

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

**5th of Ordinary Time**

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

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

5.15pm St John Bosco, Rite for the Blessing of Throats for St. Blaise Day

5:25pm – 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 – Psalter Week 1**

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**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February – St Agatha**

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

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

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – St Paul Miki & Companions**

10am St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** Caroline Aquilina (Well-being)

**Confessions after 10am Mass at St. John Bosco**

12pm St. John Bosco Hall, **Friendship Club**

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 St. Mary's Hall, **Discipleship Group, Fiducia Supplicans**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - FERIA**

12pm St. Edward's, **Funeral Requiem Mass** Sylvia Borszowski RIP

5pm St. John Bosco, **Reception of the Body** Anthony Howie RIP

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

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - FERIA**

9.30am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Joan Pratt 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

11.30am Deanery Meeting, St Theresa's, Birstall

1pm St John Bosco, **Funeral Service** Anthony Howie RIP

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

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – FERIA**

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

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Anticipation of the Sixth Sunday of the Year**

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

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

6pm St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** All Parishioners

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February - Sixth Sunday of the Year – Psalter Week 2**

9am St. Edward's, **Holy Mass** J. Harding in Thanksgiving

11am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Chris Hickey RIP

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

**Confessions after 11am Mass at St. Mary's**

**QUESTION 10 OF THE COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM**

**What is the value of private revelations?**

While not belonging to the deposit of faith, private revelations may help a person to live the faith as long as they lead us to Christ. The Magisterium of the Church, which has the duty of evaluating such private revelations, cannot accept those which claim to surpass or correct that definitive Revelation which is Christ.

**ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN BOSCO FINANCES**

Total Income 25/1 – 31/1 £736.41

Total Outgoings 25/1 – 31/1 £528.75

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

**ST. EDWARD'S FINANCES**

Total Income 25/1 – 31/1 £984.80

Total Outgoings 25/1 – 31/1 £0

### 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.

### ASH WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY

9am St. John Fisher, **Holy Mass with blessing and imposition of Ashes**

10am St. Edward's, **Blessing and Imposition of Ashes**

12.30pm St Mary's, **Funeral Service** Wilfred Dean RIP

7pm St. Mary's, **Holy Mass with blessing and imposition of Ashes**

**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](mailto:leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com) You can also directly sign up for hours at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/leicester>

**LAST ORDERS!** Parish Fundraising event at Cuisine of India, Wigston on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**. Final numbers must be handed in to the restaurant on 12<sup>th</sup> February. Please 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!!

**YOUTH CLUB** – Our Parish Youth Club meets every Tuesday evening 6.30pm to 8.15pm at St John Bosco Hall. New members, school year 6 or over are always welcome.

**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.

**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 this 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.

**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.

**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

**ST MARY'S CAMPING CLUB (SMCC) - A.G.M** The Annual General Meeting of the St Mary's Camping Club will be held in St John Bosco Parish Hall at 4.30pm on **Saturday 2 March 2024**. All members are invited to attend.

The club is now in its 46th year and we have 3 camps planned for this year's Spring and Summer Bank Holiday weekends. If you are interested in joining us or want to know more, please feel free to come along to the meeting or ring Paul Turner on 07759 902 214.

### LACY WALK FOR CAFOD SHARING IN THE "BIG LENT WALK"

**SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024** - Young People come and join us! Bring your families and friends. Enjoy a short walk commencing from St. Mary's, Countesthorpe Road, South Wigston, LE18 4PG at **2.00 p.m.** Walk as much as you can – route supplied - trail to follow with prizes for correct answers! A craft opportunity for younger children who don't want to walk too far and refreshments. **Celebration of Mass at 4.00 p.m.** praying for all those in the areas of conflict in the world. Calling all young people to support! **LET'S PUT OUR FAITH INTO ACTION THIS LENT!** Looking forward to seeing you! For more details of the afternoon email: [paulinepayne@hotmail.com](mailto:paulinepayne@hotmail.com) for sponsor forms and details of Just Giving Account or just turn up at 2.00 p.m. where this information will also be available.

### NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Please send all future items for the newsletter to: [newslettermje@gmail.com](mailto:newslettermje@gmail.com) by **9pm Wednesday**. Please note that Fr John is no longer the point of contact for the newsletter. Please use the new email address only. If you wish to receive the newsletter by email, please contact the new address. Thank you.

