



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: 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 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Today's Gospel reading gives us a privileged insight into Jesus coaching his Apostles in the art of evangelisation. It's rather like being a fly on the wall when a football manager is giving his team talk before the match.

His advice must have surprised them, "Take nothing for the journey."

This hardly seems like sensible preparation for a trip, but Jesus must have had his reasons.

I think that the first reason for Jesus telling his Apostles to take nothing for the journey was that he was absolutely determined that nothing should distract them or their hearers from their call to repentance. A preacher who arrives in a Cadillac could be giving out the wrong signal!

The second reason was that by sending the Apostles out unprovided, this would give those they encountered an opportunity to be charitable to them. A good preacher enters into a relationship with his hearers rather than just saying his piece and then going away. What better way of beginning a relationship than by having to ask a person for what you need and staying with them for a few nights.

Jesus was at pains to impress the urgency of his message. Nothing should get in the way.

Fr Paul

Prayer Intentions for this coming week.

Date	Intentions	Reading	Stewards
Saturday 17:30 Vigil 10 th July 2021	People of the Parish	1st Reading: Amos 7:12-15 2nd Reading: St Paul to the Ephesians 1: 3 -14 Gospel: Mark 6:7-13	Fiona & Ian
Sunday 10am Mass 11 th July 2021	Jack Adams R.I.P.		Liz & Maggie
Wednesday 9:30 Mass 14 th July 2021	Evelyn and Patrick Costelloe R.I.P.	1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12 Gospel: Matthew 11:25-27	Mary & Nikki
Saturday 17:30 Vigil 17 th July 2021	People of the Parish	1st Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-16 2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18 Gospel: Mark 6:30-34	Ian & Mary
Sunday Mass 18 th July 2021	Josephine Whelband R.I.P.		Richard & Maggie

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Selby, whose funeral took place in church this past Friday. May her soul and the souls of the Faithful Departed rest in peace.

Parish News

First Holy Communion. DEADLINE IS THIS WEEKEND

1st Holy Communion application forms are available on the website welcome page to complete. The closing date is Sunday 11th July. If you need any further information, please speak to Fr Paul. The welcome parents meeting, I will rearrange the date for when children return to school due to summer holidays.

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Thinking ahead for September - Volunteering in our Parish is many ways that suit you and home life.

Over the summer months we are led to believe, we may be able to open our parish doors to all, like we did before COVID. To help us get to this stage we need to think about behind the scenes and asking for volunteers to keep our wonderful Parish amazing. Please consider the following as we do need:

Flower Arrangers

We all appreciate the church looking 'good' and the sight of flowers on the altar helps with this. At this moment in time, we only have one person arranging the weekly flower arrangement. We are looking for more volunteers to help on a rota basis - the more helpers, the less often the task needs to be done. No previous experience or expertise is needed, the job can be done by men or women, young or old and is a wonderful way to contribute to the parish. If you would like to volunteer your services or would like to know more to what it entails, please contact Gillian Fernandez on. 01509 212127 or email jmf25@tiscali.co.uk

Stewarding the next step

Many people have said how lovely it is to be greeted as you enter the church. From September we will continue to do this as a positive way forward. (Hopefully without the cleaning at the end 😊)

Over these summer months stewards will continue to do what they have been doing this past year where I honestly cannot thank them enough. It is a year this July we have been able to hold three Masses a week during these past difficult months.

Church Cleaning

If you would like to be part of the cleaning rota from late September, please add your name to the list. The next big church clean for volunteers will be September.

Tea and Coffee after Mass.

If you would like to volunteer to serve tea and coffee after a Sunday or Wednesday service, would you please contact Francis.

Children's Liturgy

We need a team to welcome our younger congregation during the 10am Sunday Mass, where they have their own children's liturgy. Ideally creating a rota to support Children's liturgy, would help with planning for festivals as well as Ordinary Time.

We need your help to prepare

To be prepared and ready to welcome our new and returning family and friends, our parishioners who have worried following isolation, and all who have lost loved ones these past months who need time to heal and pray to our Lord personally.

Pope Francis sends an urgent call to us all

Laudato si. Earlier this week I was in a Caritas Zoom meeting discussing climate change and the Church's response to this issue. The meeting was interrupted by a woman who had a "rant" at the rest of us about how climate change was not real, it was not man-made and was a conspiracy (not sure by who or about what). She thought that it was a disgrace that we were "indoctrinating" our children in our schools about climate change and its effects. It was a timely reminder that not every one accepts climate change as a fact. There are plenty of people who do not accept the reality of man-made climate change, despite the large amounts of scientific evidence which supports it. What is a fact is that since the 1980s the fossil fuel industry has poured millions of dollars sponsoring "think tanks" and "lobby groups" whose sole task was to cast doubt about man-made climate change and oppose any legislation designed to curb its damaging effects (and their profits). I am hoping that soon after the 19th I will be able to call a meeting of like-minded people who are concerned about man-made climate change and our environment. In the meantime, if you have the time, google "Caritas-climate change" to get the latest on what Caritas is doing with regard to this issue.

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