



# 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.

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## Weekly Message from Fr Paul - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In 1960, nearly 65,000 Catholics attended Sunday Mass in the Diocese of Nottingham\*

In 2015, despite a considerable increase in the national population and an influx of Catholics from Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe, this number had declined to 30,000.

This situation is the backdrop to the listening process launched by Pope Francis in preparation for the Synod of Bishops in 2023. Urgent action is needed to build up the Church in this country.

We have been given two questions to think about;

- 1.) What is my dream for the Church and my school so that it can become more outward looking and more missionary?
- 2.) To achieve this dream, what do we need to stop doing and what are we doing that needs to be done differently?

There will be a **Parish Meeting in the parish hall at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday 7th November** when everyone can give their responses to these questions. Those who can't make it can email or send their replies to the parish. All contributions will be sent on to the bishop.

Please make your contribution to this process.

Fr. Paul.

\* this number has been adjusted to reflect those parishes which were taken into the Diocese of Hallam.

## Mass times this week and Mass Intentions

**Please note** - due to the Clergy Conference next week there will be **no Mass** here at Sacred Heart on **Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th October.**

## Prayer Intentions for this coming week.

Date	Intentions	Reading	Stewards
Saturday 17:30 Vigil 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2021	Victims of the Pandemic	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Jer 31:7-9 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Heb 5: 1 - 6	Ian & Fiona
Sunday 10am Mass 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	People of the Parish	<b>Gospel:</b> Mark 10: 46 -52	Mary & Liz
Thursday 9:30 Mass 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Terri Carroll (90th birthday)   Happy Birthday  	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Ephesians 2:19-22 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 6:12-16	_____
Saturday 17:30 Vigil 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Mrs Mary Andrews	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Rev 7: 2-4, 9-14 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 John 3: 1-3	Mary & Noel
Sunday Mass 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2021	People of the Parish All Saints	<b>Gospel:</b> Matt 5:1-12	Maggie & Liz

## Parish News

The All-Saints Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October. This is because in England and Wales, when all Saints falls on a Saturday or Monday, it is transferred to the Sunday.

The All-Souls Mass will be at 9:30 on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

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**Month of November we remember our loved ones:** - November is the time of All Souls, when we remember family and friends who are no longer with us. If you would like to dedicate a Mass for someone, please speak to Fr Paul.

**"The red APF boxes:** - These need to be returned to church ASAP please to enable the money to be banked by the end of the month. You may pass to Stephanie or leave them in the sacristy where they will be collected. Thank you for your continued support."

**A Message from Frank:** - On Monday I took the contents of the food bank box down to John Storer House. There was loads of stuff, so a big "thank you" to everyone who contributed. All the items were gratefully received by the volunteers at John Storer House. Please continue to donate if you can; the need has never been greater. I will empty the box every two weeks and if anyone else in the parish would be interested in helping with this task please contact me on frankfay1@hotmail.com. Last week someone said to me, "Isn't it great that the food bank is still operating". I replied, "No, it's awful". I know what the person meant, but if you stand back and think about it, it is awful that so many people depend on food banks to prevent hunger. Two questions for you to ponder. Why do so many people depend on food banks? What would happen if the food banks closed? Frank Fay

**Sacred Heart church gardens have been awarded:** - Our three volunteers, Stephanie, Ursula and Mary have been highly commended for their hard work and their contribution to improving the local environment. They have been awarded a "Thriving" certification by the "Britain in Bloom" organisation. Please congratulate them for we all comment on how the gardens look amazing.

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Class:** - The next class is 30<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30. The children will be learning why it is we take Holy Communion and how it links from the old to the New Testament readings. Over these coming weeks, please continue to pray for our youngsters and reflect why do we take communion.

**This week light a window for hope and love in support of Loughborough Streets of Light 2021:** - The nights are getting darker, there is a chill in the air, next weekend the clocks go back as a sign the summer has faded. But don't let that stop us, in a window or a porch, shine a bright message of light, hope and love! to all.

Last year, during the last week of October, hundreds of households across Loughborough joined LCP as we decorated our windows to shine out messages of light, hope and love. This year, **Loughborough Streets of Light is BACK**, and we want even more windows to shine in the darkness! Christian Faith points to **THE LIGHT** of Jesus Christ. For more information click on this [WEBSITE](#)

**Stewards:** - We need more stewards please. If anyone would like to become a church Steward or would like to know more, please speak to Fr Paul or Fiona ([Fiona.Cooper@live.com](mailto:Fiona.Cooper@live.com)) This would really help with supporting our parish as we draw closer to the season of Advent, at the end of November.

## **From the Diocese**

**Vocation Discernment Evening:** 'When a person is conquered by the Fire of His gaze, no sacrifice seems too great to follow Him' If you feel called to the Priesthood and want to know more, join us at the Vocation Centre, Our Lady & St Edward's, 247 Gordon Road, Nottingham, NG3 2LG on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 7 pm for a time of prayer, informal discussion and social time. For more information email: [vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**A message from CAFOD:** Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received. [cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis](http://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis)

**Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November.** There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see [cafod.org.uk/COP26](http://cafod.org.uk/COP26)

*May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.*

With thanks and sincere best wishes. Maggie

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