



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

Message for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.

"He would not speak to them except in parables."

Parables are simple stories taken from everyday living, but I don't think Jesus was "dumbing it down" when he taught the crowds using parables.

Parables are interactive.

By teaching in parables, he was challenging his hearers to ponder what he had said. Jesus' parables are about the Kingdom of God; a mystery beyond our understanding but he invites us to go, as deeply as we can, into the mystery, by turning over these stories in our minds to find new levels of meaning in them. He intended that the crowds shouldn't just be passive listeners but active explorers of the word of God.

The same applies to us. We should not just sit back and listen and leave the interpretation of what we hear to the experts. Sacred Scripture is one half of a personal conversation between God and ourselves and every conversation requires some input from both parties. What we hear needs to be understood and responded to.

Jesus did have a different method of teaching the twelve, "...but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone." This is not because they were "special" but to equip them as teachers, to continue his mission once he had returned to the Father.

God Bless

Fr Paul

Prayer Intentions for this coming week.

Date	Intentions	Reading	Stewards
Saturday 17:30 Vigil 12 th June 2021	Val Rogers R.I.P.	1st Reading: Ezek 17:22-24 2nd Reading: 2 Cor 5:6-10 Gospel: Mark 4:26-34	Tobias Moechel Fiona Cooper
Sunday 10am Mass 13 th June 2021	People of the Parish		Mary Keating Liz Sturgis
Wednesday 9:30 Mass 16 th June 2021	Vittorio Giorgio R.I.P.	1st Reading: 2 Cor 9:6-11 Gospel: 6:1-6, 16-18	Nikki Lynn Mary Keating
Saturday 17:30 Vigil 12 th June 2021	Fr. Ben Choyce R.I.P.	1st Reading: Job 38:1, 8-11 2nd Reading: 2 nd Cor 5:14-17	Noel O'Sullivan Ian Lafferty



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Sunday Mass
20th June 2021

People of the Parish

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Richard Mitchell
Liz Sturgis

Parish News

St Mary's Grub Club

There will be a meeting for all volunteers who are registered with St Mary's Grub Club, or anyone else who is interested in working with Grub Club this summer on Saturday 26th June 12-2pm, in St Mary's parish hall. The focus of the meeting will be getting to know one another, briefing on specific roles and training, including safeguarding. Our intention is to open Grub Club Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 12 July to 6 August, as long as the government's relaxation of social distancing rules makes it operationally viable. We will confirm opening when the government reveal details of the next step. For more information contact Frank Fay (frankfay1@hotmail.com).

Pope Francis sends an urgent call to us all

Pope Francis' encyclical "**Laudato Si'**," or "Praise Be to You" is an urgent call to tackle the current ecological crisis by making a paradigm shift that will allow all human beings to live sustainably in dignity. Thinking about what we can do individually to help solve the climate crisis can sometimes feel overwhelming. It's much easier if you have the support of others around you. The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) at Sacred Heart would like to involve the parish in the work of Caritas within the Diocese. There is quite a lot going on at Diocesan level and in many parishes within the Diocese to do with climate change. If you are interested, the PPC would like to invite you to meet with like-minded people to discuss and put into operation ways in which we, in our parish, can respond to Pope Francis' call. It is not yet possible, because of COVID restrictions, to call such a meeting but, hopefully, in the not-too-distant future we will be able to get together. In the meantime, you might want to think about ways you can reduce your and your family's carbon footprint so that when we do meet, we can share these ideas and be ready to celebrate "Climate Sunday" in September. Please watch this space for further up-dates. Frank Fay

Church Cleaning

Thank you to all who joined me in the first spring cleaning morning, it is a good feeling that slowly but surely, we are working towards welcoming many faces we have not seen for many months and are church is feeling fresh once again.

If you would like to help in the next Spring-cleaning morning and again, I promise the kettle will be on with plenty of biscuits to dip in this next Saturday 19th June from 9.30 - 11:30.

Tea and Coffee after Mass.

I know we are still limited with numbers at Mass, however with the latest relaxation of Covid restrictions it does mean we are allowed to gather in the parish hall for tea, coffee and a chat after Mass on Sundays and Wednesdays.

For the time being and as we all wait to hear what is said from the Government, we will need to continue wearing face covering and sanitising down afterwards like they will be doing in hospitality Venus.

I should be grateful if our volunteers would contact Francis who will start placing names on a rota especially from September when we all do pray, we will have some form of normality.

First Holy Communion.

Letters and applications are available on the website or speak to Fr Paul