**First Holy Communion:**

The children are still on target for coming in groups of three with their families to receive their First Holy Communion during the weekend Masses in January 2021. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Volunteers required – Diocesan Archives:**

The Diocesan Archive team are looking to recruit some volunteers. Based in the centre of Nottingham, the archives contain a wealth of material covering the history of the Catholic Church in the East Midlands. If you have IT skills and have an interest in history, consider volunteering with general office duties including labeling, filing, and cataloguing documents. Please contact Joanna Matthews: Joanna.matthews@dioceseofnottingham.uk

**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. Here is the scripture reading chosen by Mr Warden from St John Houghton School:

Do you have a favourite scripture reading? Let us know and we can share it with others!

**Job Vacancy:**

The Directors of St Thomas Aquinas CMAT are seeking to appoint a new Head teacher at Holy Cross Catholic VA, Leicester (Salary scale L15-21). For an application pack please call the Trust’s HR department on 0116 298 8164 or email pcooper@aquinas-cmat.org Closing date Monday 23rd November. To arrange a school visit please contact Elizabeth Routledge (school office) on 0116 283 3135 or email eroutledge@holy-cross.leicester.sch.uk

**New Parish Initiative:**

‘Our Lady’s Rosary Prayer from Home’ – starting Saturday 5th December at 10am.

On the First Saturday of every month, we plan to pray the Rosary, united but each person in their own home. It’s purpose? To honour Our Lady and to urgently ask Our Lady to intercede with Jesus, to ask God our Father to stop Covid-19 in our country and across the world.

An introductory leaflet and calendar of prayer dates for the next 12 months will be available the week commencing 15th November by post (see details below). We particularly want to reach out to anyone who may be housebound or shielding at this time. A monthly newsletter will be published one week prior to each First Saturday, containing useful additional prayers. Each month the newsletter will re-visit key details and history of Marian Apparitions and the serious messages which our Lady brings from the Lord. The newsletter for the 5th December explores ‘*Why did Our Lady appear at Fatima?*’ Covid-19 will not affect our plans, but to ensure you receive your copy of the introductory leaflet and the 5th December newsletter, please **call Val on 01773 438372**

**Government guidelines for the closure of churches:**

Once again churches and other places of worship across the country have suffered due to the covid-19 pandemic. From last Thursday we have entered a national 28 day lockdown. Our church, together with all other churches across the diocese, has been ordered to close for public worship until at least 4th December, but our church will be open for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on Monday’s between 9.30-11.30am.

We are trying to set up a streaming facility so that those of you who are able to, can join us from home for Sunday Mass. This may take a little time to set up. Please bear with us and we will try our best to put something in place. Fr Paul will continue to celebrate mass privately on weekdays. The intentions for these masses will be in the newsletter.

**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. Call in for a quiet time of reflection and prayer.

**November – a month to remember:**

Traditionally, November is the time to remember those of our families and friends who have died. **There will be 9 masses celebrated during the month for all the names included in the ‘dead list’ envelopes.** No need to put a donation in the envelope, this is a time to remember and celebrate the lives of those we love and those that have been a part of our lives.

**For those who have died:**

We pray for Maurice Leighton and Kathleen Byrne who died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Parish Census forms:**

Thank you to those who have already returned the Parish Census. Please be assured that we will keep the information on the forms secure, following the data protection guidelines from the diocese. If you, or someone you know, has not received the letter and census form and would like one, please let the parish office know.

**Christmas Raffle:**

Probably not a good idea to have our usual Christmas Raffle this year with Covid-19, all those booklets and counterfoils! However it’s always been a good fundraiser for the parish in the past and essential for the on-going costs of the church. This year, through our website and also when church reopens after the 28 day lockdown, we are going to try ‘Lucky Christmas Numbers’ – pick your favourite numbers and leave your name and contact details and you could win a prize! (Donations of prizes gratefully received as always) £2 a go, £5 for three squares!

**Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) update:**

A note from Ruth Marriott:

*‘Thank you to everyone for your support to the parish, Fr Paul, myself and the PPC over the last very difficult year. However, I wanted to let you know that I have decided to step down from the Parish Council but will continue to send you all the very best of wishes as we strive to maintain and grow OLGC as a place of worship and community spirit, which is even more important at this time. Ruth’*

And thank you Ruth, for your commitment and valuable contribution to the parish at a challenging time - very much appreciated. Marilyn Blackburn is now chair of the PPC.

**Year of the Word**

‘Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,

 today and forever.’

(Hebrews 13:8)

Jesus never changes.

Yet knowing him changes everything!

**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.

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 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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| **ROTAS** |
| **STEWARDS****5.30pm Mass****10.15am Mass** | 07/11/2008/11/2014/11/2015/11/20 |  |
| **MINISTERS****5.30pm Mass****10.15am Mass** | 07/11/2008/11/2014/11/2015/11/20 |  |
| **READERS****5.30pm Mass****10.15am Mass** | 07/11/2008/11/2014/11/2015/11/20 |  |
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**Thought for the week:**

**S**ee your goal

**U**nderstand your obstacles

**C**reate a positive mental picture

**C**lear your mind of self doubt

**E**mbrace the challenge

**S**tay on track

**S**how the world you can do it.

**Success**

**Mass Times, Services and Intentions**

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| **SATURDAY 7th November** | **(Private Mass)** | **John Doyle** |
| **SUNDAY 8th  November***32nd Week* | **(Private Mass)** | **People of the Parish** |
| **MONDAY 9th November***The Dedication of Lateran Basilica* | **No public Mass** | **9.30 - 11.30 Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament** |
| **TUESDAY 10th November***Saint Leo the Great* | ***(Private Mass)*** | **November Dead List** |
| **WEDNESDAY 11th November***Saint Martin of Tours* | **(Private Mass)** | **Kristen George RIP** |
| **THURSDAY 12th November***Saint Josaphat* | ***(Private Mass)***  | **November Dead List** |
| **FRIDAY 13th November***Feria* |  **(Private Mass)** | **Gordon Butler RIP** |
|  **SATURDAY 14th November***Feria* | **(Private Mass)** | **People of the Parish/November Dead List** |
| **SUNDAY 15th November***33nd Sunday* | **(Private Mass)** | **Fr Tom Jordon RIP** |

**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.

**Thirty Second Week of Ordinary Time 7th/15th November 2020**

**Divine Office: Psalter Week 4, 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