



DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSION

The newsletter this year is rather later than normal due the pandemic and awaiting guidance / instruction on the restrictions issued by the government.

This Covid Pandemic and its associated restrictions has a lot to answer for. Fortunately many of our churches are open and Mass is being celebrated. Attendance is restricted and often has to be booked in order to meet Social Distancing requirements. Luckily many of us have been able to access live stream services.

Alas for us Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion many of us have been unable to exercise the ministry for which we were commissioned; particularly taking communion to the sick not only in care homes but also in private residences. We hope that those who were having regular visits prior to the lockdowns have been remembered in the ministers' prayers and that some form of electronic / telephone contact has been able to be maintained.

It is impossible to predict how things will develop over the rest of the year. Social distancing will probably be in place for most of the time which will mean that our churches and church halls will not be able to accommodate the numbers that normally attend a Renewal Day. Many of our EM are in the vulnerable category and could be reluctant to mix in a crowded venue. We have therefore decided that no County Renewal Days will be arranged this year. However the EMs in your parish may wish to arrange a special Mass or Holy Hour for the serving ministers. It would be good for each parish's chief EMin were to approach the PP with a thought about a Holy hour and Benediction at or near Corpus Christi - or another time arranged mutually. In which case your priest could be asked to give a homily on an Eucharistic Theme. It is hoped that some form of normality will return during the year and that 2022 will see a return to our normal pattern of events.

MESSAGE FROM CANON DON BOWDREN

During this pandemic year many have had a chance to discover and love Our Eucharistic Lord through a sort of hunger. Hunger for the Blessed Sacrament, which has been for so many months for so many Catholics inaccessible, behind locked-down church doors. I know of extraordinary Eucharistic ministers for whom that hunger was doubly gnawing. They felt sadness for themselves, but more so for those beyond the sanctuary to whom they regularly brought the Blessed Sacrament. A deep sadness. But things are easing, and in many areas Ministers - ordinary and extraordinary - are becoming bearers again of that divine gift. Thanks be to God. May the coming festival of Corpus Christi a time of grace-filled renewal of the Lord of the Eucharist. And beyond that, the better normal!

Canon Don Bowdren : Commission chairman.

REMINDER

Those who were commissioned in 2017 will need to have their faculty renewed by their parish priest if they wish to continue as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Once it has been renewed it is valid indefinitely.

POINTS OF CONTACT

If you have any queries, comments, suggestions or notifications of deceased Ministers please contact one of the people listed below: -

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A full list of the Secretariat members is given in the yearbook and on the Diocesan website at http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/information/diocesan-commissions/12_emhc_commission

ITEMS FOR SALE

Whenever you wish to purchase anything from the Commission for Extraordinary Ministries, whether at Diocesan or County level, please make your cheque out to NRCDT.

The following items may be purchased: -

Item	Cost	Availability	Apply to
Scapulars	£15.00	In stock	Alan Simmons, 36 Holkham Avenue, Chilwell, Nottingham NG9 5EQ Tel: 0115 8494623 Email: maal_canis_vulpes@ntlworld.com
EM Handbook	£5.00	In stock	Searle Clark, 75 Horsegate, Deeping St James, Peterborough. PE6 8EW Tel: 01778 345389 Email: searle.clark@btinternet.com
Communion to the Sick Book	£3.00	In stock	
Celebration of Word and Communion by a Lay Person and an EM	£3.00	In stock	

RESOURCES AVAILABLE ELECTRONICALLY

Diocesan Website

The new diocesan website is dioceseofnottingham.uk. The information has been presented in a different form and will take a little while to get used to. Our Commission information is to be found under the Information Tab at the top of the page. The Diocesan Ordo can be found under Information / Liturgical Commission on the opening page.

Service Card for CWAC

The Commission have prepared a service card for use by the members of the congregation. It is similar in format to the Mass Card, and has been approved by the EM Commission and the Diocesan Liturgy Commission for use in the Diocese of Nottingham. It provides the responses, both for when a Deacon or a Lay person is leading the service and includes the various texts for the Song of Thanksgiving. The card is in PDF format ready for printing on two sides of an A4 sheet and folding into an A5 card. Should you require such copy please contact searle.clark@btinternet.com.

Retirement Certificate

Some parishes have wished to mark the retirement of their Extraordinary Ministers. We have therefore prepared a certificate that can be presented on such an occasion. If one is required in your parish please send your request to searle.clark@btinternet.com with details of your parish and the name of the minister. A certificate will then be emailed back to you for you to print out. It will only need the signature of your Parish Priest.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Please remember all deceased Extraordinary Ministers in your prayers, especially the following whose names were added to the Book of Remembrance since the last newsletter in January 2020.

Name	Parish	Deceased
Noreen Riordan	St Teresa of Lisieux - Nottingham Aspley	24th October 2019
Mary Braley	Our Lady of Perpetual Succour - Belper	15th December 2019
Mary Cox	St Peter & St Paul - Swadincote	10th November 2019
Rodney Olley	St Joseph - Mablethorpe	7th October 2019
Peter Kinney	Our Lady & St Thomas - Ilkeston	14th December 2019
Brian Woodward	Our Lady & St Thomas - Ilkeston	13th February 2020
Helen Coles	St Hugh of Lincoln - Lincoln	5th April 2020
Maureen Matthews	St Mary & The Annunciation - Marple Bridge	2nd August 2020
Anne Carnell	St Margaret Clitherow - Keyworth	1st August 2020
Elizabeth (Liz) Bingham	St Mary and St Augustine - Stamford	28th August 2020
Angela Fairbrother	St Albans - Derby	30th July 2020
David Lilse	Holy Souls - Scunthorpe	1st September 2020
Josephine Till	St Norbert - Crowle	5th September 2020
Tomothy Anthony Twomey	St Joseph - Mablethorpe	11th December 2020
Rev Peter Brogan	St Hue of Lincoln - Lincoln	26th January 2021
Ian Henry McLaren	St Augustin Webster - Barton on Humber	6th January 2021
Evylyn Keena	St Augustine Webster - Barton on Humber	7th November 2012
Neil Russell	Holy Souls - Scunthorpe	23rd January 2021
Bernabette (Bernie) Spickwell	Our Lady of Victories - Market Harborough	19th January 2021
Vanessa Cartwright	Our Lady of Lincoln - Lincoln	5th May 2021
Frances Wattam	Holy Souls - Scunthorpe	23rd January 2021
Edgar Canlish	Holy Trinity – Newark	30 th May 2018
Bill Haynes	Holy Trinity – Newark	12 th November 2020
Wendy Bishop	Holy Trinity – Newark	19 th December 2020

Some of the listed Ministers died over a year ago but we have only received notification during the past year. *Eternal rest grant to them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

We try whenever possible to send a condolence card to the next of kin and for a member of the Secretariat to be present at the funeral. This is only possible if we are notified promptly of a Minister's death.

Please also remember in your prayers all those Ministers throughout the Diocese who are no longer enjoying good health especially those who are suffering serious illness.

If you know of a Minister who has died recently and is not mentioned above please let Searle Clark know (email searle.clark@btinternet.com) or a member of the Commission.