

TODAY is PAX CHRISTI - Peace Sunday

A Pax Christi delegation took part in the recent Vatican Conference on nuclear disarmament where Pope Francis condemned the threat and possession of nuclear weapons. Another speaker, Bishop Robert McElroy from San Diego said, *The Church must be a voice in the world constantly pointing humanity toward the path of nonviolence and the logic of peace...* The Church **HAS** a voice for peace which we celebrate here: peacemakers challenging extractive industries, advocating for refugees fleeing violence, creating new legal frameworks to prohibit weapons and promoting peace education and more.



The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. Envelopes are available in the porch for your donations.



Almighty God,

*Creator of the hearth in which we live,
 Help us today in our search for peaceful ways
 To avoid wars, to eliminate terrorism and tyranny
 And to establish justice for peoples of all races and faiths.
 We pray that the billions of peace-loving
 People of goodwill throughout the nations,
 Will join together in prayer and action
 To bring love where there is hatred,
 Friendship where there is enmity,
 And justice where there is oppression.*

Amen.

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*14th - 21st
 January 2018*

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| Sunday 14.01 | 10am 11.30am | M. M. Mathai RIP Brendon Burke's Int. | 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20 John 1:35-42 |
| Monday 15.01 | | | |
| Tue 16.01 | 10am | Maureen Reape's Intention | 1 Sam 16:1-13 Mk 2:23-28 |
| Wed 17.01 | 6.30pm | Maureen Reape - Get well | 1 Sam 17:32-33,37,40-51 Mk 3:1-6 |
| Thu 18.01 | 10am | Peter Dempsey RIP | 1 Sam 18:6-9;19:1-7 Mk 3:7-12 |
| Friday 19.01 | 10am | Martin Monaghan - get well | 1 Sam 24:3-21 Mk 3:13-19 |
| Sat 20.01 | 10am | Lucy Huckle's intentions | 2 Sam 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27 Mk 3:20-21 |
| Sunday 21.01 | 10am 11.30am | Bridie George Rose Kennedy's Int. | Jonah 3:1-5,10 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20 |

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1 hour each day before weekly Mass
 Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass on Saturday, or whenever required.**

Feasts of the week: Wednesday, Saint Anthony Abbott.

Second Collection TODAY for Sick and Retired Priests Fund

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Sunday 21st January at 4pm, at St. Andrews Methodist Church, Fosse Road Central. All welcome.

Dates for your diary: 23rd Jan - CAFOD Lent Fast Day.
26th Jan - Fr Gabriel's induction mass at 7.00pm.

Rosmini Centre - Deepening our Faith with Brian Barron DVD. Opportunity for reflection and discussion on: Who is Jesus Christ? On 20th January 2018. Mass at 10am followed by DVD presentation at 11am. Shared table at 1pm, with soup and a roll. Please book in advance. Donations welcome.

Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth (LACY): The Working Group of LACY will have their next meeting at the Franciscan Convent, Dalby Road, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE13 OBG on Wednesday 31st January 2018. We will be discussing and taking forward some of the major events that we have planned for 2018. These will include "Countryside Stations" of the Cross during Lent, a "Confirmation Pre and Post Retreat Day" and a "Fun Day at Rutland Water." People of all ages are invited to come to help us prepare the best way to engage with our young teenagers and encourage them to enjoy their Faith, have Fun and last, but not least - socialise with Food! Our meeting will commence at 7.30pm and finish by 9pm. A warm welcome awaits you! Thank you to the Franciscan Sisters for hosting the meeting. For more information contact: paulinepayne@hotmail.com.

Annual "Valentine" Marriage Mass. The Annual Diocesan Marriage Mass, where married couples are able to renew their vows before the Bishop and receive his blessing on their Marriages, will take place on Sunday 4th February, 3pm at St Barnabas Cathedral. This Mass is open to all married couples and their families, but is especially appropriate to those recently married, or celebrating a significant anniversary. Please just turn up on the day, but if you want more information contact Fr David Palmer, Chair of the Marriage and family Life Commission at: catholicdavid@mac.com or 0115 9786236.

ARCH (Abortion Recovery Care and Helpline) is delivering training on how to support women (and men) who have had an abortion experience, and are troubled by it. The trainer is a professional counsellor, with a medical background and it is called 'befriender' training. What this means is that it enables those who have completed it to support women, and to make it more feasible for them to ask for and thus receive professional counselling, which will then enable them to find long-term healing. The training will be at the Hayes conference centre in Swanwick, Derbys, starting on the evening of Friday 2nd February and ending after lunch on Sunday 4th February. ARCH will pay for all the costs of the weekend (but donations welcome). If you want to take part, please contact Francisca on francisca@sicamartinez.plus.com or by calling on 07943 711549.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Jubilee Celebrations. On the 2nd June we will be celebrating 40 years since the first Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion were commissioned in this Diocese. Starting with Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick McKinney at 11.30am in the Cathedral followed by a reception in the Albert Hall Nottingham. We are sending a separate invitation to the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion via the EM Contact for each Eucharistic Community. If you have any queries please contact Searle Clark Tel: 01778 345389 Email: searle.clark@btinternet.com. Please let Fr. Gabriel know if you are able to attend.

Prayers volunteers urgently needed! If you are looking for a challenge during Lent, and you are saddened to see the harm done to babies and women through abortion, "40 Days for Life" is a Christian campaign group whose purpose is to save the lives of unborn children. With the support of Pope Francis for this worldwide initiative, and the encouragement of Bishop Patrick locally, we are running a campaign in Nottingham during Lent 2018. The aim of our prayers is simple: we are praying for an end to abortion. We also offer support - moral and practical - to women who may be under pressure to have an abortion. Our vigil is prayerful, peaceful, and non-judgemental. We are seeking volunteers to pray with us during Lent, between 6am and 6pm, on a rota basis, at the Treatment Centre on the QMC campus, where many abortions in Nottinghamshire take place. Please sign up now to pray with us on www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/Nottingham or contact us at 40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com. If you would like to know more, we are holding an information event on **Wednesday 7th February at 7.30pm**, in the social centre behind St Barnabas' cathedral. We will also have a speaker, Isabel Vaughan-Spruce, who has led the Birmingham campaign for many years. Come along and find out more!

Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. From Monday 16th July to Friday 20th July 2018. For further details, see poster in church porch.

The governors of St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Grantham are seeking to appoint a new head teacher (September 2018). Further details are available from Mrs Michaela Hamilton on m.hamilton@st-marys-grantham.lincs.sch.uk / 01476 562017 / www.stmaryscprimary.co.uk Closing date for applications: 31st January 2018 at noon

Please keep in your prayers all the sick and housebound people of the parish. If you know of anyone who would like a visit from Father Gabriel, please let him know.

Mass Intentions. One of the great gifts we can give to someone is to have a Mass offered for their intention or for the repose of their soul. To request a Mass please use the envelopes found at the back of the church. Please state if the Mass is for a deceased person, birthday or any special intentions. Thank you.

Financial details: Loose Plate £257.46. Envelopes £333.15. Donations £200. Thank you very much for your generous donations.

300 Club: 7th January £50 Mrs S Deevey (27). £25 I Toon (263), K Walsh (93).

Thought for the week: "We forget that the single most important thing we must do to walk a worthy and higher path is to take good care of ourselves. If we want to serve, and love others, and have a powerful impact, we must love and nurture ourselves."
~ Nancy Koehn

Pope Francis January 2018 Intentions: Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

FAITH IN FAMILIES BOXES: Please bring them to church to be emptied.