

St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, St. Edward's    4th Week of Ordinary Time

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Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January - Saint John Bosco Patronal Feast

5pm St. Edward's, Choir Practice

5:20pm – 5:50pm St. John Bosco, Confessions

6pm St. John Bosco, Mass of St. John Bosco Michael & Teresa Tierney RIP

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January - Fourth Sunday of the Year

9am St. Edward's, Holy Mass All Parishioners

11am St. Mary's, Holy Mass John Ryan RIP

Tea, Coffee, and Biscuits after both morning Masses in the Halls

Confessions after 11am Mass at St. Mary's

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January - Feria

6pm St. Edward's, Ladies Prayer and Share

6:15pm St. Mary's, Choir Practice

7:30pm St. Mary's, Folk Group Workshop

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January - Feria

10am St. John Bosco, Holy Mass Mary and John Murphy

Confessions after 10am Mass at St. John Bosco

6pm St. Mary's Hall, 8+ Post-Holy Communion Teaching

6:30pm St. John Bosco Hall, Youth Group

7:10pm St. Mary's, Exposition, Adoration and Benediction

7:45pm - 8:30pm St. Mary's Hall, Discipleship Group, Fiducia Supplicants

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January - Feria

10am St. Edward's, Holy Mass Irmgard Fincham RIP

Confessions after 10am Mass at St. Edward's

7:30pm St. Mary's Hall, Confirmation Preparation

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February - Feria

10am St. Mary's, Funeral Requiem Mass Maureen Mullaly RIP

7pm St. Mary's, Encounter Group (For seekers, adult baptism, RCIA)

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – The Presentation of the Lord, First Friday

10am Countesthorpe Crematorium, Funeral Service Bernard McCade RIP

1pm-4pm St. Edward's, Chat, Craft & Games

7pm St. Mary's, Holy Mass for Candlemas Kate Tyler-Geary RIP

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February - Anticipation of the Fifth Sunday of the Year

11am St. Edward's, Blessing of St. Collette

5pm St. Edward's, Choir Practice

5:20pm – 5:50pm St. John Bosco, Confessions

6pm St. John Bosco, Holy Mass Paddy McGloin RIP

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February - Fifth Sunday of the Year

9am St. Edward's, Holy Mass All Parishioners

11am St. Mary's, Holy Mass Jeff Henry RIP

Tea, Coffee, and Biscuits after both morning Masses in the Halls

Confessions after 11am Mass at St. Mary's

QUESTION 9 OF THE COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM

What is the full and definitive stage of God's Revelation?

The full and definitive stage of God's revelation is accomplished in his Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, the mediator and fullness of Revelation. He, being the only-begotten Son of God made man, is the perfect and definitive Word of the Father. In the sending of the Son and the gift of the Spirit, Revelation is now fully complete, although the faith of the Church must gradually grasp its full significance over the course of centuries. *"In giving us his Son, his only and definitive Word, God spoke everything to us at once in this sole Word, and he has no more to say."* (Saint John of the Cross)

ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN BOSCO FINANCES

Total Income 18/1 – 24/1 £2511.42

Total Outgoings 18/1 – 24/1 £1454.66

St. John Bosco Fire Door Donations Received So Far: £2215

ST. EDWARD'S FINANCES

Total Income 18/1 – 24/1 £575.32

Total Outgoings 18/1 – 24/1 £858.42

WHY ARE CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS?

Confessions are after Mass, except on Saturday, so that they don't have to be rushed before Mass and so that everyone who seeks the comfort and life-giving nature of the sacrament can be renewed by it. If you are in a state of mortal sin do not receive Holy Communion before confession or you will add sacrilege to your sins.

BLESSING OF ST. COLLETTE

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 11am at St. Edward's, do join the Poor Clare Collettines for this blessing with St. Collette's veil. St. Collette is the patron of those longing to conceive a child, of expectant mothers and of sick children.

All are welcome to join in this Franciscan family celebration. If you cannot come but would like prayer email or text Srs. Bakhita and Juliana: **07778 906002** **newlifecoletteswell@gmail.com**

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** will have a launch event on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of February at 7:30pm at St. Edward's to explain how 40 Days works. Please contact Francisca on **07943 711549** for an informal chat, or email: **leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com** You can also directly sign up for hours at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/leicester>

**LAST ORDERS!** We are holding a Parish Fundraising event at Cuisine of India on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. These events are important to keep our churches in good repair, and for our Mission going forward so we need everyone to be proactive in supporting the Parish. Final numbers must be handed in to the restaurant on 12<sup>th</sup> February, so do book your seat as soon as possible to ensure you have a place. The more people who attend, the more money we raise for the Parish and, hopefully it will be a lovely, stress-free social event where we can all get to know each other better in pleasant surroundings. We currently have 22 places remaining so contact one of the team: Jo, Helen, Keith or Hilari to reserve your place as soon as possible. Hilari's phone number is in the bulletin. NB: It is a buffet so you can choose whatever heat you prefer – mild or hot!!

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

We are very lucky in that many people do volunteer to undertake roles during the Mass. This is a privilege as we are enhancing the worship of our God by taking on a role. Fr John would love Children's Liturgy to continue during the school holidays at St Mary's, but this needs more adults or older teens to offer to help. I know that some people are reluctant to offer themselves as they are unsure what is involved or are unable to be there every week because of work or other issues. To meet this, a booklet is being prepared which explains exactly what is involved in each role. It will be available to everyone next week. A new rota will be prepared at St Mary's and St Edward's towards the end of February and it would be great to have more families involved, **SO THIS IS A HEADS UP** that a list will be circulated in the next few weeks for you to sign up to undertake roles you would feel happy doing. Training will be given to all new and past volunteers.

#### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Lent is fast approaching! It is the practice across all three churches for Stations of the Cross to be led by members of the congregation each week during Lent – usually, but not necessarily – on a Friday. We would love individuals, families, or Parish groups to lead Stations at any of the three churches. Please contact the Office or Hilari if you could do this during Lent. Various versions of the Stations of the Cross are available if you do not have one.

#### **TRADES**

With having three churches, three Presbyteries and three halls, maintenance jobs of all sizes – small to huge – are always occurring. Getting in outside trades to undertake these jobs costs the Parish a great deal of money over a year. Across our communities, we must have many people with the skills and professional qualifications to enable them to undertake some of these necessary repairs for a reasonable price. We would be very grateful, if you are one of these people, if you could make yourself known to Fr John so that we can put together a list of those who might be willing to help and the skills they have. Thank you.

#### **LENTEN LUNCH FOR CAFOD**

This year we will again be holding a Lenten Lunch – homemade soup and a roll - in St. John Bosco Hall to raise funds for CAFOD. It will take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March and will be preceded by Stations of the Cross at 12 noon in St John Bosco church led by children from Holy Cross School. I do hope that as many people as possible will support both the children, as they practice hard to do this well – and walk a long way to get there! - and the lunch for CAFOD. It would be much appreciated if people could volunteer to make soup for the Lenten lunch. If you are able to help in this way, please contact Trevor on: 0116 2773280 or Hilari on: 07734 690611

#### **BLACK CASSOCKS FOR ALTAR SERVERS**

Can you help construct vestments for our altar servers? Julie has been in this ministry for over 20 years, and it has been a massive help to parishes to have cassocks made locally rather than buying extortionately priced ones. If you could help, contact Julie LaMenza on 07947 829206. Thank you. Can altar servers who have taken cassocks and surplices home please return them next time you're at Mass so we can see what we have.

**CLEANER WANTED** for parishioner, contact the office to help, good wage for a few hours every couple of weeks.

With every blessing for the coming week, Fr. John

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