ACT NOW TO STOP DIY ABORTION UP TO BIRTH. MPs Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have both tabled amendments to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill that would decriminalise abortion. In different ways, they would essentially legalise DIY abortion up to birth, for any reason. Please contact your MP urgently, asking them to oppose these extreme and barbaric proposals. You can do this using SPUC's easy to use webtool, https://www.spuc.org.uk/ abortionamendments. The Bill will be debated on 15 May, so please contact your MP NOW. Also 2 positive amendments: Caroline Ansell MP (New Clause 15) that would reduce the abortion time limit to 22 weeks. the amendment tabled by Sir Liam Fox MP (New Clause 41), which will bring an end to the situation whereby babies diagnosed with Down syndrome can be aborted up to birth. This would be a step towards ending the discrimination against babies diagnosed with a disability in our current abortion law. Please pray or protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need see statement by Bishop John Sherrington: Bishop Sherrington "deeply alarmed" by two amendments to Criminal Justice Bill - Catholic Bishops' Conference (cbcew.org.uk)

Afternoon tea for two in aid of "Rickshaw rides for education" in memory of Matthew Liddle: Matthew and his friends had planned to raise money by completing a Rickshaw run in India in September to provide education opportunities for young girls in much less fortunate circumstances. His friends will now complete this in his honour. Wednesday 22nd of May 2024 12pm – 4pm at Marston Trussell Hall. £15 for 2 people. Tickets available from Saint Joseph's school office and playground before and after school. Also from Ali Whelan 07973 371001.

THE LADIES MIDSUMMER LUNCH in support of Saint Joseph school will be on Thursday the 13th of June 2023 at Marston Trussell Hall at 12:00 – 4.00pm. Tickets are £40. For tickets please contact Kate Crawford 01858 446873.

HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION: We continue our holy Hour on Thursdays: With Exposition from 7.00pm: There will be some meditations and finishing with Benediction about 7.50pm. The Eucharist and the Real presence of our Lord in is so important for us. The opportunity to come and pray with Our Lord when the Blessed Sacrament exposed is a source of special graces. For families with Children Why not one of the parents come and pray for the whole family for a time during the hour?.

<u>MAY</u>	EUCHARISTIC		MINISTERS		ROTA		
	6 p.m.		10 a.m.				
11/12 May	S Jones				P Green		K Crawford
18/19 May	J Lowe		C McInnes		J O'Leary		S McGlone
25/26 May	B Phillips		T Page		T Ruane		J Shellard
FINANCE	5/05/24	READERS					
Envelopes	£248.48			Sat. 6.00pm		Sunday	10.00am
Loose	£280.43	11/12 May		N Williamson		R Lewin	M Lewin
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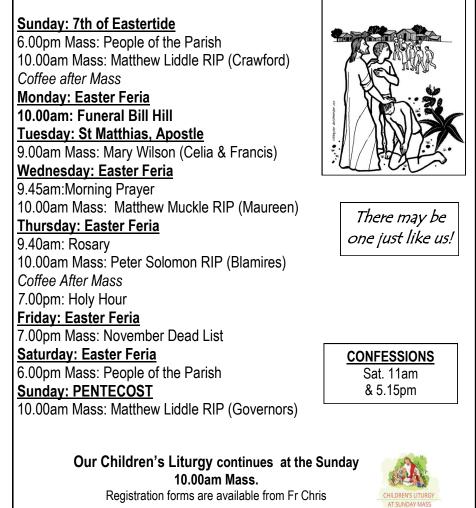
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TIMES OF SERVICES



<u>FR CHRIS WRITES</u>: There is a 2nd collection for Communications Sunday for all the National work on communicating the faith in all areas. this weekend

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE WISDOM OF THE HEART: Towards a Fully Human Communication This year, we celebrate World Communications Day in our parishes on Sunday, 12 May. Pope Francis, in his message for the day, focuses on Artificial Intelligence – in particular its impact on information technology and communications. The Holy Father examines the opportunities presented by AI, but also the ethical dimension that impacts greatly on our quest for authentic human communication. This technology can be of enormous value to us, but we must identify clear boundaries as to what serves the common good, and what should be avoided. You can read the full message here: cbcew.org.uk/wcd24papal-message/

