDAY 19th September	5.30pm Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 20th September <i>25th Sunday of the Year</i>	10.15am Mass	Marion Oates RIP

Finance

If you are not already making your contribution to the parish by standing order, please consider doing this. Bank details for the parish are in this newsletter
Thank you

Sacramental Policy

Baptisms:

Please contact the parish office or Fr Paul

Adults seeking Baptism or wanting to find out more about the Catholic Faith:

Please contact Fr Paul.

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, contact one of our Special Ministers of the Eucharist or have a word with Fr Paul

ROTAS

STEWARDS 5.30pm Mass 10.15am Mass	19/9/20 20/9/20	Gwyn & Hazel Krysia & Fiona
COUNTERS	20/9/20	N/A
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 5.30pm Mass 10.15am Mass	19/9/20 20/9/20	Tracey Barbi
READERS 5.30pm Mass 10.15am Mass	19/9/20 20/9/20	Nora Chris

Thought for the week:

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring – all of which have the potential to change someone's life!

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Due to restrictions because of Covid-19, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by request only at this time. Please contact the parish office if you would like confession.