ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM

Our Lady of Victories & St. Alphonsus, 28, Bitteswell Road, Lutterworth LE17 4EY

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 14 - 15 Sept 2024

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WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASSES

Our Lady of Victories & St Alphonsus, Lutterworth - Mass Times -

14th Sept 6.00pm **Roy Waterfield & family** Sat 15th Sept 11.00am Rosary at 10.30 Sun 17th 10.30am 9.30 Adoration (See below). 10.05 Rosary **Tues** Sept 19th For the intentions of Eileen Fox Thurs Sept 10.30am

21st Sept 6.00pm Sat Sun

22nd Sept 11.00am Rosary at 10.30 St. Pius X, Narborough

Sat 14th Sept 4.00pm 15th Sun Sept 9.30am 16th Sept 9.30am Mon 21st Sat Sept 4.00pm

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Lutterworth: Tues. 9.30 – 10.30 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & ROSARY Narborough: Mon. 9.00 - 10.00

Sat. 5.30pm before evening Mass.

WEEKLY CONFESSIONS

Sat: 3.30pm and before and after Masses.

Please pray for those who are sick and those who are housebound: Sarah Sykes, Edward Taylor, Tara Viljoen, Hayley Dunnill, Kaci Dunnill, Cathy Mansell, Eileen Fox, Fr. John Joe Maloney, Anne Spurrier, Kit Boneham, John Southern, Mary Cremins. And, for those who have died recently. May they rest in eternal peace.

THE CHURCH IS SACRED because the building of God, the House of God, the dwelling-place of God among men, the Holy Temple, is a place of worship, "a place of prayer" (Mt. 21:13; CCC. # 756). It is unholy, impious behaviour to turn the sacred House of God into a place of socializing, gossiping, or unnecessary talking to distract others from praying before or during Mass. The House of God, where the Real Presence of Jesus Christ is reposed, must be treated with utmost and ongoing reverence. Unnecessary talk in the Church is also a total disrespect for one's brothers and sisters in Christ who are praying, and against the faithful who seek to grow in their spiritual lives. Talking in the Church unnecessarily falls short of manifesting love, charity, kindness and self-control, these being fruits of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22).

Church Teachings: The next session will be in the Hall on Wednesday, 2nd October, at 7pm.

EVERYONE IS MADE TO FEEL WELCOME

2nd Collection next weekend: For Evangeli Guardium.

Foodbank: A 'thank you' email has been received from the Lutterworth & Villages Foodbank for your donations of 31kilos of food in August.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of **Prayer, for the Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year:**

Everyone needs moments of recollection amid the busyness of our daily lives. For Christians, meditation is not simply a matter of introspection but a method of prayer, a means of encountering Christ, above all in the mysteries of his earthly life. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, our union with Christ in faith is nurtured through the use of our intellect, imagination, emotions and desires. On every page of the Gospel, we are invited to encounter Christ and to discover in him the source of our salvation and our true happiness. To read the full reflection and find more resources at: dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

What is Eucharistic Adoration? or Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: It is a type of worship that is celebrated before the Blessed Sacrament (the Eucharist, the Body of Christ or Jesus) outside of Mass. A consecrated host is taken from the tabernacle and is placed in a special vessel called a "monstrance" (meaning 'to show') so it can be seen. It is called "adoration" as we are adoring Jesus' real and substantial presence. The Blessed Sacrament is not a sign or merely a symbol of Jesus but it is fully him; Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. During Eucharistic Adoration we are in the very presence of God, so it is a very special form of prayer. The term "Exposition" comes from the fact that the host is "exposed" for all to see. Why do we have Eucharistic Adoration? Eucharistic Adoration helps us form a greater understanding and appreciation of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist. Jesus, after instituting the Eucharist at the Last Supper, invites his disciples to go and pray with him on the Mount of Olives. Famously he instructed his disciples not to stop children coming to him to spend time with him. It is only in spending time with someone that we get to know them. The more time we spend with Jesus, the more we get to know him and grow in friendship. What do we do in Eucharistic Adoration? Most people who have seen Eucharist Adoration may have experienced a long time of silent prayer while kneeling. This is one way, but it is not the only way. The time with Jesus should be an opportunity to show him honour, praise and for us to enjoy spending time with him. It can be a time for scripture readings, prayers, reflections, activities and hymns. It is also encouraged to have a time of silence to allow, as Blessed John Henry Newman wrote, "heart to speak unto heart".

Tea & Coffee: is served in the Hall on Sundays & Thursdays after Mass. Please come and ioin us. EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Scrabble Group: Meet in the Hall on Tuesdays 2 – 5pm All enquiries to Jo on 07471 032396. **ALL ARE WELCOME**

Fr. Joel Nwalozie, Fr John Joe Maloney, Fr. Jim Cahill, Deacon Kevin & Parishioners extend a warm welcome to new Parishioners and all visitors. Deadline for items for the Newsletter - noon on Wednesdays: johnston.nora@gmail.com (Company Number 7151646. Charity No. 1124449) Diocese of Nottingham: St. Hugh's House, 1. Castle Quay, Nottingham NG7 1FW