

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

Children who have recently received First Holy Communion: It is difficult to keep the oil lamp of our faith burning if we do not keep learning about our Holy Faith. The parish offers teaching for those who have just received their First Holy Communion on **Tuesday Evenings at 6pm at St. Mary's**, take advantage of this and deepen your knowledge.

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

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer sung versions can be found on the YouTube Channel each day at: youtube.com/@SingtheHours?si=VSzueqkX1c61o TT

Intercession for the Third Week of Lent: As a diocese we reflect this month on reconciliation, we pray that as we approach Easter, we will recognise our need for a saviour. We will see that Jesus awaits us, offering healing in the sacrament of reconciliation and repent of the sins that separate us from opening our hearts fully to him. Lord in your mercy

A Reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Third Sunday of Lent: With hands outstretched to God, Moses makes of himself a kind of bridge between earth and heaven, pleading for the people when they are most in need. In this way he prefigures Jesus, our great intercessor and high priest. We Christians are also called to share in this type of prayer, interceding for those who need God's help, and for the redemption of the whole world. To read the full reflection and find more resources see 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

Third Week of Lent

Website: cathparishmje.co.uk **Phone:** 07354 832195

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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 Daughter & Granddaughters of Barbara McNess

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

4:30pm St. Mary's, Altar Server Preparation for the Easter Triduum

Monday 4th March – Feria

2:15pm Wigston Cemetery Chapel Funeral Service Martin Lynch RIP

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

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

Tuesday 5th March – Feria

10am St. John Bosco, Holy Mass All Parishioners

Confessions after 10am Mass at St. John Bosco

12pm – St. John Bosco Hall, Friendship Club

3:40pm – 4.20pm Holy Cross School, First Holy Communion Class

6pm – 7pm St. Mary's 8+ Post-Holy Communion Lesson

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

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

Wednesday 6th March - Feria

10am St. Edward's, Holy Mass Bridget Seery RIP

Confessions after 10am Mass at St. Edward's

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

Thursday 7th March - Feria

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

Confessions after 10am Mass at St. Mary's

12 noon Countesthorpe Crematorium Funeral Service Barbara McConnell RIP

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

6.30pm St. Mary's, Encounter Group (For seekers, adult baptism, RCIA)

Friday 8th March - Feria

1pm Countesthorpe Crematorium, **Funeral Service** Janet Draper RIP

7pm St. Edwards, **Stations of the Cross**

7:30pm St. Mary's, **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday 9th March - Anticipation of the Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

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

6pm **St. John Bosco, Holy Mass** Collette McAuley RIP

Sunday 10th March – Fourth Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday - Psalter Week 4

Mother's Day

9am **St. Edwards, Holy Mass** All Parishioners

11am **St. Mary's, Holy Mass** Murial Shryane RIP

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

Confessions after 11am Mass at St. Mary's

4:30pm St. Mary's, **Altar Server Preparation for the Easter Triduum**

Question 14 of the Compendium of the Catechism

What is the relationship between Tradition and Sacred Scripture?

Tradition and Sacred Scripture are bound closely together and communicate one with the other. Each of them makes present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ. They flow out of the same divine well-spring and together make up one sacred deposit of faith from which the Church derives her certainty about revelation.

St. Mary's & St. John Bosco Finances

Total Income 22/2 – 28/2 = £916.04

Total Outgoings 22/2 – 28/2 = £1,816.66

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

St. Edward's Finances

Total Income 22/2 – 28/2 = £212.28

Total Outgoings 22/2 – 28/2 = £574.12

Please Pray for our Departed

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.

Childrens Liturgy Announcement:

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

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 **by Palm Sunday, 24 March at the latest.** Thank you.

Volunteers to Assist in the Smooth Running of the Mass: The forms will be available in the porches of all three churches again this weekend. Do add your name to the list if you possibly can. If you are signing up as a family for a role, such as the collection, please put your name and add 'family' so that we know.

Finance: A leaflet has been put together in conjunction with the Finance team. It gives information on the financial obligations the parish has to meet for it to be viable. It also sets out clearly and simply the various ways you can give to the Parish. In the centre of the leaflet is an explanation of how Gift Aid works and why it is so important to complete the required form. It is essential that all those who pay tax sign up to Gift Aid as it makes a significant difference to the amount the Parish receives. The form you need to complete is included in the leaflet. Please fill it in if you can – and haven't done so already - and return it to the Sacristy or the Presbytery.

Act now to stop DIY abortion up to birth: An amendment has been put forward to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill (New Clause1), which is coming up for Report stage in Parliament in early March. This amendment seeks to change criminal law so that a woman, acting to abort her own baby at home, using pills (or any other method), at any stage of pregnancy, **would commit no offence.** It means that **any baby, even a healthy baby may be aborted right up to the time a woman goes into labour.** Please contact your MP urgently, asking him/her to oppose this extreme and barbaric proposal. You can do this by using SPUC's easy to use web tool, at spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments Please pray for the defeat of this amendment, for the protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need. Thank you. Margaret Tilley

REMINDER! LACY "Big Lent Walk" for CAFOD: Sunday 17th March 2024 commencing from **St. Mary's**, Countesthorpe Road, South Wigston, LE18 4PG at **2pm**. Calling all young people families and friends to be with us! Aid for all the conflicts taking place in Ukraine, Russia, Palestine and Israel. Walk as much as you can, trail to follow, craft time and light refreshments! **Celebration of Youth Mass with Fr. Simon Gillespie at 4pm**, praying for all those in the areas of conflict in the world. For more details of the afternoon email: Jo Shearer, joshearer@hotmail.com. Details of the LACY Just Giving Account are: walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/lacy-sharing-cafods-big-lent-walk. You might like to **WALK! SPONSOR SOMEONE! or DONATE!** to the amazing work of CAFOD. We would love to hear from you or see you on the day. **LET'S PUT OUR FAITH INTO ACTION THIS LENT!**

Eyres Monsell Lifts to Church: Please contact the office for help to get to Church.

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 – more can always be printed. 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.

Adoration: Every Tuesday at 7:10pm at St. Mary's, worship the Lord in the Holy Eucharist