

		Sat. 6.00 pm	Sunday, 9.00 am	11.00 a.m.
Readers	23/24 July	C. Baldam	C. Reed	M. Douglas
		E. Andrews	S. Acton	M. Lewin

FR CHRIS' THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY

Our opening prayer of the mass speak to us as we ask God for mercy that with him as our ruler and God we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. On this 2nd annual day of celebration of Grandparents and the Elderly, we celebrate the great gift of the elderly for their families and others. Especially the gift they are to the young to be able to share with them the gift of their wisdom and lived experience. The elderly can point to what endures from their experiences. These are both the failures and successes that give wisdom. Above all that the young may use the many good things of this world properly and in the thought of Tolkien in Lord of the rings, not be possessed by them. They can be enticing for the superficial joy that they present which does not last and can lead to cynicism and even despair. The elderly, who have to slow down, can offer something to our young who are often overtaken by the frenetic pace of the world as The older generation have great blessings to bestow.

Pope Francis in his [message](#) for this day says: *Old age is no time to give up and lower the sails, but a season of enduring fruitfulness: a new mission awaits us and bids us look to the future. He highlights that our world needs a revolution of tenderness. Tenderness comes from an experience of our redeemed weakness. The Lord has forgiven our sins and we experience him walking with us in our frailties and struggles. This is the experience of the Father's tenderness which we can pass on to others. Our world needs to learn to regard others as true brothers and sisters. The Holy father writes: We grandparents and elderly people have a great responsibility: to teach the women and men of our time to regard others with the same understanding and loving gaze with which we regard our own grandchildren. We ourselves have grown in humanity by caring for others, and now we can be teachers of a way of life that is peaceful and attentive to those in greatest need. The Holy Father is alert to the dangers in our world following the pandemic and of course the present wars in the world and the economic and financial crisis in many parts. This can lead to a hardness of heart in respect of others when tenderness is needed.*

For this tenderness, grandparents and our elderly need to *cultivate prayer and the interior life for which they have more time: reading the word of God, reception of the sacraments and participation in the liturgy. Our prayer purifies the heart. It prevents our hearts becoming hardened by cynicism and selfishness which can be a danger of old age and writes off the young. This helps us to be a centre of tranquil calm for others.*

Our readings today encourage us to be persistent in our prayer and intercede for others. Our world needs this. The great example is Benedict XVI who has dedicated his time since retiring to prayer for the Church and the World. This is a vital mission that the elderly have especially those who are housebound. The prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others. The elderly can be the enduring chorus of prayer that sustains those who toil in the field of life. They can pray for those who cannot or indeed will not pray. What an act of love! They pray for all in need above all for those who endure the worse suffering that of being far from God as did Abraham an image of Christ. This is the worse margin of society. There is great evil about, and the battle needs to be sustained by prayer. We stand at a point of crisis or decision for our world. The fate of many hangs in the balance. The cry of the elderly for mercy on behalf of the world is vital.



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24th July 2022
 17th Week of Ordinary Time
 Psalter Week, 1

Times of Services

Sunday: 17th of Ordinary Time

Sat. 6.00pm: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)
 9.00am Mass: People of the Parish
 11.00am Mass: Personal

Monday: St James, Apostle

9.00am Mass: Anne Hill (Joan)

Tuesday: St Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00am Mass: Personal Int

Wednesday: Feria

10.00am Mass: Personal Int

Thursday: Feria

10.00am Mass: Philip Danks RIP (Mary)

Friday: Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus

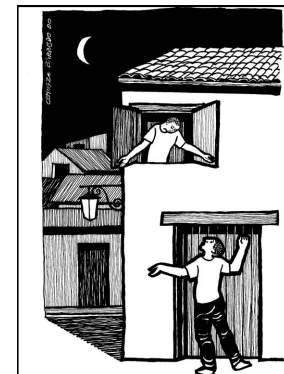
7.00pm Mass: Persona Int

Saturday: Feria

6.00pm Mass: Father Anthony Brunning RIP

Sunday: 18th Week of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish
 11.00am Mass: Helen & Peter Green 40th Anniv



Ask,, and it shall be given to you.

CONFESSIONS
 11am &
 5.15 -5.45pm
 Saturdays

Rosary at 4.30pm - This Week .

PLEASE NOTE: Booking is no longer needed for Masses. However, please sanitise as you enter the church and we encourage people to wear masks but please respect those who do not. Please to not come to Mass if you have any symptoms of a viral infection

FR CHRIS WRITES: Last year the Pope established World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Pope Francis has decided to institute a Church-wide celebration of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. It will be held on the fourth Sunday of July, 24th July close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Identifying with the more senior members of our society, he says "The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!" The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is: "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15). See: the [congregation for the family and Laity](#)

PLEASE PRAY FOR Tom & Rosie Mochan who lost their 2 year old baby William this week, Also Patricia Fisher from Kibworth died. Her mother was Cora Bromley. Her funeral Liturgy will be on the 5th August 2022 at 2.00pm.

SPUC: A Coffee Day at 56 Granville Street for the Protection of the Unborn Saturday 30th July from 10.00am – 5.00pm with Coffee and Strawberry cake. All are welcome to Bill & Eileen's home.

