



THE PARISH OF ST. PATRICK & ST. GEORGE



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WEEKLY BULLETIN 30th JANUARY – 5th FEBRUARY 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF YEAR C

Sunday, 30th January	St Patrick's, Forest Town	11.00 am Mass	Robert McGranaghan RIP
Wednesday, 2nd February	St Patrick's, Forest Town	9.15 am Mass	Juliana Eze RIP
Sunday, 6th February	St Patrick's, Forest Town	11.00 am Mass	People of the Parish

ROTAS

Sunday, 30th January	Mass	Stewards:	Cory & Linda	Reader: Angela
		Minister:	Andrew	
		Counters:	Ken & Rosie	Cleaning: Rosie & Sheila
Sunday, 6th February	Mass	Stewards:	Jackie & Colin	Reader: Ken
		Minister:	Angela G	
		Counters:	Ken & Rosie	Cleaning: Rosie & Sheila

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS:

First Reading *Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19*

Response *My lips will tell of your help*

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 12: 31 – 13:13*

Acclamation *Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!*

Gospel *Luke 4: 21-30*

Your Prayers are requested for: Janet C; Mary S; Stephanie W; Garry; Malcolm S; Jay; Liz T (Anne's niece); Jackson L (in thanksgiving for a recovery from his operation); Martin M; Rosemary S; Tina T; Mary C, KP (Karen's brother-in-law), Joseph D, Noel De L; Danny De L; Dianna B, Mary M, Theresa D; Ron and Jean M; Claire D and Mrs C. Casey. All those suffering from the coronavirus and those working in the NHS or Care Services; those working in essential services to keep our country functioning. *Please let Fr John know of anyone who would like to be remembered in our prayers.*

TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE SERVED AFTER SUNDAY MASS FROM THIS WEEKEND – ALL WELCOME

SYNOD PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH: Following the consultation meeting towards the end of last year, the process of closing St George's Church in Rainworth is now under way. A final Mass of De-consecration is being planned for **Tuesday, 15th February** after which the site will be put up for sale. A commemorative booklet which we hope will include a brief history of the church is being prepared and memories or photos of St George's are invited. **If any parishioner has details about the construction of the church or particular events, this information would also be very helpful.** Please send details to kendaly@hotmail.co.uk or bring them to St Patrick's by **1st February** if possible. All photos will be scanned and returned so please put your name on the back.

Food Bank: Thank you for your continued support and the foodbank is very grateful and amazed at our generosity every week of the year. Please continue to donate tinned meat and fish, UHT milk, tinned fruit and vegetables, coffee, fruit juice, nappies, toiletries and cleaning materials. Many thanks for your generosity. Angela.

SYNOD SHERWOOD DEANERY MEETING – On Saturday, 22nd January, delegates from each parish community met in St Philip's Church Hall, Mansfield to discern what two actions the Deanery would undertake. The delegates listened carefully as each community shared what two actions they had agreed to implement in their own community and from this prayerful, reflective listening, the Deanery outcome was –

A Deanery Team be set up as soon as possible made up of one representative from each community in order to enact what is possible from the actions that were identified. The funding and appointment of a Deanery co-ordinator will be explored by this group

A Deanery Report will be written sharing the key conversations of each community, school and Deanery. This report will be sent to the Diocese for 2nd February. A synopsis of all the eleven deanery reports will be shared in a prayer service in the Cathedral on the evening of **22nd February** which will be attended by delegates but will also be live streamed. These reports will be collated and sent to the Bishop's Conference in England and Wales – along with reports from all the other Dioceses. A report from England and Wales will then be forwarded to the European Bishops Conference – on its way to Rome

During Lent, each community, school and deanery is asked to begin looking at implementing their agreed actions. The Mansfield Pastoral area report will be shared with you in the near future.

CANDLEMAS: FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – 2nd FEBRUARY. This is also a **Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life** Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

"God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

If you would like to know more about Consecrated Life and feel God may be calling you – why not contact Sr Mary in St Joseph's Shirebrook – 01623 845091; warsoppbvm@yahoo.com

The Diocese is running a 4 week course: Which started last Wednesday called "From daily Grind to Daily Glory" all about bringing Christ into your daily work/lives. Week one was very good. If you were unable to join the video from the course can be watched here. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzwiseGh3kl> If you would like to join, the course you can contact Joe Hopkins who is running the course at joe.hopkins@dioceseofnottingham.uk

SCHOOL NEWS: Following Diocesan advice regarding the current COVID-19 situation, Masses in St Patrick's School resumed on a class basis during the week commencing 17th January. Unfortunately, families and parishioners are unable to attend at this present time. The situation will be reviewed as soon as possible as the school has greatly welcomed the opportunity of inviting you all to Mass. Other school news available on their respective websites.

Assisted Suicide Statement: An amendment has been tabled to the Health and Social Care Bill by Lord Forsyth which would force the Government to lay an assisted suicide bill before Parliament within a year of the Bill passing into law. This is yet another attempt by the assisted suicide lobby to build momentum for a change in the law which would pose a serious risk to the sick and vulnerable and make assisted suicide available on the NHS. Bishop Patrick McKinney is encouraging everyone to write to peers and urge them to oppose Lord Forsyth's amendment which is expected to be debated next Wednesday, 2nd February. The organisation *Right to Life* can support you with this via their website: Ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide next week (www.righttolife.org.uk). Please act now and ensure that England and Wales does not allow a lethal prescription to become an established part of health care.

FUNDRAISING: Congratulations to Cory and Debbie who raised £250.00 with their Christmas lights display. Cory and Debbie are re-introducing Bingo Sessions on a Thursday at 7.00 pm in the Parish Hall. Raffle and Scratchcard prizes and refreshments. All welcome. Proceeds to the Emily Harris Foundation for which Cory and Debbie have already raised over £2,030.

FINANCES: Sunday, 23rd January

Envelopes £125.00

Loose Plate £26.20 Standing Orders £135.00 Total £286.20

Sick and Retired Priests £15.00

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