




Synod
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Societas Presbyterorum
Sacerdotum
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Nottinghamensis

Date	Holy Mass/ Services	Other Events
Saturday 4th May 6th Sunday of Easter Safeguarding Sunday	5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Austin, Mary, Sharon & Rachel Bryan	
Sunday 5th May 6th Sunday of Easter Safeguarding Sunday	10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish	
Monday 6th May Easter Feria	6.30 Adoration 7.00 pm Mass: Bill & Lilian Lester RIP	If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code for CC Church
Tuesday 7th May Easter Feria	9.00 am Mass: In Honour of St Antony	7.00 pm FHC Parents' Meeting 5
Thursday 9th May The Ascension of the Lord (Solemnity) Holy Day of Obligation	9.30 am Mass: BRW in Church Intention: Departed Souls of D'Sa Family 2.00 pm Mass at St Patrick's School 7.00 pm Mass	NO RCIA - the final Session 23 will be next week
Friday 10th May Easter Feria	9.00 am Mass: Joseph PJ RIP	
Saturday 11th May 7th Sunday of Easter World Communications Day	5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: People of the Parish	2nd Collection: Catholic Communications
Sunday 12th May 7th Sunday of Easter World Communications Day	10.30 am Mass: David Devlin	2nd Collection: Catholic Communications

Our Lady & St Patricks, Meadows, Mass/Service Times 5th - 12th May 2024



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Sunday 5th May 6th Sunday of Easter Safeguarding Sunday	9.00 am Mass: Tim Conlan RIP 2.30 pm Baptism of Niamh & Sienna O'Dowd	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass 
Wednesday 8th May Easter Feria	9.30 am Adoration 10.00 am Mass: John & Bridget Crosby RIP	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass. 7.00 pm FHC Parents' Meeting 5
Saturday 11th May Easter Feria	9.30 am Confessions 10.00 am Mass: For Parish Volunteers	If you would like to make a donation, to the Church please scan the QR code above.
Sunday 12th May 7th Sunday of Easter World Communications Day	9.00 am Mass: Tony Molloy RIP After Mass: FHC Rehearsal	2nd Collection: Catholic Communications Brunch, tea & coffee after the morning Mass.

A Letter for Safeguarding Sunday from Bishop Patrick Sixth Sunday of Easter
Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th May 2024

"This is my commandment, love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

Today is Safeguarding Sunday. It's an opportunity to reflect a little on our ongoing journey as a diocese to build a safer environment for every person. You will recall that the Elliott review in 2020 recommended that the Catholic Church in England and Wales put in place a national safeguarding body. In July 2021 the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency was formed. Its task is to ensure that all dioceses are regulated to meet the national standards recommended in the Elliott Report. As a diocese, our priority is to ensure that we are providing a safe environment for all those who come in contact with our parishes, chaplaincies, and the Catholic organisations at work throughout the diocese. So I do want to assure you that the diocese is very much committed to embedding robust safeguarding standards. The professional support of our Diocesan Safeguarding Department now enables the safer recruitment and training of all clergy, employees and volunteers. It also ensures that we are transparent and accountable in the way that all allegations and concerns are managed. I wish to thank the Diocesan Safeguarding Department of Rachael Campion, Alan Booth and Jane Black for all their good work. I would also like to express my gratitude to the priests and parish safeguarding representatives for their generous commitment to improving safeguarding practices in their parishes. Additional training for clergy and parish safeguarding representatives is now in place. There is also safeguarding information available on the diocesan website, and an easy to read and comprehensive guide to safeguarding has been produced in the form of a very helpful Parish Safeguarding Handbook. Please do take a look at this material because it is the responsibility of each of us to help ensure that our churches and chaplaincies are both safe and welcoming. This is something that cannot just be left to the Diocesan Safeguarding Department, the clergy and the parish safeguarding representatives. From meeting with and listening to victims and survivors of child sexual abuse I have come to understand, ever more deeply, that sexual abuse not only heinously violates a child at the time of their abuse, but it all too often cruelly robs a child of their future. Victims and survivors of sexual abuse continue to carry throughout their lives the painful and debilitating consequences of the grave crime of sexual abuse. I do not underestimate the traumatic and life-long consequences of sexual abuse upon their lives and how it also affects their families and parish communities. Please know that my door, and that of our Diocesan Safeguarding Department, is always open to anyone affected by abuse. Like you, I continue to love Christ's Church, but I acknowledge that sexual abuse has stained the face of the Church and it has undermined her mission. I feel a deep sense of shame for this abuse. So, as Bishop, I am committed to ensuring that we do everything that we each can to learn from the past and to protect and keep safe the most vulnerable in our communities. There can be no room in our diocese for complacency or for not taking seriously the need for vigilance on the part of all of us. Thank you for doing all you can to support your parish priest and parish safeguarding representatives in fostering a deeper and more evident culture of safeguarding, care and protection for everyone in your parish or chaplaincy.

With my prayers and gratitude, Rt Rev Patrick McKinney

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Sixth Sunday of Easter: We now consider the importance of perseverance in prayer. Reflecting on Saint Paul's encouragement to pray unceasingly, the Russian ascetic tradition developed the prayer of the heart, based on repeating the words, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner", until they become like the air we breathe. Prayer thus becomes the backdrop against which every action of our lives finds its deepest meaning. If God can find time for each of us, surely we can find time for him!

To read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

Please continue to pray for Tim Conlan RIP and Patrick Madu RIP, both of OLSP who died recently.

Tim's Funeral will take place on Tuesday, 14th May 2024 at 11.00 am at OLSP Church and Patrick's Funeral will take place on Monday, 20th May 2024 at 10.30 am at OLSP Church. Please remember them both and their families in your prayers. May they rest in peace. Amen.

