



The Catholic Community Newsletter of ST MARY'S, GRANTHAM

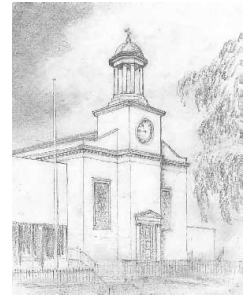
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7 th Week of Eastertide			Lectionary Year A1: Psalter Week 3	May
Saturday	20 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	M.I. Sick and Retired Clergy of the Diocese
Sunday	21 st	9.30am	Seventh Sunday of Easter	M.I. Christopher Howitt Private Intentions - Fr J
Monday	22 nd	N.P.S.	Easter Feria	
Tuesday	23 rd	6.00pm	Exposition	
		6.30pm	Benediction	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass Easter Feria	M.I. Ione and Philip Denny RIP - Fr J
Wednesday	24 th	9.30am	Holy Mass Easter Feria	M.I. The Sick and Housebound of the Parish
		2.30pm	St Marys School May Procession and Crowning of Our Lady - at St Marys School - All Parishioners Welcome	
Thursday	25 th	11.00am	Holy Mass Saint Bede the Venerable, priest and doctor (memorial)	M.I. Kevin Widdop Private Intentions – P. Widdop
Friday	26 th	9.30am	Holy Mass Saint Philip Neri, priest (memorial)	M.I. Thanksgiving - Theresa Breen
Saturday	27 th	9.30am	Mass at HMP Whatton	
			Confessions – UP TO 15 minutes before Mass (please arrive early) or by appointment	
8 th Week of Eastertide			Lectionary Year A1: Psalter Week 4	May
Saturday	27 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	M.I. Welfare Thomas Stewart – L.Sanchez & N.Stewart
Sunday	28 th	9.30am	PENTECOST SUNDAY (SOLEMNITY)	M.I. Kathleen Hancock RIP - Theresa Breen
N.P.S. – No Public Services				M.I. – Mass Intention

Dear Parishioners

On the 7th Sunday in Easter, we keep **World Communication Day**, a day on which we pray at all our Sunday Masses for the work of those engaged in communications, and in particular, the new Communication Directorate of the Catholic Bishops' Conference for England and Wales. This Sunday there will be a second collection at all our Masses for this crucial work. Please do if you have time visit the Bishops' Conference website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk> Here you will find the latest news, features, events, podcasts and much more happening within the Church. You can also sign up to receive the communications team's weekly newsletter.

This year's World Communications Day takes its theme from Ephesians 4:15, Speaking with the heart – 'the truth in love.' In his message to mark this day our Holy Father, Pope Francis stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to "see beyond appearances and to overcome the vague din which, in the field of information, does not help us to discern in the complicated world in which we live."

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IN AN EMERGENCY, if no answer from the Parish phone number, please ring: Father Stephen Dye OAKHAM (01572 722308).

The Holy father, warning against indifference and indignation, hails the example of the great Doctor of the Church, St. Francis de Sales, in particular his commitment to patient, heartfelt dialogue. A gifted theologian, his phrase: 'heart speaks to heart' inspired many, none more so than the recently canonised St. John Henry Newman, who chose the phrase as his cardinalial motto, 'Cor ad cor loquitur.' Many Catholics within our land will remember with affection too that 'Heart speaks to Heart' was the theme of our late Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI historic visit to the UK in 2010. How fitting that speaking from the heart is the central theme of the Pope's message to the Church on this the 57th World Communications Day. In recent years, Pope Francis has reflected upon the building blocks of good communications. The heart he says, is the common factor motivating us all "to go and see" and "to listen". It enables us, having listened to "speak the truth in love."

The readings for the 7th Sunday of Easter remind us that even though Jesus is not with us in his human body, we are still connected to him and to each other in prayer. Prayer helps us to communicate with God and listen more fully to his voice. Through prayer we are motivated to communicate to others the good news of the gospel message of Christ. The first reading at Mass tells of how after the ascension of Jesus, his followers grow in community by praying together. The psalm expresses our longing for God. The second reading reminds us to glorify God always, even when we are suffering. And in the gospel Jesus prays as he prepares to ascend to the Father. There are four main themes to be found within the Liturgy of the Word for this Sunday which you may like to reflect upon during this coming week:

- **The unity of believers:** This Sunday focuses on the prayer of Jesus for his disciples to be united, just as He and the Father are one. The theme emphasises the importance of unity and love among all Christians.
- **Witnessing and evangelism:** The Gospel reading for this Sunday is from John 17:1-11, in which Jesus prays for his disciples and asks them to witness to the world about his mission and teachings.
- **Waiting for the Holy Spirit:** As the Sunday after the Solemnity of the Ascension, last Thursday, this Sunday also prepares the faithful for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The theme focuses on waiting and praying for the Holy Spirit's guidance and empowerment.
- **Embracing new beginnings:** To move forward towards a hopeful future, we must relinquish the past and let go of any burdens that may hold us back. This requires us to seek forgiveness and healing, as we embark on a fresh start. We should also take time to reflect on our purpose and mission in life, seeking discernment of God's will, and trust in His guidance as we prepare ourselves for what lies ahead.

