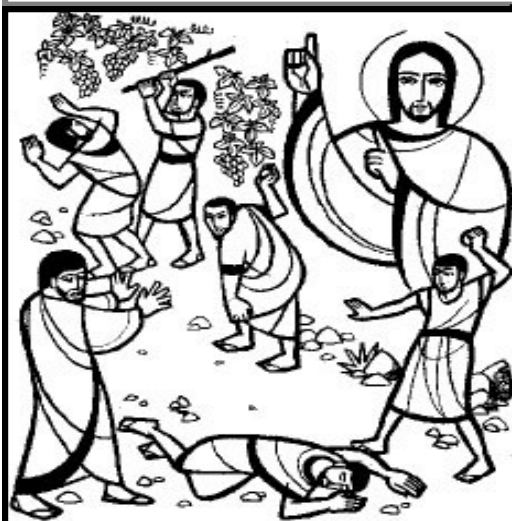




PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twenty-seventh Sunday (a)
Oct 4th 2026



"O Lord, support us all the day long,
 until the shadows lengthen
 and the evening comes,
 and the busy world is hushed,
 and the fever of life is over,
 and our work is done;
 then Lord, in thy mercy,
 grant us a safe lodging,
 a holy rest,
 and peace at the last,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen."

*He will let out the vineyard
 to other tenants*

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 4th	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) donor's int 11am (HAD) for the parish	2pm BB council meeting
Mon 5th	feria /St Faustina 9.30 (HAD) Philip Revell RIP (fam)	
Tues 6th	feria /St Bruno 9.30 (HAD) Catherine Reay (CF)	
Weds 7th	Our Lady of the Rosary 11.30 (HAD) Graham Brocklehurst (D&JW)	
Thurs 8th	feria 9.00 (HAD) Edith Green RIP (KMH)	Deanery mtg : Hassop
Fri 9th	ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN 9.30 (BB) Lorraine Doodson RIP (KMH)	
Sat 10th	St Paulinus 9.30 (HAD) private int (CF) 10.30-11.30 (HAD) : Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.	
Sun 11th	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) James Keane RIP (MR) First Holy Communion enrolment	

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY (A)

Psalter Week 3

INTRODUCTION The church rejoices to be the vineyard of the Lord. But much tilling and seeding is needed.

FIRST READING : Is 5 : The vineyard is in the Lord's own keeping

RESPONSE : THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD IS THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL

SECOND READING : Philippians 4 : The God of peace will be with you!

GOSPEL : Mt 21 : The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Comm. Ant. Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND and ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Please remember to support and pray for those listed as sick and housebound in our parish: Peter James, Isabella Phillips, Arthur King, Val Gebbett, Rita Dwyer, Colin Orr, Mike Lally, Jacob Ibbotson, Diane Wilson, Jean Ashton, Keith Winston, Joan Hill.

And our deceased clergy & parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time: Rev John Sullivan, Louis Williamson, James Lynch, Hermann Sabela, Ambrose Steen, James Beel; *Margaret Durman, May Green, Mary Graham, Josie Cannon, Tony Perry: May eternal light shine on them: may they rest in peace : Amen*

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND We celebrate the 27th Sunday in ordinary time. The feast of St Francis of Assisi is subsumed by the Sunday celebration.

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son. After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent. In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question. Today's Gospel has a parallel in St Mark's version. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbours can also be heard in today's reading. This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

SAINT OF THE WEEK St John Henry Newman was born on 21 February 1801 in London, England. As an Anglican clergyman for over twenty years he won renown as a preacher and theologian. A Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, he became one of the leaders of the Oxford Movement and a prominent figure in the Church of England. On 9 October 1845 he was received into full communion with the Catholic Church by Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Passionist Congregation. After a period of study in Rome he was ordained priest on 30 May 1847. Returning to England he established the Oratory of Saint Philip Neri in Birmingham. He was an influential writer on many subjects, most notably the development of Christian doctrine, the true understanding of conscience, faith and reason, the role of the laity, and university education. In 1879 he was created Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII and given the title of San Giorgio in Velabro. He died in the Birmingham Oratory on 11 August 1890. He was

beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on 19 September 2010 and canonised by Pope Francis on 13 October 2019.

