



Sacred Heart Of Jesus Newsletter

Welcome to this week's newsletter. This information is also available on the [Sacred Heart Web Page](#)
Please note the web page will always be the most up to date link with parish news.

If you need to contact Fr Paul, please email oh.sacredheart.loughboro@dioceseofnottingham.uk or ring the parish office on **01509 219325**

The online Booking system: These past few weeks we have noticed a small issue when booking online. If you find the booking form is showing the Mass is full, please ring Fr Paul who will check for you. We do ask you check and book via the [Mass booking form link](#) Thank you

Weekly Message from Fr Paul

Good Shepherd Sunday (4th of Easter).

As a scruffy teenager, my mother often used to challenge me to smarten up my appearance by saying, "You look as though nobody owns you!"

Naturally, this was a red rag to a bull, I would usually retort that nobody did own me, I was a free spirit, deferring to no one.

I think that I was missing the point. My mother was using the word "own" in an older sense, not implying possession, but family ties. In the North it's still quite common for people to refer to members of their family as "our Bill" or "our Jenny" etc. It's not about possession but about **belonging**.

When Jesus speaks about the relationship between himself, the "Good Shepherd," and his sheep, the key point is belonging. He is different from the hireling because he "owns" the sheep; we belong to him as part of his family. This belonging is a relationship so strong that he will lay down his life for his sheep.

On Good Shepherd Sunday we are asked to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. God has said, "I will give you shepherds after my own heart." The relationship between a priest and his people should reflect the relationship between Christ and his Church. We urgently need more!

God Bless

Fr Paul

Prayer Intentions for this coming week.

Date	Intentions	Reading	Stewards
4th Sunday of Easter Saturday 17:30 Vigil 24 th April 2021	Jan Adamek R.I.P.	1st Reading: <i>Acts 4:8-12</i> 2nd Reading: <i>First John 3:1-2</i>	Tobias Moechel Noel O'Sullivan
Sunday 10am Mass 25 th April 2021	People of the Parish	Gospel: <i>John 10:11-18</i>	Fiona Cooper



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Wednesday 9:30 Mass 28 th April 2020	For Vocations.	1st Reading: <i>Acts 12:24-13:5</i> Gospel: <i>John 12:44-50</i>	Mary Keating Nikki Lynn
Saturday 17:30 Vigil 1 st May 2021	People of the Parish	1st Reading: <i>Acts 9: 26-31</i> 2nd Reading: <i>1st letter - John 3: 18-24</i> Gospel: <i>John 15:1-8</i>	Noel O'Sullivan Ian Lafferty
Sunday Mass 2 nd May 2021	People of the Parish		Richard Mitchell Liz Sturgis

Parish News

First Holy Communion.

Due to this past year and not able to welcome our younger parishioners to celebrate their First Holy Communion, we have decided that our next 1st Holy Communion class will start in September 2021. The classes will take place on a Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 on the following dates, taking into account the October half term.

25.09.21.

02.10.21

09.10.21 Including the Sacrament of penance

30.10.21

06.11.21

13.11.21

14.11.21 Sunday Mass and First Holy Communion service

Further information can be found on our web page [First Holy Communion 2021](#)

From the Diocese

Information shared from the Dioceses.

A quick reminder that additional information can be found via our parish website [Nottingham Diocese Interaction](#) or the direct link to [Diocese of Nottingham.](#)

World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Sunday 25th April – Good Shepherd Sunday.

This Sunday is our yearly opportunity to reflect on the Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life. Also, we can contribute to the Clergy Formation Fund which helps train our future priests and contributes to our priests continuing formation. Please pray for the priests who serve you and encourage the young men [and may be the unattached young at heart!] to either consider the call to priesthood for themselves or encourage among their peers those whom they think would make good priests.