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

To book a place at one of the weekend masses please go to [www.massbooking.uk](http://www.massbooking.uk) and register on this website. Once registered, you will be able to 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. **The Bishops conference of England and Wales have continued to suspend the Sunday Obligation for coming to mass until further notice.**

**Parish Social Centre:**

We are working closely with the diocese to complete the detailed risk assessments required for the re-opening of our Social Centre. We need to ensure that the Centre is Covid-19 secure and we are hoping that it will be open for use in the next few weeks. If you require any further information please contact the parish office,

**Finances:**

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 are:

**Lloyds.**

**Account name: OUR LADY OF GC EASTWOOD RCP**

**Account number: 00708648**

**Sort code: 30-96-18**

**First Holy Communion:**

We are looking forward to completing the course for our children to receive their First Holy Communion. The catechists who are responsible for the preparation programme, Liz and Michael, will be in touch with the parents giving dates for the four sessions the children will need to attend to finish their preparation. It is important that the children complete the course so that they are well prepared and understand the sacredness of receiving communion. Because of the restricted number of people allowed for public worship at the moment, the children will come in groups of two or three with their families and receive their First Holy Communion during the weekend masses in January 2021. Please keep the children in your prayers at this final stage of their preparation.

**Second Collections:**

Our Diocesan Finance Office has advised us that there will be a number of second/retiring collections this autumn that are mandatory.

**This weekend - 3rd/4th October: Peter’s Pence.**

17th/18th October: World Mission Sunday.

A basket will be available at the back of church at the end of mass for these collections. Thank you.

**SPUC - save the right to save lives:**

Pro-abortion MP’s in Parliament want to stop pregnant women getting help outside abortion clinics by calling for buffer zones. SPUC is campaigning to save the right for peaceful pro-life vigils to take place. SPUC tells us; ‘Hundreds of children are alive in this country because their mother met a loving pro-life person just before they walked into the abortion clinic’. Sign the petition to save the right to save lives. You can sign the petition through this link: <https://spuc.org.uk/saveTheRightToSaveLives>

**Learning more about the Catholic Faith?**

Our introductory meeting will take place 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. **Because we are limited to groups of six, this session is now full.**

**Job Vacancy:**

A Lead Lay Chaplain is required for the St Ralph Sherwin Multi Academy Trust. For more information and how to apply for the vacancy please visit:

[www.srscmat.co.uk/lead-lay-chaplain-homeworking-or-at-our-trust-cent/](http://www.srscmat.co.uk/lead-lay-chaplain-homeworking-or-at-our-trust-cent/) Closing date is Monday 12th October at 9am.

**CAFOD’s Family Fast day:**

Family Fast Day is this Friday (9th October) and things are naturally different this year due to the restrictions forced upon us because of Covid-19. Our parish is marking this Family Fast Day to help people facing the worse of the Coronavirus crisis. We’ve all felt the impact of this terrible disease, but if you can, please help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and re heal.

£12 can deliver an emergency food package containing essentials like rice, beans and eggs to a family in isolation. £17.70 could buy hygiene packs for three vulnerable families containing soap, washing powder and re-usable face masks, We are encouraged to donate online at **cafod.org.uk/give** You can also give by text. Text **CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10.** There are also envelopes are available in the foyer at church. Please take one away and bring it back to church next week.

**October – the month of the rosary:**

Catholics across the country are invited to take up their rosaries for a Rosary whirlwind Mission to pray together for faith, life and peace. There will be a nightly online rosary at 8pm led from different locations around the country. To register go to [www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk](http://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk) for this and other events taking place for October Devotions.

**Beatification of Carlo Acutis:**

Carlo Acutis is a wonderful example, especially for young people. He is being beatified on 8th October in Assisi. To learn more about his fascinating life, put his name intom a search engine or take a look at:

[www.cathjolicnewsagency.com/news/date-set-for-beatification-of-catholic-computer-programming-teen-carlo-acutis-22071](http://www.cathjolicnewsagency.com/news/date-set-for-beatification-of-catholic-computer-programming-teen-carlo-acutis-22071)

**Quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:**

Beginning on Monday 5th October, the church will be open each Monday morning for two hours (9.30 – 11.30am). There will be exposition of The Blessed Sacrament on the main altar for a time of quiet prayer and reflection. Sheets with special prayers before the Blessed Sacrament will be made available but we ask you to take the sheets away with you if you have used them for prayer. Anyone is welcome to call in to church during this time. Please be aware of the restrictions and the need to keep 2 metres apart at all times. Sanitise your hands with the gel provided as you come into church, and put your name and details on the list provided for ‘track and trace’ purposes.

**SCHOOLS:**

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

St John Houghton CVA: Abbot Road IlkestonDE7 4HX/ Telephone: 0115 982 4280. Headteacher: Mr Stephen Brogan.

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

**Twenty Seventh Week of Ordinary Time 3rd/4th October 2020**

**Divine Office: Psalter Week 3, Readings: Year A (weekdays Cycle 2)**

**Mass Times, Services and Intentions**

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| **SATURDAY 3rd October** | **5.30pmVigil Mass** | **People of the Parish** |
| **SUNDAY 4th October**  *27thSunday of the Year* | **10.15am Mass** | **Maggie Clarkson RIP** |
| **MONDAY 5th October**  *Feria* | **No public Mass** | **9.30-11.30am: Church will be open for quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament** |
| **TUESDAY 6th October**  *Feria* | **No public Mass** |  |
| **WEDNESDAY 7th October**  *Our Lady of the Rosary* | **9.30am Mass** | **Allan Lowe RIP** |
| **THURSDAY 8th October**  *Feria* | **No public Mass** |  |
| **FRIDAY 9th October**  *Saint John Henry Newman* | **9.30am Mass** | **Robert Kirk RIP** |
| **SATURDAY 10th October**  *Feria* | **5.30pmVigil Mass** | **Terry Duffin RIP** |
| **SUNDAY 11th October**  *28th 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.

Contact the parish office for more information.

**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 Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist or contact the parish office.

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| **ROTAS** | | | | |
| **STEWARDS**  **5.30pm Mass**  **10.15am Mass** | 03/10/20  10/10/20  04/10/20  11/10/20 | Teresa Q & George  Gwyn & Hazel  Michael & Liz  David & Catherine |
| **E MINISTERS**  **5.30pm Mass**  **10.15am Mass** | 03/10/20  10/10/20  04/10/20  11/10/20 | Pauline  Richard  Georgina  Jimmie |
| **READERS**  **5.30pm Mass**  **10.15am Mass** | 03/10/20  10/10/20  04/10/20  11/10/20 | Glenice  Nora  Angela  Jimmie | |
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**Thought for the week:**

Spread love everywhere you go, Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier. Be the living expression of God’s kindness.

**St Teresa of Calcutta**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

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

Please have word with Fr Paul or contact the parish office if you would like to go to confession.

**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

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