



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 the parish office, please be aware Fr Paul is away until 20th August. Please email oh.sacredheart.loughboro@dioceseofnottingham.uk or ring the parish office on **01509 219325** and leave a message.

This weeks Mass is being said by Fr Ted from Ratcliff College,

Weekly Message from Fr Paul

Message for the Feast of the Assumption.

The story goes that the parish priest was visiting the primary school and asked the children, "What do we mean by the Assumption of Our Lady?"

After some hesitation, a small hand went up and a child relied, "It means that we **assume** that Our Lady went to heaven."

A good try but not quite! The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines the Assumption as, "The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his body."

Perhaps it's no surprise that the child didn't quite get it right.

In our Gospel reading today, which describes the Visitation of Mary to her cousin, Elizabeth, we have the famous prayer, the "Magnificat."

In art, Mary is usually depicted as a serene and docile figure, but this prayer gives rather a different impression of her. It is a highly political prayer; she wants to see princes pulled down from their thrones and the lowly exalted. She wants the hungry to be fed at the expense of the rich and she is impatient for God to deliver on his promises to Israel.

This is fiery stuff. It seems there's more to Mary than meets the eye!

Fr Paul

Prayer Intentions for this coming week.

Date	Intentions	Reading	Stewards
Saturday 17:30 Vigil 14 th August 2021	People of the Parish	1st Reading: Prov 9:1-6 2nd Reading: Eph 5:15 -20 Gospel: John 6: 51-48	Ian and Noel
Sunday 10am Mass 15 th August 2021	Jerry and Zuzanna Kowalski ints.		Maggy and Bob
Wednesday 9:30 Mass 16 th August 2021	Kati and Daniel's int.s	1st Reading: Judges 9:6-15 Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16	Maggy and Bob
Saturday 17:30 Vigil 17 th August 2021	Denis O'Shea R.I.P.	1st Reading: Josh 24:1-2, 15-18	Noel and Fiona



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Sunday Mass
18th August 2021

People of the Parish.

2nd Reading: Eph 5: 21-32
Gospel: John 6:60-69

Richard and Mary

Parish News

The Friday Morning Gardening group are looking for Gardening sponsors and any help to keep the front of the church weed free and looking seasonal with plants and colourful blooms etc. The team also look after the beautiful back garden, where the amazing statue of Jesus, takes pride of place. Anyone new to our parish, this is where the socials happen, during spring / summer evening.

So how can we all help? As first impressions is part of the welcome There are several ways with volunteering to help on a Friday, donating any plants to the group or become a sponsor by giving a few pounds or just loose change each month. This would enable the team to purchase the bedding plants or shrubs they need for the seasons. If you would like any further information, please speak to Stephanie Grand s.t.gandy@btinternet.com

Flower arranging is another side with greenery and beautiful shades of colour within the church. Just like we mentioned in regard to the above, please contact Gillian Fernandez on. 01509 212127 or email jmf25@tiscali.co.uk.

It would be fantastic to carry on this amazing work during the end

Parish Update on Covid - step by step.

The online Booking system: Going forward we need to continue using the booking form for weekend Masses. [Mass booking form link](#) Over the next couple of weeks our Wednesday morning Mass only, will be attend without booking, but please add your name to the attendance book in the porch as you arrive for track and trace purposes. If this works successfully it's a small step going forward. Stewards will still be available

Please note over the summer months, we will continue with face coverings and social distancing. We need to continue with small steps to ensure all are safe and well. As changes happen, we will keep you posted. Thank you

Volunteering at Sacred Heart – We welcome you to join us

Please if you have a few hours a week, over a month, so many times a year, we would love to hear from you. All these voluntary positions help our Sacred Heart Church be the heart of this community. You do not need to worry over experience if perfectly fine. We all learn together and make a band of new friends whilst do these wonderful things for our church. All information will be available on the notice board in the hall foyer with a list to add your names plus who to contact for further information. Thank you

- Stewarding
- Admin Support
- Eucharistic ministry
- Friday Gardening group
- Tea and Coffee - Wed & Sunday
- Catechist
- Supporting Children's Liturgy
- Cleaning
- Flower arranging
- Readers
- Alter Servers
- Music