With every blessing for the coming week,

Your friend and parish priest,

Father Jonathan



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network 

Pope Francis Intention for May:
For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

SECOND COLLECTION

Second collection this weekend for
World Communication Day.

The Passage is in need of new volunteers for our Wednesday teams. Can you spare 3 hours on a Wednesday once a month? Passage serves a cooked breakfast every Wednesday and Saturday morning to the needy and lonely in Grantham. It is a very worthwhile and rewarding vocation. If you would like to volunteer contact Stephen Cameron on 07795 481251 or at uncstebah@btinternet.com

Your Prayers are asked for those who are sick and housebound.

Werby McHugh, Eileen Scanlon, Brian Martin, Heather Mascott, John & Rosemary Ames, Bridie Tomlin, Ann McLarnon, Claire Johnson, Paul Lincoln, Helen Smith, George White, Dolores O'Keiffe, Marlene Bean, Graham Smith, Mary Walsh, Lesley Sanchez, Sadie Caplin, Edward Balys.

If you cannot see your loved one's name on the sick list above, please provide their name and consent in writing or by email to be published in the newsletter online.

On Tuesday June 13th at 7pm mass will be offered for all Passage volunteers past and present. All are welcome to attend and if you are considering becoming a new volunteer, we would love to welcome you. Mass is followed by a communal supper to which we all contribute a dish or two. Please let Stephen know if you are planning to attend so that we can prepare the menu. It is always a fun evening. It would be great to see you there.
Contact Stephen on 07795 481251
or uncstebah@btinternet.com

Gift Aid

Thank you to the many parishioners who gift aid their donations to the church. This brings in an extra amount of money for the parish without any extra cost to the donor.

However, if you cease to pay tax at any time, please let the gift aid co-ordinator know. If we claim gift aid on donations and subsequently learn that the donor is no longer a tax payer, we have to re-pay HMRC the amounts claimed.

If you would like any information on becoming a gift aider please contact Jennie on jennie.watson@dioceseofnottingham.uk or pick up a Gift Aid pack from church.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Loose Plate	£ 341.01
Envelopes	£ 69
Votive Candles	£ 82.61
Digital Collection Plate	£ 71.11
Repository	-
Standing orders	£ 800
Total	£ 1363.73

Please consider switching your weekly offerings to Standing Order and adding Gift- Aid if possible.

Account Name: St Mary's Immac Grantham RCP
Sort Code: 30-93-58
Account Number: 00208613

You can also use DONATE button available on our website.
Thank you for your generosity.

REPOSITORY

Dear Parishioners

The Repository has a wonderful selection of gifts, prayer books and many religious items. We are constantly trying to source new keepsakes. First Holy Communion choice is very varied: numerous cards, missals, Mass books, rosettes, pocket tokens, rosaries, rosary bracelets to name but a few.

If you have any order requests, please contact us on 01476 562517.

Weekdays please pay using the new card system or the wall safe for cash.

Weekends stewards on duty will help you with your purchases.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Teresa & Richard

MASS INTENTIONS

We have spaces in our diary for anyone who wishes to have a Mass offered for a loved one, living or deceased. Please find Mass Intention envelopes in the entrance of the Church or speak to Fr Jonathan.



ST. JOHN'S Open Gardens 2023

Sunday 4th June 2022 - 11am-5pm

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TICKETS ARE PRICED AT £5 FOR ENTRY INTO ALL GARDENS. PROCEEDS WILL GO TO FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN'S, FOR THE CHURCH HALL BUILDING FUND.

Come and have fun and a social chat in some of the gardens of Melton Mowbray. Each garden is unique and will give you a different sensory experience.



for tickets and further details

Contact Frances on 07790 631635 or franceslevert@gmail.com

LITTLE CHURCH

Children up to 7 years old have the chance to leave the church for the first part of the Sunday Mass for a short session prepared specially for them by our Catechists. Through gentle catechesis, creative input and simple prayer little children are helped to understand the message of the day's Gospel.

Little Church takes place on the following dates:

May 21st
June 11 and 25th
July 9th and 16th