

Celebration of Mass at 4pm praying for all those in the areas of conflict in the world. **Let's Put Our Faith Into Action This Lent!** Looking forward to seeing you! 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.

See Noticeboard for **Dates and Intercessions For Life**, and for other information from the Diocese.

Youth Group No Youth Group until after Easter. Watch this space for when we re-start.

New Email Address for Newsletter Items Please send all future items for the newsletter to: 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. If you have not been receiving the newsletter by email but should be, it could be we have the wrong email address. Please contact this new address to confirm you wish to receive this newsletter by email. Thank you.

Mass Intentions Fr. John is no longer deciding when Mass Intentions go into the newsletter so please write clearly your specified date and Mass otherwise it will be put in at the earliest possible time.

The Parish Website Subscribe to the website to receive emails of new items.

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Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024 Monday 15 – Friday 19 July. Information and Bookings: dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes or 01732 886666.

Easter Triduum – The Three Holiest Days Of The Holiest 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 - Easter Sunday Mass 9am St. Edward's

Sunday 31 March - Easter Sunday Mass 11am St. Mary's

With every blessing for the coming week, Fr. John

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St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, St. Edward's [Sixth Week of Ordinary Time](#)

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Saturday 10th 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 11th 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

Monday 12th February – Feria

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

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

Tuesday 13th February – Feria

10am St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** Tommy Brennan

Confessions after 10am Mass

1pm St Edwards, **Pancakes**

6pm St. Mary's Hall, **9+ Post-Holy Communion Lesson**

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

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

Wednesday 14th February – Ash Wednesday - Psalter Week 4

Day of Fasting and abstinence, no meat, 1 full meal and 2 smaller meals that do not add up to the full meal

9am St. John Fisher School, **Holy Mass** with **Imposition of Ashes** Anne & Peter Kelly

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

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

6:30pm St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** with **Imposition of Ashes** Jim Feeney RIP

Thursday 15th February – Lenten Feria

10am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Jill Marston RIP

Confessions after 10am Mass

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

7.30pm St. Mary's. **Liturgy Meeting** for all those involved or interested in the Liturgy and those who are willing to lead devotions at any of our 3 churches

Friday 16th February – Lenten Feria

7.30pm St Marys, **Stations of the Cross**

7pm (tbc) St Edwards, **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday 17th February - Anticipation of the First Sunday of Lent

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

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

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

Sunday 18th February – First Sunday of Lent – Psalter Week 1

9am St. Edward's, **Holy Mass** Lilly Bracken RIP

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

Question 11 of the Compendium of the Catechism

Why and in what way is divine revelation transmitted?

God “desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4), that is, of Jesus Christ. For this reason, Christ must be proclaimed to all according to his own command, “Go forth and teach all nations” (Matthew 28:19). And this is brought about by Apostolic Tradition.

St. Mary's & St. John Bosco Finances

Total Income 1/2 – 7/2 £3,942.22

Total Outgoings 1/2 – 7/2 £2,783.23

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

St. Edward's Finances

Total Income 1/2 – 7/2 £690.36

Total Outgoings 1/2 – 7/2 £527.99

Financial Giving

The Parish would like to thank all those who give financially to the work of the church. With the upkeep of three churches, all donations are gratefully appreciated. Please prayerfully consider if you are able to increase your giving as this would enable the churches to continue to cover ever rising costs. If you are a taxpayer and are able to Gift Aid your giving, please see Trevor or Ann Clark for more information. Please remember you can also give via the Card Machine at the back of St Mary's or St John Bosco churches. Thank you.

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.

Funeral Service St Mary's, **Tuesday 20 February 1.30pm**. Geraldine Brabham RIP

Mass Passports Return your old passports and swap them for new ones.

Volunteers 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. 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.

PAT Testing The annual check on Portable (electric) Appliances Test across the Parish is now due. This can be done by an electrician, or a 'competent person'. The competence is defined as having knowledge about electricity and previous experience in working with electrics – including the system that they're working on. **Anyone interested in doing this work for the Parish should contact the Office.**

Monday 19 February, Cuisine of India, Kelmarsh Avenue, Wigston, LE18 3QW Thank you to all the people who have booked places. If you are one of the few who have not paid, please get the money (£20) to Hilari, Jo, Helen, Keith, or Fr John asap. Thank you. There are still a few places left if anyone would like to join us. Let one of us know as soon as possible. **Please arrive at the restaurant for 7pm.** The meal will be served at 7.30pm Don't forget to bring a raffle prize and money to buy tickets for the raffle!! It should be a lovely evening and a chance for people from all three churches to get to know each other. See you there.

Children's Liturgy Diocesan regulations mean that we need to implement a few changes in how Children's Liturgy is run, both in St. Mary's and St. Edward's. This will not impact on the time and quality of the sessions. The Leaders would ask all of the parents whose children attend Children's Liturgy at St. Mary's to stay behind after the 11am Mass on 25 February for a few minutes so that we can explain what we are planning. A meeting will also be arranged soon for the parents of children who attend the St. Edward's group.

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 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 “Big Lent Walk” for Cafod Sunday 17 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 **2pm**. 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.