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WEEKLY BULLETIN 29th JANUARY – 4th FEBRUARY 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

Sunday, 29th January	St Patrick's, Forest Town	11.00 am Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Tuesday, 31st January	St Patrick's School	2.15 pm Mass	<i>School Community</i>
Wednesday, 1st February	St Patrick's, Forest Town	9.15 am Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday, 5th February	St Patrick's, Forest Town	11.00 am Mass	<i>Nellie Alexander Intentions</i>

ROTAS

Sunday, 29th January	Mass	Greeters:	Carol & Angela	Reader: Mary
		Minister:	Maria	
		Counters:	Ken & Rosie	Cleaning: Rosie & Sheila
Sunday, 5th February	Mass	Greeters:	Jackie & Colin	Reader: Ian
		Minister:	Pat	
		Counters:	Jackie & Colin	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.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS AS USUAL – THE BOILER HAS BEEN FIXED!!

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.*

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The Enrolment Mass will take place on **Sunday, 5th January** with weekly preparation sessions from 6th March. Preparation Masses will be held in St Patrick's on 23rd April and 14th May with the First Communion Mass at 10.00 am on Saturday, 10th June. Each Sunday, we will be invited to pray the following prayer together at Mass. Please feel free to use the prayer during the week.

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

An Invitation from the Presentation Sisters and Associates: Becoming an Associate is a call from God to live the Gospel life in relationship with a particular Religious Community and share in their spirituality and charism as lay women and men in the world. The call to commitment requires a desire to live the values and mission of the community. Being in association with the Presentation Sisters is a way of sharing in the spirit of their foundress Nano Nagle and the Sisters as they strive to live by Gospel Values following the charism of Nano and her vision. If you would like to know more about Nano Nagle and the Sisters and share in their mission to bring the good news to the poor, come along to the Convent in Shirebrook on **Thursday, 2nd February at 7p.m.- 8p.m.** to meet the Sisters and the Associates and discover who Nano was; what she stood for and how the Sisters continue her mission in our world today. (The Scripture sharing will form a part of this meeting).

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 in the Church Hall. 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.

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 23 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 9 and Friday 14 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](https://joelsbar.co.uk) on social media or joelsbar.co.uk for more information.

WORTH ABBEY: is looking to employ a number of young adults ("forerunners") who live and work at Worth. Applications are currently being sought for September for individuals interested in living in community, praying, receiving formation from both the chaplaincy and the monks at Worth Abbey, whilst also taking part in the mission to Worth school. This is a short-term mission, usually two years but it can be one year. Information can be found by visiting: <https://forerunners.worth.org.uk/> or by visiting www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/youth-minister-west-sussex-1762999

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@holyname.org.uk) or Father Wilfred Joseph SCJ (wilfred15@hotmail.com)

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, 22nd January Envelopes £150.00 Loose £83.93 Standing Orders £ 149.00 Total £382.93
Diocesan Quota £10.00 Sick and Retired Priests £2.00

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