**Our Lady of Good Counsel – booking for Mass:**

To book a place at mass go to [www.massbooking.uk](http://www.massbooking.uk) and register on this website. Alternatively, book your place by calling **01773 770495** Monday to Friday between **12 noon - 3pm**. **The Bishops conference of England and Wales have continued to suspend the Sunday Obligation for coming to Mass until further notice.** Weekday Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday’s and Friday’s at 9.30am. There is no need to make an online or phone booking for these Masses, but you will be required to sign in for ‘track and trace’ purposes when you arrive at church.

**Finances:**

Thank you to those of you who contribute regularly to the upkeep of the parish via ‘standing order’. It makes a huge difference and we really appreciate your support. If you would like to contribute by standing order, please contact the parish office for more information.

**Parish Social Centre:**

The diocese has given us permission to open the Social Centre for parish groups and other users. Many thanks to those who worked really hard to get the space ready for use and making sure it is covid-19 secure.

**First Holy Communion:**

The Parish programme of preparation for First Holy Communion resumes this Sunday for the children and their families (11am in the social Centre). Social distancing will be in place. It is important that the children complete the course so that they are well prepared and understand the sacredness of receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. The children will come in groups of three with their families and receive Holy Communion during the weekend Masses in January 2021. Please keep them in your prayers.

**October – Month of the Rosary:**

Catholics are invited to take up their rosaries to pray together for faith, life and peace. There will be nightly online rosary at 8pm from different locations around the UK. Register at: [www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk](http://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk) for this and other events taking place for October devotions.

**Together we are Caritas:**

Building social action in the diocese of Nottingham – Saturday 7th November by zoom (with a telephone option). Nottingham Diocese is joining Caritas, the worldwide ministry of charity. Soon, our parish will be part of the biggest humanitarian organisation on the planet and you are invited to be part of it. Join Bishop Patrick, Caritas Social Action Network, the diocesan Justice and Peace commission and Catholics from all round the diocese. In two 90 minute online sessions at 11am and 1.30pm, we will take practical steps, in parishes and chaplaincies across the diocese to bring the Gospel to life, locally and globally. For details and booking please visit:

dioceseofnottingham.uk/faithintoaction or call 07470 907656 for further information.

**In memory of Canon John Berry:**

The staff and pupils at SJH had a collection in memory of Canon John which they gave to CAFOD for the recent fast day. Rachel, the school chaplain, brought a card and two plants for church – they are in the Martyrs chapel and in front of the lectern. Thank you, SJH community!

**For those who have died:**

We pray for James (Jim) Buckley who died recently and whose funeral service will take place at Marlpool Cemetery on 28th October at 12 noon. For Pat Lewis whose funeral mass will take place at St Joseph’s Derby on 30th October at 2pm. For Graham George Wilcoxson whose funeral will take place at Amber Valley Crematorium on 2nd November at 1pm. Fr Paul will lead the families in these funeral celebrations. Please keep their families in your prayers.

**CAFOD’s fast day:**

Many thanks to those who contributed to the CAFOD Fast Day collection last weekend. We raised £435 from the envelopes. Thank you.

**Quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:**

Every Monday morning for two hours (9.30 - 11.30am) the church will be open for exposition of The Blessed Sacrament. It’s an opportunity to call in for a quiet time of reflection and prayer. Sheets with special prayers designed to be used before The Blessed Sacrament are available for you to use, but we ask you to take the sheets away with you if you have used them for prayer.

**Married Couples Retreat:**

‘Love one another as I have loved you’. An online retreat organised by the Verbum Dei Family is available from 23rd – 25th October. It is an opportunity to empower the growth of love in marriage. With talks, prayer workshops and sharing time available. For more information and to register contact [verbumdei.iow@gmail.com](mailto:verbumdei.iow@gmail.com) (www,ukverbumdei.org)

**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. The staff at St John Houghton Catholic Academy have been sharing their favourite scripture passages with the students. Have a look at the scripture reading chosen by Mrs Davies in the church porch this week. Do you have a favourite scripture reading? Let us know and we can put it in our special ‘Year of the Word’ frame; let’s see if we can get a different ‘favourite’ each week!

**Covid-19 guidelines for churches:**

At the Council of Priests meeting with the Bishop this week, we were reminded that ventilation in church is a priority to prevent the virus spreading. Unfortunately that means we have to keep the doors of the church open during mass even in the winter. We have been told that the heating in church **cannot** be on during mass but it will be put on for a couple of hours before mass begins just to warm up the church. Please come prepared and wrapped up!

**A gentle reminder:** Please be aware that people like to spend some time in church for quiet prayer before mass begins. It is very important that people are welcomed as they come into church, we naturally like to greet each other, but let’s try to be sensitive to those already in church who are looking for a time of prayer and reflection before mass begins. Thank you.

**Second collections – World Missions:**

This weekend (17th/18th October) we have a mandatory second collection advised for World Mission Sunday.

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**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.

The Trinity CVA: Beechdale Road, Nottingham NG8 3EZ. Telephone: 0115 929 6251. Head teacher: Mr 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 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**

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**Mass Times, Services and Intentions**

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| **SATURDAY 17th October** | **5.30pmVigil Mass** | **People of the Parish** |
| **SUNDAY 18th October**  *29th Sunday of the year* | **10.15am Mass** | **John Doyle RIP** |
| **MONDAY 19th October**  *Feria* | **No public Mass** | **9.30 - 11.30 Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament** |
| **TUESDAY 20th October**  *Feria* | **No public Mass** |  |
| **WEDNESDAY 21st October**  *Feria* | **9.30am Mass** | **Val Leahy’s Intentions** |
| **THURSDAY 22nd October**  *Feria* | **No public Mass** |  |
| **FRIDAY 23rd October**  *Feria* | **9.30am Mass** | **Joan May RIP** |
| **SATURDAY 24th October**  *Feria* | **5.30pmVigil Mass** | **James Frayne RIP** |
| **SUNDAY 25th October**  *30th Sunday of the year* | **10.15am Mass** | **People of the Parish** |

**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 one of our Eucharistic Ministers or have a word with Fr Paul

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**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.

**Thought for the week:**

I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

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| **ROTAS** | | | | |
| **STEWARDS**  **5.30pm Mass**  **10.15am Mass** | 17/10/20  18/10/20  24/10/20  25/10/20 | Tracey & Richard  Krysia & Fiona  Teresa Q & George  Teresa B & Katherine |
| **MINISTERS**  **5.30pm Mass**  **10.15am Mass** | 17/10/20  18/10/20  24/10/20  25/10/20 | Anne  Michael  Tracey  Liz |
| **READERS**  **5.30pm Mass**  **10.15am Mass** | 17/10/20  18/10/20  24/10/20  25/10/20 | Ian  Fiona  Teresa  Liz | |
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**Twenty Ninth Week of Ordinary Time 17th/18th October 2020**

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

**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