The Pope's Monthly Intention, May 2024: Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

FHC Parents' Meeting 5 will take place at Corpus Christi Church on Tuesday, 7th May at 7.00 pm. All parents MUST attend.

FHC Parents' Meeting 5 will take place at OLSP on Wednesday, 8th May at 7.00 pm. All parents MUST attend.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: Synod Synthesis: PART I – THE FACE OF THE SYNODAL CHURCH, 3. Entering the Community of Faith: Christian Initiation Convergences; Matters for Consideration h) A mature exercise of the *sensus fidei* requires not only reception of Baptism but a life lived in authentic discipleship that develops the grace of Baptism. This enables us to distinguish the action of the Spirit from merely dominant forms of thinking or cultural conditioning, or from matters inconsistent with the Gospel. Understanding the exercise of the *sensus fidei* is to be deepened with appropriate theological reflection.

SUDAN APPEAL: Thank you for your response to the appeal last week which raised £236.63 (from CC) and £150.10 (from OLSP).

The 1st Holy Communion Repository Stall in Corpus Christi Church is now open at the back of Church. Rosary beads and bracelets, cards and candles and brooches are available.

OLSP Brunch will be held in the hall after Mass on Sunday, 12th May 2024. Tickets cost £1.50 each. Mass for New Catholics: Bishop Patrick is inviting all those who have been recently Baptised or Received into the Catholic Church (Neophytes) to a special celebration of Mass on Sunday 12th May at 3.00pm in English Martyrs church, Derby (DE24 8QU). Following Mass there will be refreshments in the parish hall.

The next Baptism Course will be held on Saturday, 29th June at Corpus Christi Church and there will be a 3rd course at OLSP in October 2024. Please complete an application form available at both Churches and hand it in to Fr David. You will then be contacted by the Parish Office.

A choral concert of music in honour of Our Lady, Queen of the May, is being given by the combined forces of Nottingham Cathedral Choir, Salford Cathedral Choir, and Nottingham Cathedral Choir Alumni, in Saint Barnabas Cathedral on Saturday 11th May at 7.45pm. All are very welcome to attend. Bishop Patrick invites you to a free online webinar, on Tuesday 21st May, 6.00 – 8.00pm, led by best-selling author and eminent speaker Sherry Weddell. Sherry has developed numerous unique formation resources that are used around the world, and she will share her inspirational ideas on how Catholics can explore their Mission to bring all people closer to Christ. The seminar will be particularly relevant to parish catechists, teachers, pastoral ministers, religious, priest and deacons, and parishioners who wish to know more about evangelisation. This seminar will help re-energise Catholics to be strong Missionary Disciples. Don't miss this opportunity to attend this free event: register at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/sw Sherry Weddell is co-founder and co-Director of the Catherine of Siena Institute. Sherry is the author of 'Forming Intentional Disciples'; 'Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples'; and 'Fruitful Discipleship: Living the Mission of Jesus in the Church and in the World'.

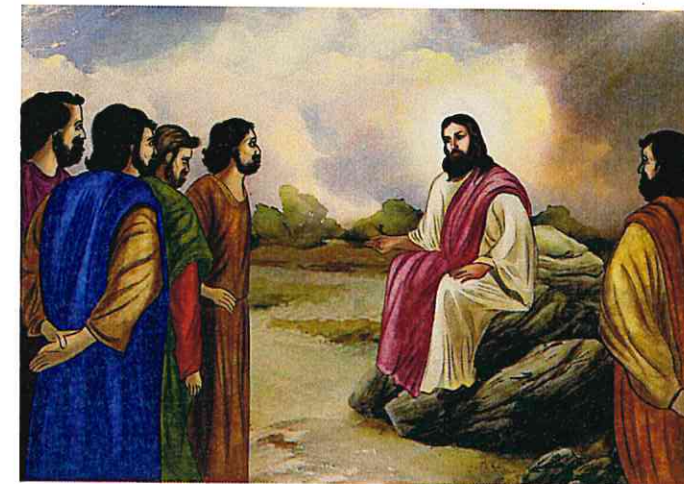
Canon Jonathan Cotton will present a talk The New Evangelisation: How's it going for you? on Thursday 13th June at 7.00pm in the Hutton Hall, Rosmini Centre, LE7 4SJ.

Rethink Abortion: would you like to learn how to have a meaningful and productive conversation on abortion with those around you? In our secular society most people think abortion is okay, because it is legal. So how can we discuss our views with others on this sensitive but important issue? Come to the Rethink Abortion Interactive Training Day on Saturday 11th May and meet other like-minded people and so become confident in sharing our beliefs in the most effective way. The day is held at Trinity School, Aspley (NG8 3EP), from 10.00am until 4.30pm, and the cost is £25 per person, including a sandwich lunch and drinks. Bookings can be made at: <https://TimetoRethinkAbortionNottingham.eventbrite.com>

Catholic Herald: If you would be interested in buying the Catholic Herald magazine at Church, please let the Parish Secretary know. The loss of Church sales since the lockdowns has been the main cause of the publication becoming monthly. If several people are interested, it may be possible to obtain a discount from the publishers.

The Nottingham Diocesan Yearbook 2024 is now available at the back of both Churches, priced £6.00.

Please donate unwanted books/other items to charity rather than bringing to OLSP hall.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

COLLECT

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these
days of joy,
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold in what we do.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too.

10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them; 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 97

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Or: Alleluia!

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. R.
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. R.
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. R.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John.

God is love.

4: 7-10

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love. God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.'
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.
15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.
Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.

I have told you this
so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment;
love one another,
as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.
You are my friends,

if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know his master's business;
I call you friends, because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you;
and I commissioned you
to go out and bear fruit,
fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.
What I command you
is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings,
so that, purified by your graciousness,
we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God,
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen