

Parish of Saints Peter and Paul, Lincoln

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Second Sunday of the Year - 14th & 15th January 2012

Thought for the Week:

As the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Wednesday we are mindful of the quest for unity which is incumbent upon each one of us.

The particular history of Poland gives rise to emphases within the worship material provided by the churches in Poland for this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The secular and ecclesiastical histories of Poland intertwine. The Polish writers remind us of “the many times that Poland was invaded, the partitions, oppression by foreign powers and hostile systems. The constant striving to overcome all enslavement and the desire for freedom are features of Polish history which have led to significant changes in the life of the nation.” **The secular history** has prompted a particular perspective for the issue of church unity. “As we pray for and strive towards the full visible unity of the church we – and the traditions to which we belong – will be changed, transformed and conformed to the likeness of Christ. The unity for which we pray may require the renewal of forms of Church life with which we are familiar. This is an exciting vision but it may

fill us with some fear!” Poland, like many other nations, has a chequered history of religious tolerance, but now displays a generosity of spirit leading to an understanding that change is necessary for unity to happen. The – often heartbreaking – history of the Polish nation makes such a perspective all the more inspiring.

The Polish churches’ choice of subjects for the Eight Days of reflection offers an insight into the whole process of diverse and distinct churches moving towards unity. The words in



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Each year we celebrate the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** from 18 - 25 January, ending on the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. This day is traditionally associated with the bringing together of Christians, after the example of St Paul who had his conversion, his change of heart, on the Road to Damascus (cf Acts 9:1-9).

The call to Ecumenism is one that is the responsibility of each one of us: it is not an optional extra of Christianity, but rather a fundamental part of what we believe and what we proclaim. We are called to make a reality that prayer of Jesus when he said:

“May they all be one. Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me (John 17:21). The Catechism tells us that “The desire to recover the unity of all Christians is a gift of Christ and a call of the Holy Spirit” (820) and that part of our “adequate response” to this call must involve “prayer in common . . . Regarded as the soul of the whole ecumenical movement” (821).

We are invited to join our fellow Christians in public worship throughout the City of Lincoln during this Week, with services being held in different churches each day:

Wednesday 18th January at 7.00pm

The Orthodox Church (St.Matthias), Burton Rd. LN1 3TX

Thursday 19th January at 12 noon

Lincoln Baptist Church, Croft Street, LN2 5AX

Friday 20th January at 12 noon

Trinity United Reformed Church, Garmston St., LN2 1HZ

Saturday 21st January at 12 noon

St. Peter at Gowts Church, High Street, LN5 7SR

Sunday 22nd January at 3.00pm

Central Methodist Church, High Street, LN5 7PR

Monday 23rd January at 12 noon

Society of Friends (Quakers) Park Street, LN1 1UR

Tuesday 24th January at 12 noon

Our Lady of Lincoln Catholic Church, Loughton Way LN2 2HE

Wednesday 25th January at 12 noon

The Salvation Army Citadel, High Street, LN5 7PY

There will be a special service of **Evensong at Lincoln Cathedral, every day at 5.30 pm** (except for Sunday 22nd) during the Week of Prayer.

Parish News

Lady Chapel: Redecoration of the Lady Chapel is now more or less completed (some final work needs to be done to the carpet) but the Chapel is open again, and daily Mass (except Wednesday) is being celebrated in there.

Cleaners: Ladies & Gentlemen, Can you spare one hour per month to help us keep our Church clean. Your help would be greatly appreciated. If you can help please contact Heidi Belbin on 01522 828172.

Faith In Families: Can all box holders please bring in their boxes for the half yearly collection. Thank you. Pauline Allnutt.

Lincolnshire Marriage Care: Are looking to recruit two volunteers to train as relationship counsellors and eventually work in the Lincoln area. If you are interested please speak to: Jeannie Bateson 01673 861631 for an application form. For more information speak to John Laverty on 01522 704520. Interviews will be held in early February.

**Headteacher Required
for 1st September 2012**

**Saint John Houghton Catholic School
Kirk Hallam, Ilkeston, Derbyshire
Closing Date: noon 27th January 2012
Interviews: 8th and 9th February 2012**

The Governing Body of Saint John Houghton Catholic School is seeking to appoint an inspiring leader who will build on their excellent relationships with their students, parents and carers, staff, partner schools, governors and their wider community. For the right candidate this post will be an extremely rewarding experience, an opportunity to really make a difference and lead the school into the next exciting phase of its development as a Catholic Voluntary Academy. Applicants are warmly invited to visit the school prior to the closing date and appointments can be made by contacting Cecilia Emery on 0115 9322896. Full details on how to apply together with the relevant documentation can be found on their website (under the vacancies section):

www.st-johnhoughton.derbyshire.sch.uk

Community Larder

ARE IN DESPERATE NEED of all food items due to an increased demand from local families. They are really struggling to meet the higher demand. Please remember the Community Larder when you do your weekly shop.

There is a letter of thanks in the Parish Office for you from the Food Larder.

Please remember in your prayers . . .

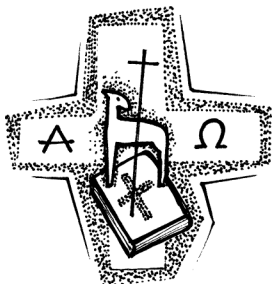
Please pray for all the sick of our community, especially: Joan Greenfield, Debbie McDonnell, Christine Ward, C J Brown, Ian Whyte, Sr Mary Swaby, Sheila Leon, Kathleen Braddley, Margaret Carter, Sheila Phillips, John Crevison, Steve Scully, Mark Barrett, Rose Cole, Kerry Clifton, Freda Magee, Halina Juszczuk, Ellen Blackledge, Terry Wall, baby Emily Clare, Eileen Mills, Mike Glover, Lillian Loftus, Sabina Czerniak, Mrs D'Alessandro, Anna Barron, John Hobson, Kathleen Swinbank, Barrie Morris, Karen Foreman, Grant Edens, Jenny Kirkpatrick, Julia Bogg, John Hughes, Martin



McDonnell, Joyce Ward, Lucy O'Reilly, Terri Fairweather, Eric Ward, Charles Wyatt, Sean Hogan, Catherine Lamb, Rozy Ingham, Dorothy Ward, Bethany Mickleburgh, May Hollingsworth, Mary McNulty, Bridget Matuszewsky, Bobby Doherty and Sr Agnes.

Please remember all those of our family, friends and parish community who have anniversaries occurring at this time, and all those who have died recently, especially Ralph Adlard, Peter Murphy, Margaret Egan and Mr Validaris (husband of the late Mrs Validaris, teacher at St Hugh's School).

May they rest in God's eternal peace!



Sick and Retired Clergy Fund

A second collection for this Diocesan charity will be held in our parish, together with all the parishes of the diocese, over the weekend of **Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th January**. Fuller information will be available that weekend, together with gift aid forms and a breakdown of how income is generated and money spent. As we know from our own experience of having Fr Michael Lynch living (and working!) in our parish, these priests have given hugely to our Diocese, and it's only right that proper provision is made for them once they have retired from active pastoral ministry. No doubt you will be as generous as you always are for this collection.

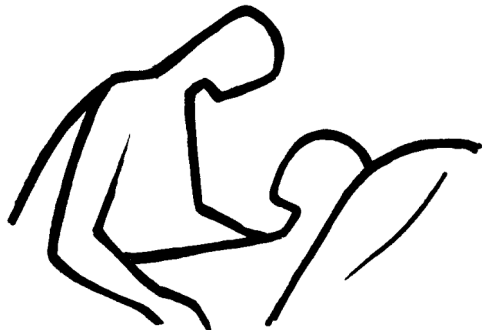
The Sacraments - Anointing of the Sick

Last week we began to look at the seven sacraments of the Church. We began with Penance, and this week we look at the other sacrament of healing, the Anointing of the Sick.

In former times this sacrament was known as *Extreme Unction* and its administration was seen as being a sign of imminent death; the black-clad priest entering the bedroom or hospital ward with the holy oil and Viaticum was appreciated by many as being the final earthly ministrations of the Church. In the light of the Second Vatican Council this sacrament, perhaps more than any other, was thoroughly overhauled to be presented in a more pastoral light. The encounter with Christ was to be emphasised, and a new awareness given that this sacrament is one of healing and encouragement, not simply one for the passage to eternal life.

St James tells us (5:14-15): "If any one of you is ill, he should send for the elders of the church, and they must anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord and pray over him. The prayer of faith will save the sick man and the Lord will raise him up again; and if he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven." This teaching is the basis of the sacrament, remembering as it does all the many times during his ministry that Jesus healed those who were sick. We heard at Mass on Wednesday about Jesus' healing of Peter's mother-in-law (Mark 1:29-39), and Jesus' healing ministry was very obviously one of the ways in which his Divinity was made know; usually a healing of those who go on to live full lives, rather than those about to die.

Consequently the modern understanding of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is that it is not to be avoided until the very last minute, but rather celebrated when the sick person is able to participate in the sacrament, or is at least aware of what is happening. "Those needing the sacrament should seek it at the beginning of a serious illness" (Constitution on the Liturgy 73) although care must be taken that the sacrament is not celebrated with those who are merely unwell. The Church's guidelines state that "anyone of the faithful who begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive the sacrament has certainly come" (Catechism 1514); if someone has received the sacrament in a previous illness, they can receive it again in a subsequent illness, or indeed if an illness becomes more serious, or the sacrament can be administered "just prior to a serious operation" (Catechism 1515). In this way the Church is seeking to make the healing ministry of Jesus, handed on by the bishops and priests of the Church, available to all Christ's faithful. "In my name . . . they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover" (Mark 6:12-13).



Many of our sick and housebound parishioners are blessed, through the generous ministry of our extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, to be able to receive Communion weekly, even when they are not able to come to Mass often. This ministry compliments the reception of the Anointing of the Sick, but does not replace it. Whenever one of the extra-ordinary ministers thinks that someone they visit would benefit from the spiritual encounter of the Anointing, they tell Fr Tom, so that he can make arrangements to visit the individual concerned. Likewise, if one of the parishioners is aware of someone, even themselves, who is about to undergo a major operation, that can ask Fr Tom for the Anointing to strengthen them through their journey. Sometimes there might be a public celebration of the Anointing, especially when the Bishop visits the parish, or during a Pilgrimage to Lourdes, or elsewhere. Guided by the teaching of the Church, it is for an individual to consider whether he or she wishes to receive the sacrament, just as it is with each sacrament. A priest would never force someone to receive the sacrament against their will, nor would he ever refuse to administer the sacrament, in the proper circumstances.

Unlike the other sacraments, which are usually celebrated in church, the Anointing of the Sick is often celebrated in someone's home, or in hospital. Nevertheless the Church recommends that "because of its very nature as a sign, the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick should be celebrated with members of the family . . . whenever this is possible". There is a community dimension to this sacrament, which helps us to remember that each one of us can be susceptible to illness and suffering, and that we are strengthened by the prayers of the Church at such moments. Most weeks we remember those who are ill in our bidding prayers, and here in our newsletter, and so celebrating Christ's healing touch in this sacrament with our loved ones is an extension of that prayer.

The sacrament has three distinct parts which help to express the strengthening and healing encounter with Christ. Firstly, there is an invitation to prayer, including a proclamation of the Word of God. Next comes the laying on of hands, when the priest, in the person of Christ, places his hands on the head of the sick person and invokes the Holy Spirit. Finally, the individual is anointed with the Oil of the Sick on the palms of their hands. A period of silence might then be observed, and the Rite can be concluded by praying the Our Father and a hymn of thanksgiving. Depending on the circumstances, Holy Communion might be given (and also to those family and friends present, if they wish) and the person anointed might also ask for their sins to be forgiven through the sacrament of Reconciliation, which can be incorporated into this celebration (although family leave at this point). As with each sacrament, allowances are always made for pastoral reasons, especially if the condition of the person being anointed so requires.

It's worth reminding everyone that hospital Chaplains no longer have access to lists of Catholic patients, and so if you (or someone you know) is being admitted to hospital, **please do let Fr Tom know, or Fr John Kyne, Hospital Chaplain (01522 528961)** so that person can be visited. In this way each of us, in our personal suffering, can be united to the sufferings of Christ who stands with us in our darkest moments.

Dates for your Diary

This year **Churches Together in Hykeham and Swallowbeck** are celebrating the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity with a special united service at [North Hykeham Methodist Church on Sunday 15th January at 3.30pm to be followed by a faith tea.](#) The theme for our service is 'We will all be changed' and we shall be using some of the material prepared by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland inspired by the churches in Poland. Please come along and share in worship and fellowship together with our brothers and sisters in Christ and, if you are able, bring a small amount of food (sweet or savoury) to add to the buffet table for tea time!

Baptism Course:

Continues on Monday 16th January at 7pm in 2a for those candidates who have applied for the course. Further dates in the course are 30th January and 6th February.

First Holy Communion Classes 2011/12

REMINDER: First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass will take place at 11am Mass on Sunday

22nd January 2012. All young people from both St. Hugh's school and the Church who are under instruction to receive the Sacrament in May this year must attend with at least one parent or guardian. Any queries or information please contact Rita, Catechist on 01522 801630 or by e-mail at stanley.davis@ntlworld.com.

May I also take this opportunity to remind parents/guardians that once children start on the First Holy Communion programme they should not attend Footsteps during Sunday Mass. They have to become familiar with the liturgy of the Mass and Communion Rite.

16th January 7.30pm **PPC Meeting**

18th January 7.30pm **Liturgy Group Meeting**

23rd January 7.30pm **Finance Group Meeting**

A meeting to discuss the **Pilgrimage to Assisi in September** will be held after 10am Mass on 21st January and after 10am Mass on 22nd January for those unable to make the Saturday. At the moment we are 4 or 5 short for me to be able to run it. *Noel Harris*

Ministries: this week and next week

Readers	This	M Costello	A & T Rowlett	T Anyanwu/L Coatsworth
	Next	L & R Naile	M Ellicott	E Neal / F Bean
Coffee	This	Altar Servers		
	Next	Response Group		
Cleaners	This	C M Barrett, M Flannigan, B Flannigan, A McGrath, E Cooper and D Reeves		
	Next	D P Alnutt, M McAllister, F O'Donnell, H Belbin, B Jinny and C Palmer		
Footsteps	This	F Carroll and M Moore		
	Next	A Wells, D Hipworth and H Wells		

Catholic Gap Year Opportunities 2012

Catholic Parliamentary and Public Policy Internship: For the last nine years the Catholics Bishops' Conference has organised Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year they are looking to offer eight internships: Five interns will be placed with Christian MPs at Westminster; two in Public Policy with CAFOD and CARITAS Social Action Network; and one in a media internship at Archbishop's House Westminster. All internships will run from September 2012 - July 2013 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances. Full details and an application form can be found on their website: www.catholicnews.org.uk/interns. Completed application forms must either be emailed to interns@cbcew.org.uk or posted to: Michaela Kelly, Head of HR, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX. Closing date is 5pm 29th February and Assessment Days will be 28th/29th March. If you know anyone who may be interested in this opportunity, please encourage them to apply.

Gap Year Opportunities with CAFOD: "Step Into The Gap" (SITG) is a gap year opportunity with a real difference. Young people aged 18-30, work and live for 5 months in one of our UK partner bases working in communities and schools, gaining skills themselves in leadership, developing their understanding of Social Justice along with developing faith awareness in themselves and others. Participants then take part in a 6 week overseas placement in one of CAFOD's overseas projects where they help out in projects which CAFOD and partners run. This experience they bring back into their UK work placement for a further four months. This fully supported project (board and lodgings provided as well as a small weekly stipend) is currently recruiting, and places on the programme are limited. Applications received will be considered for start dates in September 2012.

For an application form or further information please speak to Deacon Simon

Christmas Prize Raffle

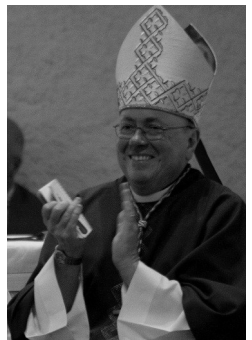
The following prizes have yet to be collected - please either contact Fr Tom or Deacon Simon after Mass, or ring the parish office to arrange collection. If you know one of the winners please do tell them they've won!

Thirteenth	Red Wine/Corkscrew/Stand
3165	M Cade
Fifteenth	Red Wine
482	Ramona Winiarska
Sixteenth	Chocolates
4632	Catherine Anyanwu

Please can you arrange to collect your prize by Friday 20th January please.

Bishop Malcolm OP

has been our bishop for a little over eleven years, and last week he began a sabbatical of rest and a 30-day retreat. Please pray for him during these next few weeks, as he listens more closely to the voice of God in his life. We pray that he will return to us at the start of Lent refreshed and invigorated to continue in his ministry within our diocese.



The Order of Mass

Confiteor

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God. **or**

Priest Have mercy on us, O Lord.
All For we have sinned against you.
Priest Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
All And grant us your salvation.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Readings

Reader The word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Deacon The Lord be with you.
All And with your spirit.
Deacon A reading from the holy Gospel
according to N.
All Glory to you, O Lord.
Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in
one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward
to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

May the Lord accept
the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.

Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord be with you.
All And with your spirit.
Priest Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them up to the Lord.
Priest Let us give thanks
to the Lord our God.
All It is right and just.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Mystery of Faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again. **or**

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again. **or**

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

Communion Rite

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Priest The peace of the Lord
be with you always.
All And with your spirit.
Deacon Let us offer each other
the sign of peace.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
world, grant us peace.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter
under my roof, but only say the word and my
soul shall be healed.

Concluding Rites

Priest The Lord be with you.
All And with your spirit.
Priest May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son,
+ and the Holy Spirit.
All Amen.
Deacon Go forth, the Mass is ended. **or**
Go and announce the
Gospel of the Lord. **or**
Go in peace,
glorifying the Lord by your life. **or**
Go in peace.
All Thanks be to God.

This week's Liturgy

Weekend		Second Sunday of the Year			
Saturday 14	5.15-5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation			
	6.00pm	Deceased members of the Franks & Rodgers Family			
Sunday 15	9.00am	Dawn Wilson RIP (3 rd anniversary)			
January	11.00am	People of the Parish			
Monday 16	9.30am	Feria			
January	7.00pm	Tom & Chris Scanlon Ron Mills RIP			
Tuesday 17	9.30am	St Anthony, Abbot (memorial)			
January	7.00pm	Mrs Mary Hennelly RIP (died 27.12.11) Anne Costa RIP			
Wednesday 18	9.30am	Feria			
January	After Mass	Ralph Adlard RIP			
	10-10.30am	Tea/Coffee in the Parish Centre - Fr Vincent's Water Appeal Sacrament of Reconciliation			
Thursday 19	9.30am	Feria			
January		Carol Wattman—Recovery to Health			
Friday 20	9.30am	Blessed Cyprian Tansi, Monk of Mount St Bernard Abbey			
January		Joseph Fitzpatrick			
Saturday 21	9.30am	St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr (memorial)			
January	10-10.30am	TV Chef Anthony Worrall Thompson, Oxfordshire			
	2.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Baptism of Freya Grace Longrigg			
Weekend		Second Sunday of the Year			
Saturday 21	5.15-5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation			
	6.00pm	Margaret Manson RIP			
Sunday 22	9.00am	Ann Gaughan RIP			
January	11.00am	People of the Parish			
Sundays	Year B	Weekdays	Year 2	Psalter	Week 2

- Sunday:** 1 Samuel 3:3-10.19; Psalm 39; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15.17-20; John 1:35-52
 Psalm: **Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.**
 Acc: **Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.**
- Monday:** 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Psalm 49; Mark 2:18-22
- Tuesday:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 88; Mark 2:23-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Samuel 17:32-33; Psalm 143; Mark 3:1-6
- Thursday:** 1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Psalm 55; Mark 3:7-12
- Friday:** 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Psalm 56; Mark 3:13-19
- Saturday:** 2 Samuel 1:1-4.11-12.19.23-27; Psalm 79; Mark 3:20-21
- Sunday:** Jonah 3:1-5.10; Psalm 24; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20