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Following the recent announcement by the Government that public worship will be allowed, weekend Masses in our parish will recommence on Saturday, 5th December.

St Patrick's will be open for Private Prayer on Wednesdays as usual and Eucharistic Adoration on Saturdays.

Wednesday, 2nd December St Patrick's, Forest Town
Open for Private Prayer 10.00 am – 11.00 am
Saturday, 5th December St Patrick's Forest Town
Eucharistic Adoration and Private Prayer 11.00 am – 12.00 noon

THIS WEEK'S FEASTS:

Monday, 30th November	St Andrew (Apostle))
Thursday, 3rd December	St Francis Xavier (Priest)
Friday, 4th December	St John Damascene (Priest, Doctor)
Saturday, 5th December	St Patrick's, Forest Town 6.00 pm Mass
Sunday, 6th December	St Joseph's, Ollerton 9.00 am Mass
	St Patrick's, Forest Town 11.00 am Mass

LIVE MASS STREAMS THIS WEEK : Please refer to the Diocesan website for details of live-streamed Masses. Bishop Patrick's channel on YouTube also has details. See also www.mass-online.org or www.churchservices.tv and www.vaticannews.va for other live-streamed services and messages from Pope Francis

Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick or are recovering: Helen M, Fr John C, Fr John G.; Roy S, John R; Bridie W, Alan S, Sheila T, Ronald T, Diane J-B and all those suffering from the coronavirus. Please let Fr Paul know of anyone else who needs our prayers at this time.

POPE FRANCIS ENCYCLICAL "FRATELLI TUTTI": The Pope's latest message to the Church is now available on www.vatican.va

Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Each session involves a short film and time for discussion. It will be run in the Mansfield area on Tuesday evenings during Advent beginning 1st December. There is an invitation to anyone who would like to join with a view to watching the Advent series together online using Microsoft Teams. To join please e-mail ann@perkeo.co.uk.

VOCATIONS CAFÉ: Interested parishioners are invited to join the Vocations Team on Zoom on Tuesday, 1st December between 7.00 pm and 8.00 pm with a cup of coffee/tea for prayer and a chat about vocation and what it means. E-mail vocationsadmin@dioceseofnottingham.uk for Zoom link.

Jeff Cavins Bible Timeline Course: This online course started on 4th November. Details available on <https://comeandsee.org>

Spiritual Communion *There are times when people are unable to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, through illness or due to their personal disposition. Even though some may not receive 'sacramental' Communion, all are united in some way by the Holy Spirit. The traditional idea of 'spiritual' Communion is an important one to remember and reaffirm. A deep spiritual communion is possible even when we do not share together the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. (cf. Celebrating the Mass 212)*

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

With this our second lockdown, sadly the celebration of the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion have had to be postponed once again. Naturally, the children and their parents are upset. Please continue to pray for them. As soon as our churches are allowed to reopen for public worship, these sacraments will be celebrated. In the meantime, I will continue to work with the children until they have made their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. I do not want to leave the children without support from the church at this distressing time. Thank you for your prayers. Julia Melges

First Holy Communion preparation programme 2021

Some parents have been inquiring about the preparation programme timetable for the next cohort of children. At this time and until the current group of children have made their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, the next cohort of children cannot start their preparation programme. Be assured, their programme will start as soon as possible after the reopening of our churches. Thank you. Julia Melges

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS: Once Mass can be celebrated again, attendance in both churches will continue to be by pre-booking only. Booking details are on the front of this newsletter. It is on a first-come-first-served basis and a waiting list system will be in place so please contact us if, having booked, you are unable to attend. Social distancing will be set at 2m, so please observe this as you arrive and leave church. If you are in the extremely clinically vulnerable (shielding) category, then please continue to protect yourself by staying at home and praying for the parish community or a live streamed Mass. The Sunday obligation continues to be suspended, so if you are unsure about coming, do not feel under any obligation to attend. If you or someone in your household displays symptoms of Covid19, then please stay at home. Stewards will assist in arriving and leaving church to that people are kept safe. Parishioners are strongly advised not to car share or offer lifts to people outside their household. **Only funerals can now be celebrated in church but numbers are limited to 30.**

SCHOOL NEWS: For information on the schools' activities, please visit their respective websites. A number of vacancies exist within the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust and details can be found on <https://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/vacancies-and-recruitment>. Posts include Classroom teachers at St Patrick's, Forest Town and St Joseph's, Langwith Junction as well as a Midday Supervisor at St Philp Neri, Mansfield.

Our Lady of Lourdes CMAT Virtual Advent Liturgy - Tues 15th Dec, 7pm

The Lay Chaplains of the Our Lady of Lourdes CMAT would like to invite you to our Virtual Advent Liturgy on Tuesday 15th December at 7pm which will be hosted by each of the 21 schools that form our Catholic Multi-Academy Trust. To join the Liturgy follow this link: shorturl.at/pzGHN alternatively, go to our Trust Chaplaincy website - Be Inspirational - where you can also find the lyrics for Advent carols during the Liturgy: <https://www.beinspirational.co.uk/tues-15th-dec-7pm-olol-advent-liturgy/>

PARISH FINANCES: THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SET UP STANDING ORDER ARRANGEMENTS THUS FAR. The return of Mass in St Joseph's has helped as people have been generous in their donations but we are still a long way down on income compared to last year and expenses have not decreased by that amount. If you would like to set up a standing order to cover the amount you would usually put in the collection, please go to our website and click on the **News Page** where you will find a link to enable you to set up this payment. If you have any queries or experience difficulties, please contact Len Hutton. If you are unable to set up a Standing Order, perhaps you could set aside your weekly offering so that it can be collected when things return to something like normality. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE : Nicki Alison, 01623 230063

FOOD BANK APPEAL: Please continue to donate items for the Ollerton Food Bank which are all the more important at this time. There are no restrictions on what you can donate (including clothing). Please leave any donations in the box at the back of the church.

Items for inclusion in the newsletter can be e-mailed to Fr Paul or Ken Daly (kendaly@hotmail.co.uk) by Wednesday of each week