THE LATE Edith Green's funeral rites are to be celebrated on Weds 14th Oct at 11am at St Charles.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles: 1st (£40) Fr Don; 2nd (£20) S Shaw; **Broadbottom:** 1st (£40) C Norton; 2nd (£20) D Smith;

ST CHARLES PARISH PRAYER Voting will close this Sunday, 4th October.

LABEL SUNDAY will be next Sunday 11 October.

STANDING ORDERS: Immaculate Conception : Sort Code 30-13-32 A/c "St Margaret's church/ collection (or tote)" 00510567. St Charles : Sort Code 30-13-32 A/c "St Charles church/collection (or tote)" 00269177.

SAFEGUARDING If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact Karen our joint-parishes PSR. Email: Karen.ProctorPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk; / phone 07513 725411.

OPEN DOORS It is good that at BB there are plans for a time of exposition & adoration after the first Friday morning Mass. It is equally good that on Saturday mornings at St Charles the extraordinary Eucharistic ministers facilitate Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.15 to 11.15.

MISSIO MONTH Maureen B writes "As well as being the Month of the Holy Rosary, October is also Mission's Month and this year is the 100th year of the missions and 90 years since the Pope established Missio. The work of our missionaries is still desperately needed. If you have a Missio Red Box please bring it in during this month for emptying. Thank you."

CAFOD envelopes may be left in the collection basket or bag.

PRISONERS Sunday is honoured next weekend.

YOU ARE THE CHURCH: "SPANNED" AT 50 On Saturday 26 September at the Catholic church in Hinckley, around 250 people gave thanks for fifty years of SPANNED, which supports people with additional needs across the diocese. Every member had a part in the Mass, the names of 340 friends who have died were placed one by one into a bowl, and Bishop Patrick told the members they have taught the whole diocese what welcome looks like when it is real. Want to be part of it, as a member, a family or a volunteer? Fr Frank would love to hear from you at frank.daly@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

BISHOP'S STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE:

"MARRIAGE IS A LIFELONG VOCATION of a man and a woman to a community of life and love open to children, and, between the baptized, it is a Sacrament. Aware of the many pressures today which can endanger family life, the Church is constantly concerned to make sure that those of you planning to marry are prepared as well as possible. We would like to remind those who wish to marry of the following:

1. It is important that a couple go to see their priest in good time before their wedding. Normally, at least six months' notice should be given.

2. Marriage preparation is carried out by the priest, often assisted by a group from the parish.

Courses arranged on a Deanery basis are recommended.

3. Catholics are reminded of their obligation to preserve their faith and to do all they can within the unity of their partnership to have all their children baptized and brought up in the faith and practice of the Catholic Church.

4. Non-Catholic partners will be informed of this promise, but they are not asked to make this or any similar promise.

5. Dispensation for a marriage between a Catholic and a non-Catholic to take place in a non-Catholic church can only be granted for a serious reason. Couples who wish to marry in a non-Catholic church should discuss the matter with their priest in good time before their wedding day to see whether a dispensation could be granted.

All couples marrying these days need the support of the local Church. In this way they will be strengthened in their preparation for marriage, in celebrating their marriage, and in living out their covenant with one another. We thank all those married people who show such constancy and fidelity to their vocation of marriage. May their example inspire those planning to marry in the Church."

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME - AUTUMN 2027 Blessed Nicholas Garlick parish in Glossop is considering organising a pilgrimage to Rome, and they want to gauge how much interest there would be if it were to proceed. The cost of a Monday to Friday pilgrimage with flights, dinner, bed and breakfast is likely to be in the range of £1,200 / £1,600 per person. They would try to arrange flights from Manchester and have a tour guide to assist pilgrims. To express your interest please email rome2027@glossopcatholics.org.uk. People who express an interest now will receive priority booking access if the pilgrimage goes ahead.