

REFURBISHMENT OF PARISH ARTEFACTS: Thank you to all who have made donations towards the refurbishment of our artefacts. To date some £1083.75 including Gift Aid has been donated towards the cost.

Total to be Raised	£6515.00
Sum Raised	£1083.75
To be raised	£5431.25

Please do consider making a donation. Sincerely, Canon Geoffrey

PLANNED-GIVING ENVELOPES: There are about 40+ Planned-Giving Envelopes awaiting collection. These are available by the display board in the Church. If you have decided, however, to contribute by Standing Order and no longer require a set of Envelopes, please let Canon Geoffrey or Tina McCarthy know. Thank you.

300 CLUB: Application Forms are also available by the display board in the Church. If you are not a member please consider becoming a member the subscription is £5 per number per month, which is paid via Standing Order.

The Cash Prizes are: £ 100.00 weekly
£ 200.00 monthly
£1,500.00 yearly

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: From w/c 12 July 2021 there will be an evening Mass celebrated each Tuesday evening at 7.00pm; this is in place of the Tuesday morning 9.30am Mass.

NURSING HOME/CARE HOME/HOUSE VISITS: There has been some reduction in restrictions for home visiting by our Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the sick and housebound of our Parish. I know that those who have been unable to get to church and have relied upon the Ministry of our Ministers are pleased to be able to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion again. My thanks to all our Extra-Ordinary Ministers and to those Ministers who feel they are able to resume their ministry according to the protocols which have been issued by the Diocese. Any of our Ministers considering resuming visits are asked, in the first instance, to contact Linda Heaver if they require any advice. Canon Geoffrey

MAINTENANCE WORKS: I have received a quotation for a replacement Parish Fire Alarm Control Panel which I have accepted. I am awaiting a date from the installers for it to be fitted. Likewise, I have received a quotation from Dyno-rod for the cleaning and inspection of all gutters, drainpipes and drains around all our buildings. I have accepted their quotation and works will commence on Tuesday 1 June 2021. Canon Geoffrey

MESSAGE TO EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION IN LINCOLNSHIRE PARISHES: After fifteen months during which most of us have been unable to offer our usual support in our parish communities, we must all be hoping that 'normal service will resume as soon possible'. We would usually renew our commitment to this service during Holy Mass at or around the feast of Corpus Christi, but with continuing limits on numbers allowed into churches and with some EMs – especially those sheltering vulnerable family or friends – still avoiding busier Masses, it may be difficult for everyone to do so. I am happy to be able to tell you that the 11.00am Mass on 6 June at Saint Peter and Saint Paul's Church in Lincoln, will be offered for the county's EMs and will be transmitted live online and will include the annual renewal of commitment, so that anyone who wishes to can join in.

VACANCIES WITHIN THE DIOCESAN CURIA FORMATION: **Communication and Website Administrator** This role will support the work of the Communications, Formation for Mission and other outreach departments of the Diocesan Curia. The role entails providing communication assistance, course & event coordination and general office duties. Salary: £20-£23,000 per annum dependant on qualifications and experience. **Finance Assistant (OPAS)** This role is primarily concerned with supporting parishes with the production of financial information using the Diocesan Online Parish Administration System (OPAS). This is not technical IT support. The objective is to help parishes to record financial data in a timely and compliant manner. Training in OPAS and Diocesan financial procedures will be provided. Frequent travel across the Diocese will be required. Salary: £22-£25,000 per annum dependant on qualifications and experience For information and an application pack email: office@dioceseofnottingham.uk Closing date 20th June 2021

GROW AND SUPPORT YOUR PARISH: This summer may the Holy Spirit help us grow as a community and glorify God through prayer, helping people in need and supporting our parish. We can all grow in faith, hope and love by supporting one another in prayer. I have sown sunflower seeds to plant in four pots of varying colour: black, green, terracotta and grey and invite you to pick one or more pots to dedicate to a person or intention you want to pray for (eg family members, parish renewal, The Priests, Deacons and Religious in Lincoln). Then from Pentecost Sunday pray daily to the Holy Spirit for your intentions and those of others who

part and add a prayer that they won't be eaten by slugs or snails! For support with prayer and to follow the progress of the sunflowers visit: www.JustGiving.com, search 'hope in hard times' and click on the sunflower. If you would like to make a donation either go online to the JustGiving webpage above (in aid of the charity Samaritans) or in appreciation for the role of the parish in your life, a donation for parish funds (placed in an envelope marked "sunflower") can be handed to Jo, Canon Geoffrey or to Tina in the office. Hopefully together we can produce a wonderful bouquet of prayers, flowers and gifts to present to Our Lady on the Feast of the Assumption. To God be the glory.

