

**From:** Bishop Alan Hopes  
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**Subject: MESSAGE FOR THE PARISH SUNDAY JULY 12TH**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
I am delighted to hear that for the first time since the middle of March, you were able to come together with Fr Jeffrey Downie for the celebration of Holy Mass in the garden. It must have been a very poignant moment after these weeks of lockdown. Once again I express my gratitude to all those parishioners who have made this possible.

I am delighted this week that Fr Paul Spellman has arrived and will be taking care of you pastorally and spiritually for the next two months before he takes up his new appointment in S Mary's Ipswich. I am grateful to Fr Paul for undertaking this ministry and I know you will make him feel welcome very quickly!

Finally, I am also delighted to be able to announce that I have appointed Fr Nicholas Kearney as the Priest in Charge of your parish. He will arrive at the beginning of September to take up his responsibilities.

I am grateful to you all for your patient understanding during the past few months and assure you of my continued prayers for you.

Please pray for me!

With all good wishes,  
Sincerely in Christ,

+Alan  
Bishop of East Anglia