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WEEKLY BULLETIN 22nd – 28th JANUARY 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR A

Sunday, 22nd January	St Patrick's, Forest Town	11.00 am Mass	<i>Margaret Berresford Intentions</i>
Tuesday, 24th January	St Patrick's School	2.15 pm Mass	<i>School Community</i>
Wednesday, 25th January	St Patrick's, Forest Town	9.15 am Mass	<i>Pat Rowe RIP</i>
Sunday, 29th January	St Patrick's, Forest Town	11.00 am Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>

ROTAS

Sunday, 22nd January	Mass	Greeters:	Jackie & Colin	Reader: Angela
		Minister:	Marion	
		Counters:	Jackie & Colin	Cleaning: Ann & Garry
Sunday, 29th January	Mass	Greeters:	Carol & Angela	Reader: Mary
		Minister:	Maria	
		Counters:	Ken & Rosie	Cleaning: Rosie & Sheila

Your Prayers are requested for: Margaret Beresford; Rita; Michael B; Philip Joseph; Mary C A; Preethy Philip; Alphie George; Adam George; Luka George; Anne W; Janet C; Mary S; 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, Joseph D, Noel De L; Danny De L; Dianna B; Theresa D; Ron and Jean M; Claire D and Mrs C. Casey. All those in hospital or housebound and their carers. Peace in the Ukraine. *Please let Fr John know of anyone who would like to be remembered in our prayers.*

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*

CAFOD Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

THURSDAY EVENINGS You are welcome to join the Sisters at the Convent in Shirebrook on every Thursday at 7.30pm to reflect on the coming Sunday Readings.

NO TEA AND COFFEE THIS WEEKEND – WE ARE AWAITING HEATING REPAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL

FOOD BANK: *The cost of living crisis has meant that the number of people needing the emergency rations that the foodbank can offer has doubled recently. At the same time, donations have dramatically decreased. We need tinned hot and cold meat, tinned fish, tinned vegetables, coffee, tinned fruit, toiletries, cleaning materials and **particularly Size 5 or 6 nappies**. Thank you very much for your continued support. Please leave your donations in the porch of St Patrick's Church. For more information, please speak to Angela Grabowski.*

ALAN BAKER RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Alan Baker (Carol Hannah's father) who died recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with Alan's family.

THE FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMMES: For our children are beginning in the various communities of the Pastoral Area. We are inviting parishioners to pray especially for the children, their families and the Catechists. Each Sunday, we will be invited to pray the following prayer together at Mass. Please feel free to use the prayer during the week. The dates of the First Communion Enrolment Masses and First Communion celebration in each community will be published nearer the time.

Lord Jesus, We thank and praise you for the gift of our children. Be with them, their parents and catechists in our Pastoral Area, as they prepare in this year to encounter you more deeply in the Eucharist. May they come to know, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope, and love, so they may know peace, truth, and goodness. May their ears hear your voice. May their eyes see your presence in all things. May their lips proclaim your word. May their hearts be your dwelling place. May their hands do works of charity. May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ, today and always. Amen

JOHN EASTWOOD CHARITY FASHION SHOW: On **Thursday 26th January** 7pm to 9pm at St Philip Neri Hall. Please phone Lisa or Simran at the Hospice on 01623 622626, tickets £5.00 each. Refreshments served.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE: On **Sunday 22nd January** at 6.00 pm at St Peter's Church, Churchside, NG18 1AP. All welcome.

Diocesan E-news: Register via dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/maillinglist by scanning the QR code on the poster or e-mailing naomi.roberts@dioceseofnottingham.uk. Follow this link for details of the Formation for Mission events: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/formationformission. The November Update is now available.

SCHOOL NEWS: News of each school's activities is available on their respective websites.

FUNDRAISING: Cory and Debbie have re-introduced Bingo sessions on a Thursday at 7.00 pm at **10, Sixth Avenue, Forest Town**. Raffle and LOTTO Hotpicks prizes. Proceeds from the Bingo and the teas and coffees served after Mass on Sundays go to the Emily Harris Foundation. Cory has started a raffle during the tea and coffee session on a Sunday. Cory and Debbie's Christmas lights raised £190.00 for the Emily Harris Foundation.

WANTED: Sr Susan is collecting empty Steradent tubes/Vitamin C tubes. Please leave them at the back of church or into the parish office. Many thanks.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: *If anyone is interested in becoming a member and wish to visit in their own parish, they are welcome to attend St Philip Neri Conference meetings on a monthly basis. Please contact Mary Smith on tel: 01623 632910.*

THE SACRED HEART FATHERS AND BROTHERS (BETHARRAM) invite you to a 'Come and See Weekend' to explore the Gift of Vocation to the Religious Life and Priesthood. The Weekend will be held from **Friday (Evening) 24th February** to after lunch on **Sunday 26th February** at Shallowford House Retreat Centre, Staffordshire, ST15 0NZ. For more information, please contact Brother Andrew Ferris SCJ (br.andrewscj@holynam.org.uk) or Father Wilfred Joseph SCJ (wilfred15@hotmail.com)

CAPACITAR WELLNESS EXERCISE – a gentle approach to one's own self-care and well-being. **First Tuesday of every month, in St. Teresa's Church Hall, Market Warsop; 7.30pm – 8.30pm – no cost – just a donation. Come along and bring a friend.....**

MANSFIELD CHILDREN'S CHOIR: is an exciting opportunity for children in Mansfield to become singers of the future. Rehearsals will be in St Philip's Hall from 4.30 pm – 5.45 pm every Wednesday. To register your child please see website: <http://www.nottinghamcathedralmusic.com> Further details are on the poster in the church porch.

FINANCES: Sunday, 15th January Envelopes £258.66 Loose £99.39 Standing Orders £ 149.00 Total £507.05
Sick & Retired Priests Fund £152.61 Stipends £60.00

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