CALLING CHILDREN TO COLOUR AND PRAY: Parents, your children are the future of the parish, please encourage them to pray and be part of the parish community by joining in with "Grow and support your parish". Please take home a paper sunflower for them to colour in (or draw/make their own) and write their prayer in the centre of the flower. If they would like to share their prayer and allow other parishioners to enjoy their creations and pray for their intentions, bring back the completed picture (add name and age if happy to), hand to a steward and it will be displayed on the notice board in the entrance.

CALLING KNITTERS AND CRAFTERS! For the Feast of the Assumption, as part of "Grow and support your parish" we would like to make a beautiful display around the statue of Our Lady and need your help - anyone who can knit or crochet or felt or sew and would like to get involved, please create sunflowers (without stalks) of varying sizes and place in a bag marked Jo or hand in to Tina at the Parish Office.

CALLING THE HOUSEBOUND AND SICK: The vital organs of a body are hidden, so too it is with you in the parish; within the 'cloister' of your own home, you are able to pray and offer up your suffering to the Lord, without ceasing. Your help is very much needed - please include within your offerings all the prayer intentions of those taking part in 'Grow and support your parish' and ask the Holy Spirit to help us grow as a community and glorify God through prayer, helping people in need and supporting our parish. See parish website for details.

PLANT A PRAYER: Calling parishioners willing to commit to praying for the future of the parish and mission/witness of the Catholic community in our area, as part of **Grow and support your Parish** (see parish website). Each person will commit to pray initially for 3 months about one theme eg identity, community, gifts. If interested, or for further information, please email Jo at: plantaprayer@yahoo.com

MESSAGE FROM CAFOD: India is facing a devastating second wave of corona virus. The country has confirmed more than 20 million cases and more than 200,000 deaths, with some reports concerned that the number of deaths is just the tip of the iceberg, due to under reporting. The pandemic has put a strain on the medical infrastructure of the country, with hospitals unable to cope with the influx of patients. You can make a donation to this appeal via the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give> or you can put your donation in the collection bag when you come to church, please mark the envelope 'CAFOD India' and we will make sure they receive your donation.

FLYMO EASI GLIDE 300V CORDED HOVER LAWNMOWER: Fr Eddy is selling a nearly new lawnmower - hardly used - still in its box! He will be donating the money from the sale to the Tower Fund. No reasonable offer refused. If you are interested contact Noel on 07914 501706.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM – ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOP:

At Mass last weekend we heard a Pastoral letter about the urgent need for us all to protect and care for God's gift of Creation. Our new diocesan Caritas network, also launched last weekend, is hosting a workshop 'Renewing the face of the Earth' online and will help us explore the many ways in which we can respond, as individuals, as parishes and as a diocese: on **Tuesday 8th June** from 7-8.30pm. Please register at dioceseofnottingham.uk/environment

ST PETER & ST PAUL'S PRAYER GROUP: Meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month on Zoom. You would be very welcome to join us. Next meetings **8th and 22nd June** from 7.30-9pm at the latest. **ID- 498 066 3426 Password- 999198.**

LOOKING AHEAD: 21st June, please God will see further relaxations of Corona Virus restrictions. 29th June is our Patronal Feast Day, and I am more than hoping that the weekend before after the 11am Mass on the Sunday, i.e. **27th June** we will be able to gather together, complying with any remaining restrictions to celebrate and give thanks to God and enjoy each other's company in the Parish grounds – please put this in your diaries and watch this space! **Canon Geoffrey**

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment 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