



### York Pilgrimage

There is a Parish Pilgrimage to York this September from Monday 23rd to Wednesday 25th September. Could I ask all who have booked on to this pilgrimage to make contact with me as soon as possible. I am finalising room lists and I want to ensure that I have everyone and don't miss anyone out who has booked to come! If there is anyone else who would like to come, please let me know ASAP.

### Journey in faith

The next session for the Journey in Faith is Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, at 7:00pm in the Hall at St Peter's when we will be looking at Grace and the Beatitudes.

### Welcome

We welcome Elsie Frances Eaton who will be Baptised this Sunday, 9th June, at 12:30pm in St Peter's. Please pray for Elsie and her family as she receives the grace of Baptism.

### Building Works

At St James the Less, the work on the Parish Centre is progressing well and it is still projected to be complete on 24<sup>th</sup> July. The repairs to the roof at St Peter's, mostly covered by insurance, have been completed and the scaffold taken down. Unfortunately, whilst the scaffold was in place, someone climbed onto the roof and stole the copper from the lightening conductor. This was also replaced and covered by our insurers.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

The next session for our young people is on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, at 6:30pm in the Old School Room. Please keep our young people in your prayers.

### Strung Sung Supper

Everyone had a great evening being entertained by the Dean, Father Featherstone and his band in St Peter's church hall on 31st May. There was lots of singing and dancing. After expenses we made £952.45. Many thanks to everyone who made the evening such an enjoyable success, especially the Dean and his band.

### Heritage Mass and Tea Party

On Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June, at 1.00pm in the Primary School at St James the Less, we will be celebrating our annual Heritage Mass and Tea Party. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend, but we ask that you put your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of church so that the PPTA who are preparing the refreshments can plan for catering. The Heritage Mass is a lovely initiative which celebrates the links between Parish and School so please do sign up and support it! The Mass is in School again this year due to the ongoing work in the Parish Centre.

### PPTA Coffee Morning at St James the Less

This Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June, after the 11am Mass, the PPTA will be holding their monthly coffee morning in the Old School Room. Please come along after Mass and support our Primary School.

### Sacrament of Baptism

Louise Oliver has kindly agreed to co-ordinate the Baptism Preparation Sessions for parents, assisted by a group of parishioners. The next Baptism Preparation Session will take place on Tuesday, 16th July, at 6.30pm in the church at St James the Less. If you wish to book a Baptism in the Parish, it is essential to attend one of these sessions. If you would like to book a Baptism, please ask Father Stamp for a booklet which has all the info.

### Newsletter Items

If you have an item you would like to go into the newsletter, could I ask you to e-mail the parish administrator, Siobhan Wood at:

[siobhan.wood@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:siobhan.wood@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or place a note through the front door of the Presbytery at St James the Less with her name on. Please ensure any items are sent to her before Friday each week when the newsletter is normally printed.

### St Peter's June Coffee Morning

The winners this month were:

£25 - Daphne Oates

£10 - Bernie Riley

Wine - Peter Smith

Chocolates - Susan Bann

Biscuits - Margaret Nixon

Thank you to everyone who contributed. Tickets for the July draw are on sale after Mass every week.

### Ducks for the Duck Derby

This coming weekend, 15th & 16th June, ducks for the Duck Derby will be on sale after all 3 Masses. It is £50 to sponsor a race and £5 to sponsor a duck. Please do support our parish Duck Derby, thank you.

### Parish Synod Representative

As I wrote in the newsletter a couple of weeks ago, our Representative on the Diocesan Synod, Louis, is no longer able to take up this role. So far, no-one else has volunteered. It would be very good to have two parishioners who would be willing to represent the Parish on the Diocesan Synod and be a part of the listening and decision process. If you are interested, please let me know so I can give your details to the Synod Team at the Diocese.

### First Holy Communion

As we enter the month of June, a month dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacred Heart, this is the month when traditionally our children receive Holy Communion for the first time. During this month, there will be two First Holy Communion Masses in the Parish. On Saturday, 22nd June at 11.00am in St Peter's the children from St Joseph's and St Peter's will receive their First Holy Communion. On Saturday, 29th June at 11.00am in St James the Less the children from St James the Less will receive their First Holy Communion. Please pray for our children as they prepare for this beautiful moment.