

Easter Triduum – The Three Holiest Days of Holy Week

The Easter Triduum will be held at **St. Mary's**.

Holy Thursday 7:30pm, Good Friday 3pm, The Easter Vigil 7:30pm

Sunday 31 March - 9am St. Edward's 11am St. Mary's

How do I know if God is calling me to be a Priest?

Do you want to speak to someone about whether God might be calling you to the priesthood? Contact Fr Neil Peoples, Vocations Director, at vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk or call **01283 564814**.

Retreats: Young Adults 2 March, Holy Cross, Leics, **Women's** 9 March, Newark, **Men's** 23 March, Mt. St. Bernard Abbey, Theme - **Year of Prayer and Deepening Your Prayer Life**. See dioceseofnottingham.uk/events to find out more about these and other events. This link is now permanently at the bottom of the newsletter for future reference.

Chrim Mass Choir Rehearsal: Join the Diocesan Choir for the Chrim Mass (Wednesday 27 March at 11.30am), with a rehearsal on **Saturday 9 March, 10.30am-1pm, in Saint Barnabas Cathedral, NG1 5AE**. The Diocesan Choir is a friendly and supportive bunch of musicians and singers from across the diocese that gather to sing for special diocesan occasions and liturgies. All are welcome and no prior musical training is required. To sign up please email: cathedral@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Diocesan E-Magazine: The latest edition was published on Ash Wednesday, featuring reflections, articles, and news from across the diocese, including NDCYS, CAFOD and Caritas. Read and subscribe to receive the magazine directly via email at: dioceseofnottingham.uk/news

A Reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Second Sunday of Lent
Contemplative prayer is an act of the heart by which we fix our gaze in faith upon Jesus, quietly pondering his word and his saving mysteries. In praying before the Tabernacle, "I look at him and he looks at me". By gazing on our Lord in this way, we come to feel his loving gaze upon us and our hearts are purified. This in turn enables us to see others in the light of that truth and compassion which Jesus brings to all. Read the full reflection and find more resources at: dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

With every blessing for the coming week, Fr. John

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Diocesan Future Events: dioceseofnottingham.uk/events

St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, St. Edward's

Second Week of Lent

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Saturday 24th February - Anticipation of the Second Sunday of Lent

5pm St. Edward's, Choir Practice

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

6pm St. John Bosco, Holy Mass Mike Berman RIP

Sunday 25th February – Second Sunday of Lent – Psalter Week 2

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

11am St. Mary's, Holy Mass Jacky Bell RIP

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

Confessions after 11am Mass at St. Mary's

Children's Liturgy Meeting for Parents, St. Mary's Hall, after 11am Mass

Monday 26th February – Feria

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

7pm St. Edward's, Lenten Reflections All Welcome

7.30pm St. Mary's, Folk Group Workshop

Tuesday 27th February – Feria

10am St. John Bosco, Holy Mass Adele Parry RIP

Confessions after 10am Mass at St. John Bosco

3:40pm – 4:20pm Holy Cross School, First Holy Communion Class

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

7:45pm - 8:30pm St. Mary's Hall, Discipleship Group, Judgement Seat of Christ

Wednesday 28th February - Feria

10am St. Edward's, Holy Mass Sarah, Alejandro and Sven (Well-being)

Confessions after 10am Mass at St. Edward's

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

Thursday 29th February - Feria

10am St. Mary's, Holy Mass Joan Pratt (100th Birthday)

Confessions after 10am Mass at St. Mary's

6pm – 7pm St. John Bosco Hall, First Holy Communion Class

6:30pm St. Mary's, Encounter Group (For seekers, adult baptism, RCIA)

Friday 1st March - St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales

12pm St. John Bosco, Stations of the Cross

Lenten Lunch for CAFOD, St John Bosco Hall after Stations of the Cross

2pm South Wigston United Reform Church, NWSL College, World Day of Prayer

7pm St. Mary's, Holy Mass Tommy Brennan RIP

Saturday 2nd March - Anticipation of the Third Sunday of Lent

4:30pm St. John Bosco Hall, **St. Mary's Camping Club (SMCC) - AGM**

5pm St. Edward's, **Choir Practice**

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

6pm St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** Mary and John Lee and Patrick Lee RIP

7pm New Parks Social Club, Battersbee Road, LE3 9LD. **Irish Night Fundraiser** in aid of Trust Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Live Music. Irish Dancing. Games. £12pp. 18+

Sunday 3rd March – Third Sunday of Lent – Psalter Week 3

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

Children's Liturgy Meeting for Parents, St Edward's Hall, **after 9am Mass**

11am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Maureen Mullaly RIP

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

Confessions after 11am Mass at St. Mary's

Children's Liturgy Meetings for Parents: These meetings are important as we have to implement some **Diocesan guidelines** and we want to keep everyone informed of the implications, so do try to join us.