SAFEGUARDING SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Safe Places – a free and independent support service that provides a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused through their relationship with the Catholic Church. Phone 0300 303 1056 Email: <u>safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk</u>

The Bower House – Harborough Christian Counselling Service offers counselling to those who live in the Harborough District 01858 469257

NAPAC offers support and advice to adult survivors of childhood abuse 0808 8010331 Spiritual Abuse - <u>www.spiritualabuse.com</u>

Action on Elder Abuse Helpline - 0808 808 8141

Bill Hill's funeral will be on **Monday 13th May at 10.00am**. Also **Lindsay Pollard, husband** of Amelita, died last week. His funeral Mass will be on Friday 24th May at 10:30am. they all rest in peace.

EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR SUDAN: CAFOD on behalf on Caritas(Catholic international aid) are having an emergency appeal for Sudan. The Crisis is urgent. The Bishop has asked us to have a second collection. We will have it on 19th May. I shall send some money in advance as the situation is desperate.

<u>WALSINGHAM 2024</u>: Join people from around the Diocese of Nottingham for the annual **Pilgrimage to Walsingham**. Gather together with Bishop Patrick on **Saturday 15th June** at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham as we seek Our Lady of Walsingham's intercession for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life in our Diocese. **Could we get a coach together? Please sign up if you are interested**

<u>Message from LRITT Part of St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi Academy</u> <u>Trust:</u> Are you or a family member interested in training to teach? We are looking for new aspiring teachers to recruit for our Train to Teach one year programme. You will need a Degree and the following qualifications to teach: For more information, please visit our Train to Teach page <u>www.lrtshub.org.uk</u> or call us on 0116 3033744."



On **Monday 20th May at 11.50am** you are invited to join Bishop Patrick in <u>PRAYER FOR</u> <u>PEACE</u>. This short period of prayer is a schools' response to the various conflicts affecting thousands of people across the world, especially in Sudan, Gaza and Ukraine. Joining together in prayer will be a powerful way of showing solidarity with those suffering in these countries. Please join with Bishop Patrick in praying the Angelus and CAFOD's Prayer, 'Peace is...'. This on-line event can be accessed via the link below, with cameras and micro-phones automatically turned off to ensure the safeguarding of all students: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%

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Bishop Patrick invites you to a free online webinar, on Tuesday 21st May, 6.00 – 8.00pm, led by best-selling author and eminent speaker Sherry Weddell. Sherry has developed numerous unique formation resources that are used around the world, and she will share her inspirational ideas on how Catholics can explore their Mission to bring all people closer to Christ. The seminar will be particularly relevant to parish catechists, teachers, pastoral ministers, religious, priest and deacons, and parishioners who wish to know more about evangelisation. This seminar will help re-energise Catholics to be strong Missionary Disciples. Don't miss this opportunity to attend this free event: register at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/ events/sw. Sherry Weddell is co-founder and co-Director of the Catherine of Siena Institute. Sherry is the author of 'Forming Intentional Disciples'; 'Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples'; and 'Fruitful Discipleship: Living the Mission of Jesus in the Church and in the World'

VICTORY PRZE DRAW: Winners May 2024 Winners:1st Prize £60 J Loakes ticket number 62; 2nd Prize £25 T Connolly ticket number 253; 3rd Prize £15 M O'Malley ticket number 139. Many thanks.

There **are New Year Books** available for £6 with a few articles and of course obituaries from last year.

Are you or a family member interested in training to teach? We are looking for new aspiring teachers to recruit for our Train to Teach one year programme. You will need a Degree and the following qualifications to teach: For more information, please visit our Train to Teach page <u>www.lrtshub.org.uk</u> or call us on 0116 3033744."

CONFIRMATION 2024: We are due to prepare our children for Confirmation. We aim to do this every three years . I am hoping that Bishop Patrick will come in the Autumn in October. I would like to a get a group together who might be Interested in helping with catechesis, If you would like to help please contact or



email Fr Chris. We are also looking for an organiser for this. Parishpriest@olvic.com As for all these roles we need to do a DBS