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WEEKLY BULLETIN 12th – 18th FEBRUARY 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

Sunday, 12th February	St Patrick's, Forest Town	11.00 am Mass	Angela Loftus RIP
Wednesday, 15th February	St Patrick's, Forest Town	9.15 am Mass	Fr James Hannigan RIP
Sunday, 19th February	St Patrick's, Forest Town	11.00 am Mass	David Riggott

ROTAS

Sunday, 12th February	Mass	Greeters:	Cory & Dilys	Reader: Karen
		Minister:	Andrew	
		Counters:	Angela & Andrew	Cleaning: Linda, Val & John
Sunday, 19th February	Mass	Greeters:	Kevin & Sheila	Reader: Ian
		Minister:	Mary	
		Counters:	Kevin & Sheila	Cleaning: Linda, Val & John

Your Prayers are requested for: Jennifer Davis; Margaret Beresford; Rita; Michael B; Philip Joseph; Mary C A; Preethy Philip; Alphy 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*

THE EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY AND NORTHERN SYRIA: No Doubt You Too Have Been Moved By The Situation That Millions Of People Are In Due To This Event. It Is Essential That We Pray For Them.

Following the earthquake which hit the north of the Middle East, we unite together in Prayer during these difficult times, for the souls of the victims, the healing of the wounded, and for all believers, cities and villages.

With one heart and humble spirit, we Pray together, O Lover of mankind and Creator of us all, sustain, save, have mercy, and preserve us with Your boundless grace, show us Your mercy, and do not hide Your face from us!

Save us, O Lord, for you are our strength and hope, and for we rely on You...

Glory to God forever.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY AND SYRIA

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. TERESA'S, WARSP: The Church was opened on the 18th February 1973 - 50 years ago. The Golden Jubilee will be celebrated in St. Teresa's next year. On Sunday, 19th February, there will be a celebration and refreshments after the 9.00 am Mass in the hall – you are welcome to join the celebration.

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.

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.*

THE JOURNEY TOWARDS ONE PARISH.... The Documentation for the move to ONE parish – with four churches - has been completed and is with the Diocese. Thank you for all your participation in the stages of reaching this point. It is greatly appreciated. We are now moving to the creation of ONE Parish Council. The PPC will be made up of representatives from each of the 4 communities as well as representatives from other groups in the Pastoral Area. In each community, there is now a CORE Group. These groups are open and if you wish to join a meeting, you are welcome. The dates and venues will be published in the newsletter. One Finance Committee, with representatives from each of the communities, will also be created in due course. We would like to acknowledge the contribution of the PPCs and Core Groups in Mansfield, Forest Town, Shirebrook and Warsop, as well as the Finance Committees and the Working Party. There will be a gathering for these on **Tuesday, 18th April** at 7.00pm in St. Philip Neri Church Hall.

CORE GROUP MEETINGS – these are open to anyone wishing to come – if they are via Zoom – the office will give you the link. The date for St Patrick's Core Group meeting will be announced shortly.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION PRAYER

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.

SCHOOL NEWS: News of each school's activities is available on their respective websites. St Patrick's School is looking for volunteer to help the pupils with various tasks. If you are interested, please contact the school office on 01623 478090.

FUNDRAISING: Bingo in the Church Hall at 7.00 pm on Thursdays and tea and coffee after Mass on Sunday. In aid of the Emily Harris Foundation.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY: CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day coming is soon (**Friday 3rd March**) If you would like to find out more about how CAFOD support our brothers and sisters around the world and this year's appeal, please feel free to come along to our Find Out More Session at CAFOD's Volunteer Centre, Bulwell, NG6 9ES on **Saturday 11th February**. We will start at 11.00am, followed by a shared lunch. For more details contact Will Cruddace, the Diocesan CAFOD worker, on 077100 94455 or nottingham@CAFOD.org.uk

THE NEXT ONLINE WARMER WELCOME WORKSHOP: Takes place on **Monday 13th February** at 7.00pm. Anyone involved in running a community café or drop-in from parish premises is welcome to this opportunity to exchange ideas and good practice. This workshop will include an opportunity to explore questions about your health and safety, food hygiene and insurance with Catherine Scholes from the Diocesan Property Department. To book visit bit.ly/WarmerWelcome

BROKEN AND SHARED: Is a free, five-session Lent Course looking at food, hospitality, poverty and the cost of living. It will be held on Thursday evenings, from **23rd February** in Cathedral Hall, Nottingham, from 7.30–9.00pm, and following the lent Sunday readings the sessions will explore the reasons for food poverty and how we can address it locally and globally. The course will be workshop-style with plenty of discussion. Bookings can be made by email to cathedral@dioceseofnottingham.uk or by telephone to 0115 953 9839 ext 7. More information is in the poster on the noticeboard.

JOEL'S BAR 2023 – AN EASTER RETREAT FOR 16-28 YEAR OLDS: Will be held between **Sunday 9th and Friday 14th April** at Worth Abbey. Tickets are now on sale for Joel's bar 2023, with bursary tickets available to those in financial difficulty. Visit @joelsbar on social media or joelsbar.co.uk for more information.

YOUTH 2000: Is recruiting for two full-time roles: head of operations and safeguarding; and head of mission and partnerships. For more information about each role, and for recruitment packs, please see: youth2000.org/jobs or for an informal conversation about either of the roles contact: jade@youth2000.org

LIVING LAUDATO SI' - YOUR PARISH AND YOUR PLANET: Is a weekend retreat on Zoom between **Friday 17th and Tuesday 21st February**, organised by the Catholic environmental project Journey to 2030. It will be introduced by Bishop Patrick and led by Sister Margaret Atkins from Boarbank Hall in Cumbria. With sessions spaced over four days, the programme features talks and discussions on Zoom, and practical activities at home, on living the message of Laudato Si' in and through your parish. For further details visit <https://journeyto2030.org/events/>

FINANCES: Sunday, 5th February Envelopes £200.60 Loose £ 130.20 Standing Orders £ 149.00 Total **£489.80**
Stipends £20.00 Diocesan Quota £20.00 oose Change Bottle £58.03 **Thank you for your generosity**

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