HOLIDAY AT HOME is being run again this year from Monday 1st to Friday 5th August at the Methodist Church from 9.30 to 1.00pm. This is for senior citizens of all faiths and none. Transport can be arranged. The cost is £5 per person including lunch and coffee on arrival. To book a place phone Christine on 01858 410878. If no reply, leave your name and phone number so we can ring you back"

IRELAND PILGRIMAGES REUNION: Thursday 8th September in Lutterworth. 10.30am Parish mass followed by coffee. Catch up and buffet lunch. parking at the church which is right next to Father John Joe's house at 28 Bitteswell road, Lutterworth, LE174EY. please tell any former pilgrims who you think might be able to come. Some people may need a lift if you can offer one. See poster in the porch.

CLERGY CHANGES: There are various priests who are retiring this summer and autumn. We thank them and wish them well: Canon Michael Brown (31st August); Father James (Jim) Cahill (3rd October) – our former Parish Priest. Father Michael Eastwood (September); Monsignor John Hadley (3rd October; although continuing as Chancellor, and Adjunct Vicar Judicial); Father Peter Ingman (31st May; previously notified); Monsignor John Lally (September); Father Peter Wade (15th August). Fr Peter will be coming into our area later in the Autumn. We look forward to welcoming him. There are therefore various moves this September. I will put the info in the Newsletter over the coming weeks.

THE NDCYS (Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service) continues to push the boundaries and explore new ways of delivering engaging and accessible Catholic Youth Ministry to the young people it serves. From October they are seeking to appoint a new **Director of Youth Services** to drive their work forward and to ensure the service delivery meets the needs of young people. Your skill, experience and vision will be crucial to the success of the service and you'll have the privilege of leading and caring for a team of skilled, passionate and talented staff. For more information visit www.ndcys.com

KEY HOLDERS: We need to establish a list of key holders to Parish Property. I do not have one. Could those who hold keys to the Church Hall or Presbytery let me know what keys they hold. Many thanks

PETER AND HELEN GREEN invite you for Tea and Cake at their home, 17, Rhodes Close, M.H. LE16 9FB on Sunday July 31st between 2pm and 5pm to celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary. Everyone welcome to pop in.

NEW DAWN 2022 (The New Dawn in the Church) a Catholic Family Pilgrimage Conference (charismatic), is taking place from Monday 1st until Friday 5th August at the Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham. More information can be found in the video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=BHK2b6mqel or at www.newdawn.org.uk



CATHOLIC VOICES and WORD ON FIRE are hosting a conference called **Sharing the Church's Story**. Join Catholics who are passionate about the renewal of the Church in the UK, and a host of dynamic speakers including Bishop Robert Barron. This conference is for all: volunteers, parents, catechists, clergy, and religious. The Conference is being held on Saturday 17th September, 10.00am – 6.00pm, at Friends House, Euston Road, London; more details at: www.sharingthechurchsstory.com

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY - New admissions 2023: We are delighted to be holding an Open Morning on Friday the 16th of September to welcome parents / guardians and children who are looking for school places for August 2023. Please come along to see our wonderful school.

Refreshments 9 - 9:30am, Welcome from Mrs. Dabbs, Headteacher 9:30, Tours of school 9:45 - 11am

No bookings are necessary; please contact Mrs Liddle at the school office if you have any questions or would like to arrange an alternative time. 01858 465359 office@stjosephs.leics.sch.uk

JUBILEE FOOD BANK: You are asked to leave food bank items in the trolleys at various supermarkets when you shop. Refill Revolution at the Eco Village, Sainsbury's, Waitrose, Both Coop supermarkets, B&M, Nationwide, Coop, Great Glen cf <https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk/>

**JUBILEE
FOODBANK**

Shopping List: MOST NEEDED--URGENT: Tomatoes (tinned), Rice pudding (tinned) Jam Chicken in white sauce (tinned) Hot dogs Beans with sausage (tinned) Packets of rice, 500g Sweetcorn (tinned) Custard Other beans: chickpeas, red kidney beans...Spam/Ham (tinned) Corned Beef (tinned) **We are also short of:** Tinned red meat such as bolognaise or stewed beef Carrots (tinned) Fruit (tinned) Coffee Crackers Sugar (small bags--500g) Smash/powdered mashed potato Sandwich paste in small jars Fray Bentos pies Tinned Ham Tinned peas Pasta sauce UHT juice or bottles of squash Baked beans: after a long time saying we have too many, we now need a few more. Thank you for checking our lists. Jars of curry sauce to go with rice UHT Semi-Skimmed milk UHT Whole milk Tinned potatoes Tinned meatballs. Used, clean and strong carrier bags/Bags for life.

THIRD WORLD GROUP: Due to the ongoing limitations on social events for fund-raising, our main source of income at the moment is selling items on eBay, but our stock is dwindling. If we are to keep our promises to our beneficiaries we must maintain this activity. Please look through your cupboards, drawers, lofts, even sheds and garages, for good quality items that you no longer need. Clothing is the most popular but anything as long as it is in good condition and still has some value. Our box is under the table opposite the noticeboard in the cloister.