### YEAR OF PRAYER

**Last Sunday, Pope Francis officially opened the Year of Prayer, in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee.**

During the Angelus, the Holy Father announced that this year will be "dedicated to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world." 2024 is to be devoted to a "symphony of prayer... above all else, to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him."

### A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER:

The Pope recalled an occasion when someone said to him:

"You talk too much about prayer. It is not necessary". The Pope's reply was emphatic: "Yes, it is necessary. Because if we do not pray, we will not have the strength to go forward in life. Prayer is like the oxygen of life. Prayer draws down upon us the presence of the Holy Spirit who always leads us forward. For this reason, I speak a lot about prayer." To read the full reflection and find more resources visit the website [dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer)

### BISHOP'S STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE

**By order of the Bishop, the following statement is to be published**

Marriage is a lifelong vocation of a man and a woman to a community of life and love open to children, and, between the baptized, it is a Sacrament. Aware of the many pressures today which can endanger family life, the Church is constantly concerned to make sure that those of you planning to marry are prepared as well as possible.

We would like to remind those who wish to marry of the following:

1. It is important that a couple go to see their priest in good time before their wedding. Normally, at least six months' notice should be given.
2. Marriage preparation is carried out by the priest, often assisted by a group from the parish. Courses arranged on a Deanery basis are recommended.
3. Catholics are reminded of their obligation to preserve their faith and to do all they can within the unity of their partnership to have all their children baptized and brought up in the faith and practice of the Catholic Church.
4. Non-Catholic partners will be informed of this promise, but they are not asked to make this or any similar promise.
5. Dispensation for a marriage between a Catholic and a non-Catholic to take place in a non-Catholic church can only be granted for a serious reason. Couples who wish to marry in a non-Catholic church should discuss the matter with their priest in good time before their wedding day to see whether a dispensation could be granted. All couples marrying these days need the support of the local Church. In this way they will be strengthened in their preparation for marriage, in celebrating their marriage, and in living out their covenant with one another.

We wish to thank all those married people who show such constancy and fidelity to their vocation of marriage. May their example inspire those planning to marry in the Church.

**Right Reverend Patrick McKinney** Bishop of Nottingham

### **AN INTERCESSION FOR USE ON THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR:**

Let us pray for those troubled with mental health. May Christ, who felt the fullness of human suffering, be close to our brothers and sisters who are suffering today. Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

### **CALLING CATHOLIC TEACHERS**

If you are a Catholic teacher currently working outside of Catholic education and would like to find out more about the joys of working in a Catholic school within the Diocese of Nottingham, a virtual information session will take place on **Monday 4 March from 7.00pm – 8.00pm**. For more information contact Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan education Service: [julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk](mailto:julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk)

**SEARCH FOR THE LIGHT** is back again this year! Take some time out this Easter to come to The Briars for an amazing retreat experience. You can come by yourself or with your friends, no parents or teachers needed, and take part in fun activities and opportunities to learn more about and deepen your faith alongside other like-minded young people. This retreat is open to all in years 10 to 13, between **Thursday 28 – Sunday 31 March**, and costs £55 per person (with bursaries through the St Francis of Assisi fund). Get in contact on our Instagram (@NDCYS) or Facebook (NDCYS – The Briars) or call (01773 852044).

### **APPLICATIONS FOR THE BRIARS TEAM 24/25 ARE NOW OPEN!**

If you are feeling called to a volunteer year at The Briars you can find more information on our website [ndcys.com/team-gap-year](http://ndcys.com/team-gap-year) or get in touch with us via any of our social medias @NDCYS or email [programmeleader@ndcys.com](mailto:programmeleader@ndcys.com)

### **EASTER TRIDUUM – THE THREE HOLIEST DAYS OF HOLY WEEK**

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

Holy Thursday 7:30pm St. Mary's

Good Friday 3pm St. Mary's

Easter Vigil 7:30pm St. Mary's

Easter Sunday 9am St. Edward's

Easter Sunday 11am St. Mary's

### **THE PARISH WEBSITE**

The layout has been updated so you can find what you need more easily.

See [cathparishmje.co.uk](http://cathparishmje.co.uk)

Visit often to keep up to date.

With every blessing for the coming week, Fr. John

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