

For those who have died:

Please keep in your kind prayers the happy repose of the soul of Marion Oates who died recently. Marion's funeral will be on Tuesday 8th September 10.40am at Markeaton Crematorium. We also keep in our prayers Eileen Oliver whose funeral was celebrated in July. The burial of ashes will take place on Monday 14th September at Kimberley Cemetery. Please keep their families in your prayers.

It's great to be back!

It is of course with mixed emotions that I am here with you at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Eastwood as your parish priest. Like you, my heart is sad that a great priest of the diocese of Nottingham, one who has been parish priest here for 40 years is no longer with us! Canon John dedicated his life to his ministry as a priest and we all remember him with love and gratitude. But I am very excited about being here with you! I feel very privileged to have been asked by Bishop Patrick to be your parish priest. It's like coming home – I was born in Kimberley, brought up in Eastwood, and as a pupil, attended The Priory School and St John Houghton School. I am very much looking forward to working alongside the great staff in our schools who provide great education and formation for our children.

Some people have asked, 'what's your plan?' My plan is very simple – to support, encourage and walk with you as a community, and to lead you as best I can, so that all of us, without exception, can be wonderful witnesses of Christ's love to each other.

I continue my role as Vocations Director for the Diocese for another year, and the Bishop has given me the responsibility of being chaplain to The Briars Youth Centre. I am also a member of the College of Consultors and a member of the Bishop's Council, so I'm going to be busy!

Please know that I am here for you. Building up and helping to create a happy joyful and faith-filled parish has always been important to me in my 31 years as a priest. I know I can rely on your support. Take care and keep safe. Fr Paul

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.

Counters:

We are looking for a team of counters to count the collection each week. We need teams of two or three and our hope is that if we get enough volunteers, volunteers will only need to do it once a month. It is not a difficult task and full training will be given! Let Fr Paul know if you can help. Thanks.

Schools are back – yeah!

It's time for the schools to reopen and we wish all our staff and pupils many blessings as they begin a new term and a new academic year. It's not going to be easy with safe 'bubbles' in schools. Things will be different for a while, but the children are eager to get back into some sort of structure and to meet with friends again. All the best everyone. Enjoy!

Our Lady of Good Counsel – welcome back!

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 **0115 648 1474** Monday to Friday 9am-4pm. **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.**

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.

Masks and face covering in church:

It is now compulsory to wear a mask in church, so please come prepared. The exemptions set out by the government include

- Young children under the age of 11
- Anyone not able to put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment or disability.
- Anyone who, if putting on, wearing or removing a face covering will cause them severe distress
- If you are travelling with, or providing assistance to someone who relies on lip reading to communicate.

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

With our thanks and love:

Special thanks to Nuala Furlong who, after 30+ years, has retired from her role and responsibilities as PA in the parish. Fr Paul is very grateful for the support Nuala and George have given since his appointment as Parish Priest. At a recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting, Ruth Marriott (chair of the PPC) presented Nuala with a token of thanks on behalf of the parish community. We wish Nuala and George a happy retirement and many blessings.

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.

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.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Newsletter

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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 Third Week of Ordinary Time 5th/6th September 2020

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4.45-5.15pm

Or by appointment.

A Guide to Reconciliation is available from church to use in preparation for celebrating the Sacrament.

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

SATURDAY 5th September	5.30pm Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 6th September <i>23rd Sunday of the Year</i>	10.15am Mass	Canon John Berry RIP
MONDAY 7th September <i>Feria</i>	No public Mass	
TUESDAY 8th September <i>Birthday of Our Lady</i>	No public Mass	
WEDNESDAY 9th September <i>Feria</i>	9.00am Mass	Johnson Fund
THURSDAY 10th September <i>Feria</i>	No public Mass	
FRIDAY 11th September <i>Feria</i>	No public Mass	
Saturday 12 th 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

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 the 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	12/9/20	Teresa Q and George
10.15am Mass	13/9/20	David and Catherine
COUNTERS	13/9/20	N/A
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS		
5.30pm Mass	12/9/20	Richard Fullbrook
10.15am Mass	13/9/20	Fiona Wright
READERS		
5.30pm Mass	12/9/20	
10.15am Mass	13/9/20	

