

NEWSLETTER

ALL SAINTS, SCRAPTOFT & NETHERHALL - September 2026

From Deacon to Priest...

There is a commonly used phrase amongst clergy: 'once a deacon, always a deacon.' This is used to express the important idea that the servant ministry of a deacon is always something that should be part of every priest's ministry, and that just because one is ordained to the sacred priesthood, we must never lose sight the ministry of service.

The Rite of Ordination as a deacon contains these words: *"Deacons are called to work with the Bishop and the priests with whom they serve as heralds of Christ's kingdom. They are to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, as agents of God's purposes of love. They are to serve the community in which they are set, bringing to the Church the needs and hopes of all the people. They are to work with their fellow members in searching out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless, reaching into the forgotten corners of the world, that the love of God may be made visible."*

So, even when ordained priest (or even bishop) these characteristics never stop being a part of an ordained person's role. But more is added when one is ordained priest. As that rite says: *"Priests are called to be servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent. With their Bishop and fellow ministers, they are to proclaim the word of the Lord and to watch for the signs of God's new creation. They are to be messengers, watchmen and stewards of the Lord; they are to teach and to admonish, to feed and provide for his family, to search for his children in the wilderness of this world's temptations, and to guide them through its confusions, that they may be saved through Christ for ever. Formed by the word, they are to call their hearers to repentance and to declare in Christ's name the absolution and forgiveness of their sins.....They are to preside at the Lord's table and lead his people in worship, offering with them a spiritual sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. They are to bless the people in God's name."*

Fr Michal, having served as a deacon for 15 months, is soon to be ordained to the sacred priesthood - an occasion to which he has aspired for many years. We have had Fr Michal with us for 3 years now, as student and deacon, so this step seems just natural and expected. But it's good for us to remember just what a step this is - it is a truly awesome one as he takes on the discipline and privilege of becoming a priest in God's church. It is not a step taken lightly and I know he will do this with the prayers of all of us behind him.

Pray for him, for me, and for each other as we all play our part in his formation as a priest.

With every blessing

Fr Martin

September

2nd	12.00pm	Eucharist
	6.00pm	Rosary
4th	Walsingham Pilgrimage begins	
5th	10.00am	Coffee pop-in
6th	TRINITY 14	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
8th	10.00am	Coffee pop-in
9th	12.00pm	Eucharist
12th	Ride & Stride Event	
13th	TRINITY 15	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
15th	10.00am	Coffee pop-in
16th	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	
	12.00pm	Eucharist
	7.30pm	Rosary
17th	11.00am	Aaron Court Service
20th	TRINITY 16	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
22nd	10.00am	Coffee pop-in
23rd	12.00pm	NO Eucharist
	7.30pm	Rosary
27th	TRINITY 17	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
29th	10.00am	Coffee pop-in
30th	St Jerome	
	12.00pm	Eucharist
	7.30pm	Rosary

**The Harvest Weekend is going to be
11th and 12th October**

Craft Fair

Saturday 3rd October

10.00am to 3.00pm

Many stall holders will be sharing their talents and refreshments will be available as usual.



Recovery from the Fire

You will undoubtedly have heard about the devastating fire that engulfed part of St Andrew's, Jarrom Street in August.

If you would like to help their recovery, a fundraising page has been set up by the church. Details of St Andrew's Fire Recovery Fund can be found here:

<https://givealittle.co/c/standrewsfirerecoveryfund>

The link above should contain no gaps when you type it into your browser.

ORDINATION & FIRST MASS

Fr Michal will be ordained Priest by Bishop Luke in Leicester Cathedral on 3rd October at 7.00pm. His First Mass will be on Sunday 4th October at 3.00pm. We will not be having a morning Eucharist on that day.

This will be a great occasion both for All Saints and St Chad's as well as for Fr Michal. Please put the dates in your diary!