

From Ian McKay - Chair of The Parish Council

At the time of going to Press the Parish Bazaar is still to come. However, our thanks go out to all who have organised the event and who have contributed towards what will be a successful parish occasion. The generosity of so many people cannot be gainsaid.

There will be a Parish Council Meeting in the near future and updates will be given in due course.

One important announcement concerns the International Mass in September. The music practices will begin on July 4th (Election Day) at 7.00pm. Entry to the church will be via the sacristy door. We need the music and worship to reflect the diverse communities, languages and cultures that make our parish so special. Please come. Attend the music practice sessions which are held every two weeks. Make this a priority. Many thanks.

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Please keep in your prayers all the sick and housebound people of the parish, also let's pray for the deceased people of the parish.

We continue to pray for Ukraine and its people, for the people of Israel and Palestine and for all the war-torn countries in the world.

Cycle of prayer during Ordinary Time, we pray for these intentions: A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews. Those who Suffer persecution, Oppression, and Denial of Human rights. Europe. Human Life. Seafarers.






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.



Tea/coffee after the 10.30am Mass every Sunday in the hall. Please join us!

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		Thirteenth Week of Ordinary Time SS Peter and Paul, Apostles 30th June – 7th July 2024		Mass intentions this week for all parishioners			
Sunday 30.06		8.30am 10.30am 4pm		Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - For Pat Doherty Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite			
Monday 1.07		No Service		The Pope's prayer intentions for July 2024. For The Pastoral Care of The Sick Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, bestows the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.			
Tuesday 2.07		9.30am 10am				Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Molly Mathew RIP	
Wednesday 3.07		5.30pm 6pm				Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Thomas, Apostle	
Thursday 4.07		9.30am 10am				Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 5.07		9.30am 10am 5pm 5.30pm				Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Preethi Joseph RIP Silent Adoration Mass Syro Malabar rite	
Saturday 6.07		10am				Holy Mass -Departed souls of Thachil & Pappu Family / George Kuriala RIP	
Sunday 7.07		8.30am 10.30am 4pm				Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Frank Burke RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

Second Collection Today, Sunday 30th June for Peter's Pence.

**Today is the Feast of SS Peter and Paul and also
 a Day of Special Prayer for Pope Francis.**

VATICAN: Sunday, June 30, offers everyone an opportunity to help the Pope express his closeness to people who suffer. The World Day for the Pope's Charity is an invitation for communities worldwide to donate to Peter's Pence and support the mission of the Bishop of Rome—a mission of peace, charity, and solidarity with those in need. With a donation, which can be made on this special day or any other day of the year, anyone can actively contribute to the universal mission of Pope Francis. This mission is more necessary than ever in a world troubled by wars, the arms race, injustices, the suffering of many poor people, and attacks on the sanctity of human life and personal dignity. Please consider supporting the Pope's mission by making a donation to the Peter's Pence, which is financing 192 projects in 72 countries. With your gift, regardless of its size, you express your love and trust in the Holy Father. For more information, please visit www.obolodisanpietro.va.

Background on the Gospel Reading Mark 5:21-24,35b-43.

Jesus heals a woman afflicted with a haemorrhage and raises Jairus's daughter from death.

For today's Gospel, we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Last Sunday we heard about Jesus calming the storm, the first of four miracles that Jesus performs in the vicinity of the Sea of Galilee. Each of these four miracle stories offers us a glimpse at Jesus' power. This week we hear about the third and fourth miracles, skipping the second miracle, the healing of a man from Gerasene who was possessed by a demon.

Today's Gospel reports two stories of healing. One story tells us about a father's great love for his dying daughter. The other story tells us about a desperate woman who risks much as she seeks healing from Jesus. In each story, the request for healing is itself a courageous act of faith, and yet very different circumstances are represented by the lives of each suffering person.

Jairus is described as a synagogue official, a man of considerable standing in the Jewish community. Distraught over his daughter's poor health, he approaches Jesus and asks him to heal her. Although Mark doesn't provide many details, we can imagine that his daughter has been ill for some time and that her condition is deteriorating.