Question 13 of the Compendium of the Catechism

In what ways does Apostolic Tradition occur?

Apostolic Tradition occurs in two ways: through the living transmission of the word of God (also simply called Tradition) and through Sacred Scripture which is the same proclamation of salvation in written form.

St. Mary's & St. John Bosco Finances

Total Income 15/2 – 21/2 = £2,671.44

Total Outgoings 15/2 – 21/2 = £85.68

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

St. Edward's Finances

Total Income 15/2 – 21/2 = £356.83

Total Outgoings 15/2 – 21/2 = £236.41

Please Pray for our Departed Loved Ones

Funeral Service Wigston Cemetery Chapel & burial **4 March 2:15pm** Martin Lynch RIP

Funeral Service St. Mary's, **7 March 12 noon** Barbara McConnell RIP

Funeral Service Countesthorpe Crematorium **8 March 1pm.** Janet Draper RIP.

Please pray for the **repose of the soul** of **Mick Dale** RIP.

Please pray for the **repose of the soul** of **Sister Anna Patricia Pereira**, RIP, of the Rosminian Community in Loughborough, who died on Sunday 18th February.

Passports to the Sacraments: Don't forget to exchange your old passport for a new one. The old ones have run out. Please bring them to the **First Holy Communion Classes**.

CAFOD Representative: **Abigail** from **CAFOD** will be with us over the weekend of **24/25 February** to thank us for our support over the years. We look forward to meeting her.

Easter Lilies: Envelopes are now available in the porches at both **St Mary's and St John Bosco** for you to dedicate an Easter lily for your deceased relative or loved one. Dedications are £3 per lily. Please complete the form with name of dedication and your donation. Please return envelope to Rita Hankey, Lynne Ryan or Bernadette Grimes.

Volunteers for Mass Roles: The leaflets explaining what is involved in each of the roles the community can undertake during Mass have been in circulation for a couple of weeks now. **This week and next week sheets will be available in all the church porches for you to offer your skills, either individually or as a family.** You can still help even if you are not here every week. We are particularly keen for parents to offer help with Children's Liturgy at St Mary's so that we can continue the programme through the school holidays. New volunteers will be asked to complete a very simple form so that we have contact details for you. Do, please, offer your services so that we can celebrate the Mass well. Thank you,

LACY "Big Lent Walk" for CAFOD: Sunday 17 March 2024 commencing from St. Mary's, Countesthorpe Road, South Wigston, LE18 4PG at **2pm. Celebration of Mass at 4pm** praying for all those in the areas of conflict in the world. For more details of the afternoon email: paulinepayne@hotmail.com for sponsor forms and details of Just Giving Account or just turn up at 2pm where this information will be available.

Daffodils: Grateful thanks go to Anne and Peter Kelly who have tended the pots outside St. Mary's giving us a wonderful display of daffodils. Spring is on its way.

Newsletter: Please contact newslettermje@gmail.com if you haven't already done so, requesting your email address be added to the weekly list of those who receive the newsletter by email as this will help reduce printing costs. Thank you.

Cuisine of India: Thank you to all of the people across the three churches who supported this event. A lovely time was had by all with good food, good service and good company. **Many thanks to the staff of Cuisine of India** who were so pleasant, helpful and generous. We raised an excellent total of **£1005**. Of that: The raffle made **£265** which we will be donating to **CAFOD**. The meal made **£700** which will go to support our churches. The restaurant donated **£40** from bar takings which will be added to the **£700**.

Parish Social and Fundraising Calendar: Fliers with the dates of all upcoming events so far this year are available in the church porches. Do please take one and put it in a prominent place so you are able to keep the dates free if possible. Feel free to hand some out to anyone else who might be interested – I can always print more!!! If anyone has any ideas for other events, please let either Fr John, Keith, Rita, Jo, Helen, Lynne or Hilari know. One new idea has already been suggested during the meal! These events are really important both to keep our Parish and churches financially viable, but also to build the community across the churches.

Children's liturgy Announcement

Children under 5 must be accompanied by their parent or guardian.