



The Catholic Community Newsletter of ST MARY'S, GRANTHAM

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15 th Week of Ordinary Time			Lectionary Year A1: Psalter Week 3	July
Saturday	15 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	M.I. Eileen Revington RIP - Eleanor Pilkington
Sunday	16 th	9.30am	Fifteenth Sunday of the Year	M.I. Christine Rowell RIP - Alan Rowell
		11.00am	Baptism- Julia Pietkiewicz	
Monday	17 th	N.P.S.	CHURCH CLOSED- NEW BOILERS INSTALATION	
Tuesday	18 th	N.P.S.	CHURCH CLOSED- NEW BOILERS INSTALATION	
Wednesday	19 th	N.P.S.	CHURCH CLOSED- NEW BOILERS INSTALATION	
Thursday	20 th	N.P.S.	CHURCH CLOSED- NEW BOILERS INSTALATION	
Friday	21 st	N.P.S.	CHURCH CLOSED- NEW BOILERS INSTALATION	
Saturday	22 nd	9.30am	Mass at HMP Whatton	
			Confessions – UP TO 15 minutes before Mass (please arrive early) or by appointment	
16 th Week of Ordinary Time			Lectionary Year A1: Psalter Week 4	July
Saturday	22 nd	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	M.I. Josephine Silgram RIP - Shirley & Sandra
Sunday	23 rd	9.30am	Sixteenth Sunday of the Year	M.I. Sister Kathleen Moore - Patsy Moore & Family
N.P.S. – No Public Services			M.I. – Mass Intention	

Dear Parishioners

As I mentioned at Mass last weekend, I had a wonderful holiday. Time to rest, take stock relax and recoup! It was though good to be back amongst you again, recharged and refreshed! Many of you will shortly be preparing to take some time away yourselves and I wish those traveling in the next few weeks a very enjoyable time away, a time of rest and relaxation with your family and friends.

This Sunday at Mass we are reminded that the word of God is proclaimed throughout the whole of creation. All the readings in the liturgy this Sunday are filled with images drawn from nature. The word is like rain refreshing the earth, bringing goodness and growth wherever it falls. (**First Reading**). The Responsorial **Psalm** is a prayerful song of thanks after a time of drought. It reminds us of the bountiful love that pours out from the Lord, filling us with joy and good things. St. Paul (**Second Reading**) writes of a deep longing within us – and within the whole of creation – for the fulfilment of God's promise. The word of God will give us the freedom we long for. Jesus shares the parable of the sower casting seeds upon the land to teach us to cherish the word of God. The parable reminds us of the many things that can distract and prevent us from fulfilling all that we are called to be. When we learn to truly listen, the word of God is an abundant source of growth. It provides rich fruit for the benefit of all. In this coming week, we might want to look around us and notice the different ways in which creation speaks to us of the love of God. Let us pray for the courage and grace to sow, nurture, grow and harvest the Word of God wherever we may be.

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

New boilers for the church and parish halls: This week from **Monday 17th July – Friday 21st July inclusive** the church and parish halls will need to remain closed to the General Public, and there will be no Public Worship, nor access allowed to the church buildings during this period to allow our new boilers to be fitted and commissioned. God willing, we shall be back to normal on **Saturday 22nd July** in time for the weekend Masses.

With my prayers for you and for your families as we approach the holiday season,

Your parish priest and friend,

Fr Jonathan



STELLA MARIS - SEA SUNDAY

Second collection this weekend.

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health.

Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need.

You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5.

This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

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, Heather Whiting, Stella Crowther, Mary Hutchins, Doris McKnight, Elizabeth Sumner, Mary Treacy, Gina Vinglmia, Roderick & Bernadette Quinn, Ian & Mary Newton

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.

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	£ 394.35
Envelopes	£ 50.50
Votive Candles	£ 19.47
Digital Collection Plate	£ 14.76
Repository	-
Standing orders	£ 740
Total	£ 1219.08

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.

BAPTISM

If you are seeking to have your child baptised and are regularly attending Mass, please in the first instance speak to Fr Jonathan or Andrew after one of the weekend Masses.

You will need to fill in a Baptism form which can be downloaded from the parish website and once returned to them you will then be advised on how to take the next step.

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.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



Pope Francis Intention for July:
For a Eucharistic Life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.