

For those who have died:

Please keep in your kind prayers the happy repose of the soul of Wendy Quinney who died recently. Wendy taught at The Priory School for many years. We also keep in prayer Mrs Grimes' mum who has died (Teresa Brett). May they rest in peace. Please keep their families in your prayers.

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):

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

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. 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.

Second Collections:

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

19th/20th September - Holy places of Palestine.

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.

Job Vacancy:

A teaching assistant is required for St Thomas Catholic Academy, Ilkeston (16.25 hours per week, 8.45am-12 noon Monday-Friday). Start date ASAP. Visits to school are encouraged and welcomed by arrangement. Please contact Mrs Pugh, School Office Manager on 0115 9320550. Closing date: Monday 28th September.

<https://www.srscmat.co.uk/teaching-assistant-st-thomas-catholic-voluntary-ac/>

Our Lady of Good Counsel – booking for Mass:

Given the restrictions due to social distancing, 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 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.** 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.**

New time for weekday mass: Fr Paul will be celebrating public mass on **Wednesdays and Fridays at 9.30am**. Having Mass at this time means that parents dropping children off at school will be able to attend if they so wish. There will be no need to book online for Weekday masses, but you will be required to sign in for 'track and trace' purposes when you arrive at church.

Finances:

Thank you to those who are already contributing by standing order to the upkeep of our church and house – 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:

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.

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.

A time for quiet prayer:

It is hoped that at the beginning of October we will be able to open the church on a Monday morning for two hours (9.30 – 11.30am). There will be exposition of The Blessed Sacrament on the Martyrs altar for a time of quiet prayer and reflection. 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 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 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 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 Fifth Week of Ordinary Time 19th/20th September 2020

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

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

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| 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 |
| MONDAY 21st September <i>Saint Matthew</i> | No public Mass | |
| TUESDAY 22nd September <i>Feria</i> | No public Mass | |
| WEDNESDAY 23rd September <i>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina</i> | 9.30am Mass | Gordon Butler RIP |
| THURSDAY 24th September <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i> | No public Mass | |
| FRIDAY 25th September <i>Feria</i> | 9.30am Mass | People of OLSE |
| SATURDAY 26th September <i>Feria</i> | 5.30pm Vigil Mass | Terry Straw RIP |
| SUNDAY 27th September <i>26th Sunday of the Year</i> | 10.15am Mass | People of the Parish |

Thought for the week:

'What a wonderful thought it is that some of the best days of our lives haven't even happened yet'.

(Anne Frank)

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 or Kath Holmes.

Adults 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 or Anna Fitzpatrick.

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 have a word with Fr Paul.

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.