

Today we celebrate PAX CHRISTI. Their work is based on the Gospel and inspired by faith. Their vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, they work with all who share their values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

The Bishops of England and Wales invite us to make today a day of prayer for peace and to reflect on the theme Pope Francis has chosen for the annual World Day of Peace with the challenging title: **'Good politics serves peace'**.

The Gospel for this Sunday gives us a most wonderful basis for reflection on our calling to work together for peace (and to get involved in the political process, too, in order to seek that goal). We meet Jesus, his mother and his disciples at the Wedding Feast of Cana. He shares in our human joys - the joys of family, the joys of human love and the pledge of fidelity that unites one heart to another. But he also shares in our sorrows - Mary's cry: 'They have no wine'; the realisation that our own resources are run dry, our bonds of love prove fragile, our promises are all too easily betrayed.

There will be envelopes in the church porch for your donations.

**Pope Francis January Intentions: Promotion of World Peace.**

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.



*Almighty God,*

*Creator of the earth 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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<p><b>Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914</b></p>		



*2nd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*

**19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>  
January 2020**

Sunday 19.01	10.30am 4pm	Una Shearer RIP (Birthday) Malayalam Mass	Isaiah 49:3,5-6 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34
Monday 20.01		No Service	
Tue 21.01		No Service	
Wed 22.01		No Service	
Thu 23.01		No Service	
Friday 24.01		No Service	
Sat 25.01		No Service	
Sunday 26.01	10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass	Isaiah 8:23-9:3 1 Corinth 1:10-13,17 Matthew 4:12-23

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

**Feast of the week:** Tuesday, St. Agnes, virgin and martyr.  
Friday, St. Francis the Sales, bishop and doctor.  
Saturday, the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle.

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS**

**Rosmini Centre:** Saturday 25th January, 3-4.30pm. An afternoon of prayer, devotions and "thinking about Scripture in my life", concluding with tea/coffee.

**The World Day for Consecrated Life** is celebrated this year, on Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020 where we are asked to thank and pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life.

**YEAR OF THE WORD.** Bishop Patrick writes on the Year of the Word 2020: I would encourage you to engage generously in this 'Year of the Word' initiative of the Bishops Conference of England & Wales in partnership with Bible Society. The 3 themes of; Celebrating God's Word (Encounter), Living God's Word (Discipleship) and Sharing God's Word (Missionary Disciple- ship) weave beautifully and easily into our own 3 Diocesan themes. So may it be a blessed year for our diocese!

**Year of the Word: National Scripture Tour.** The Tour arrives in the Diocese of Nottingham on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 at Holy Trinity Parish Centre Newark NG24 4AU between 10 am and 4.30 pm. Pete Codling, the artist for the year, will be showcasing his artwork so please do try and pop in during these times and take a look. Other Scripture tents to inspire us are; Mary and the Word, Seeing the Word, Exploring the Word, Sharing The Word, Living The Word. All Welcome, plus, there will be a family competition to enter on the day. **See poster in church porch.**

**AFTERNNOON TEA** - COME AND SHARE WHAT YOU WANT TO DO WITH YOUR ONE WONDERFUL LIFE, for women 18 + at Nottingham on Saturday, 14th March 2020 2.30 - 4pm at The Old Friary Gordon Road; St. Ann's; Nottingham; NG3 2LG. More information available from Sr Maureen or Sr Susan OR the Vocation Office at the Old Friary nottinghamvocations@hotmail.co.uk

**PILGRIMAGES**

**Parish Pilgrimage to Lisieux** by Coach March 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> 2020. Pick up in Nottingham, Derby and Leicester). The cost of the Pilgrimage is £345. We will begin our Pilgrimage with a Guided visit to the Cathedral in Lisieux and then to the Basilica dedicated to St. Therese, to the house where she grew up and to the Carmel where she lived and died. In addition to this there'll be an optional excursion to Hon Fleur. For more information and a booking form please contact Fr. John McCay at jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk or 0115 9810320.

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Nevers** by Coach June 13<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> 2020. (Pick up in Nottingham, Derby and Leicester). The cost is £595 per person. This price includes Coach and Ferry travel, overnight stay with Bed and Breakfast at the Welcome Break hotel in Orleans on the way out, full board at the Hotel Irlande in Lourdes, half board at the Kyriad Hotel in Nevers on the way back. In addition to this there's an optional excursion to Gavarnie, a Ski Resort in the Pyrenees. For more information and a booking form please contact Fr. John McCay at jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk or 0115 9810320.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** from 20<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Also from 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October. Please see poster in church porch for further details.

**A Message from the Mukopfa family and DTM Trustees:** We are grateful to your good offices for disseminating pre Annual Mass messages in the run up to the 5th Anniversary celebration for our dear Delaine. We had a massive attendance at Mother of God Church in Leicester on Saturday 11 January 2020, where we celebrated the Mass to full capacity. People of all backgrounds and age groups participated in the Eucharistic celebration, just as Delaine would have preferred. We had refreshments in the Parish Hall afterwards and people mingled socially. We wrapped the event very nicely. Again, thank you very much.

**JOB VACANCIES**

The Diocese of Nottingham seeks to appoint a Support & Administration Services Officer to work with the Chief Operating Officer and others in providing support for our parishes in a wide variety of administrative areas and projects. This would suit someone with a good track record in project or administration management, or as an executive assistant to senior management. This is a permanent full-time post (37 1/2 hrs/week), although job sharing may be a possibility. Salary: £23,000 - £25,000 dependant on qualifications and experience. For more information and an application pack email: [office@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:office@dioceseofnottingham.uk). Closing date 31 January 2020.

We have an exciting new opportunity available in a thriving coffee shop in the city centre. 6 Degrees Coffee House, run by the Open Hands Trust is seeking a new manager who will continue to build links with the local community and provide fantastic customer service. If anyone would like details of the job and an application form they can email me at [hazel.phillpot@openhandsleicester.org.uk](mailto:hazel.phillpot@openhandsleicester.org.uk).

**Posters in the church porch.**

**CAFOD Emergency Food Appeal:** Crippling drought and failed crops have left 10 million people in Zimbabwe and Zambia without food or water. CAFOD's local experts are on the ground responding to the crisis. You can help by donating to: [onlinecafod.org.uk/foodcrisisappeal](http://onlinecafod.org.uk/foodcrisisappeal) or by credit card on 08085858885. Thank you.

**Financial details:** Loose Plate £140.68. Envelopes £269.20. Donations £10. Kerala Community £600. Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January Mass Collection £211.87. Thank you very much for your generous donations.

**300 Club:** 12<sup>th</sup> January £50 E Waldron (234). £25 N Dyer (257), Mrs M Bobs (75).

**Thought for the week:** "Never put the key to your happiness in somebody else's pocket." Anon

**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.**

**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 George, please let him know.**