As Jesus leaves with Jairus, Mark describes a second person who seeks healing from Jesus, a woman with a haemorrhage. This woman secretly touches Jesus from behind and is immediately cured. In response, Jesus turns and asks who touched him. Jesus' disciples, always a little clueless in Mark's Gospel, help us envision the scene. The crowds are pushing in on Jesus, and yet he, knowing that power has gone out of him, asks who touched him. The woman could have remained anonymous, yet at Jesus' question she steps forward and acknowledges what she has done. Jesus responds by acknowledging her as a model of faith and sends her away in peace.

At this point, we can imagine Jairus's impatience with Jesus; his daughter is dying and Jesus hasn't helped him yet. As if to build a sense of urgency, messengers suddenly arrive and confirm Jairus's worst fear: his daughter has died. Jesus curiously ignores their message and reassures Jairus. When they arrive at Jairus's home, they find family and friends mourning the girl's death. Jesus enters the room of the dead girl, takes her by the hand, and instructs her to arise. Jairus's faith in Jesus has not been in vain; his daughter is restored to life.

The contrasts between Jairus and the woman with the haemorrhage are stark and revealing. One is a man, the other is a woman. One is a public official, an important person in the community. The other is a woman who has lost everything to find a cure to a condition that separated her from the community. One approaches Jesus publicly. The other approaches Jesus secretly. Yet in each case, faith leads them to seek out Jesus in their time of need.

The Gospel concludes with Jesus' instructions to remain silent about this miracle. This is typical of Mark's Gospel and is sometimes referred to as the messianic secret. Repeatedly, those who witness Jesus' power and authority are instructed to not speak of what they have witnessed. These instructions appear impossible to obey, and it is difficult to understand the purpose of these instructions. But in each case, they seem to emphasize the fact that each individual, including the reader of Mark's Gospel, must, in the end, make his or her own judgment about Jesus' identity. Each individual must make his or her own act of faith in affirming Jesus as God's Son.

300 Club Draw 23rd June 2024: £50 M Rossa (105), £25 G T (164), S P (188).

The General Election (4th July). Value your vote on pro-life issues. To check on your prospective Candidates voting intentions www.spuc.org.uk/general-elections-2024 or cafod.org.uk/campaign/uk-general-election-2024-a-guide-for-catholic-voters. You can also check out the Catholic Church's teaching on Migration at cbcew.org.uk/migration-election24/.

VACANCY: Serco is currently looking for a Roman Catholic Chaplain to join their team at HMP Fosse Way. The postholder main responsibilities will include providing pastoral and faith-specific care to both prisoners and staff, leading worship, meditation, prayer and faith-specific meetings. Additionally, the postholder will be responsible for nurturing chaplaincy volunteers and contributing to the development of local policy, procedures, and practice. For further information, please visit Roman Catholic Chaplain - HMP Fosse Way Job Details | Serco Plc.

LOURDES 2024: The Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Patrick between Monday 15th and Friday 19th July. By air from East Midlands Airport directly to Lourdes, prices for the full-board five-day pilgrimage start at £819, including a full liturgical programme, and medical care and assistance for those who need it. For more details visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes or email the Pilgrimage Deputy Director at simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

Family Pilgrimage Day at Mount Saint Bernard's Abbey. On Sunday 1st September. Outdoor Mass at 2pm in the guest house garden, family picnic, (please bring a chair or picnic blanket & picnic). Marian procession followed by adoration and Benediction. This will be run alongside the Cyprian Tansi Pilgrimage held on Saturday 31st August. It would be really lovely to join together our parishes, schools and families. The date chosen is the first weekend of the start of term. **See poster in church porch.**

Mass Intentions. 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. Please note: If the intention is for a living person, they must sign the envelope for permission to print their name on newsletter or intention will be listed as Private Intention and initials of intentions.

The Briars: We offer a wide variety of venue hire opportunities and retreat experiences. To enquire about booking a stay or retreat please contact bookings@ndcys.com via email or call us on 01773 852044. We have availability all through the year and you can book a self-facilitated stay or a stay with full support from our programme team. Whatever your needs, we look forward to hosting you at The Briars soon!

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FOODBANKS. We are extremely grateful to all the parishioners who donates food for the FOODBANKS. It is very much needed. Please continue to donate, if you can.

A huge thank you to all of you!