

**A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Sixth Sunday of Easter:** We now consider the importance of perseverance in prayer. Reflecting on Saint Paul's encouragement to pray unceasingly, the Russian ascetic tradition developed the prayer of the heart, based on repeating the words, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner", until they become like the air we breathe. Prayer thus becomes the backdrop against which every action of our lives finds its deepest meaning. If God can find time for each of us, surely we can find time for him! See <https://dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer>.

**Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May,** See <https://dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/safeguardingsunday2024>

**The Diocesan Archives Department** would like to establish a network of persons around the diocese who would like to be involved in historical work in their parishes, for the preservation of documents old and new. With the ongoing work of parish re-orderings it is easy for documents to be destroyed. It has previously been suggested that local archives be maintained at the parish level by volunteer archivists with an appreciation for the history of their parish. Could anyone interested in working together with the central Archives to preserve the relics of the work of the Holy Spirit in our parishes and diocese email [archives@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:archives@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**Newsletter Deadline:** For inclusion in the next newsletter please send all notices by **12 noon Thursday**. Thanks.

**Ask your MP to stop abortion up to birth being introduced:** Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have tabled amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill that would make extreme changes to our abortion laws. Both amendments would make it more likely that babies are aborted at home for any reason, up to birth. **Take action:** To oppose the abortion up to birth amendments, email your MP via this link: [www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth)

With every blessing for the joyful season of Eastertide, Fr. John.

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**Diocesan Future Events:** [dioceseofnottingham.uk/events](https://dioceseofnottingham.uk/events)

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

**Sixth Week of Eastertide – Psalter Week 2**

**Website:** [cathparishmje.co.uk](http://cathparishmje.co.uk) **Phone:** 07354 832195

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**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May- The English Martyrs**

**9.30am** HMP Fosse, **Holy Mass**, Special Intention

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

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

**6pm** St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** Danny Hirrell RIP

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Sixth Sunday of Easter – Psalter Week 2**

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

**11am** St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Ray Eaton RIP

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

**Confessions after 11am Mass**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Easter Feria**

**6pm** St. Edwards, **Ladies Prayer and Share**

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

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Easter Feria**

**10am** St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** John Pendergast RIP

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

**3:20pm** Holy Cross School, **First Holy Communion Preparation**

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

**6:30pm – 8:15pm** St. John Bosco Hall, **Youth Club**

**6:30pm** St. Mary's Orange Street Porch, **Social Fundraising Meeting**

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

**7:45pm** St. Mary's Hall, **Discipleship Group – Communion of the Saints**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Easter Feria**

**No Morning Mass**

**6pm** St. Edward's, **VIGIL MASS OF THE HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION,**

**The Ascension of the Lord** Michael Thompson

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

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – The Ascension of the Lord**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**9am** St. John Fisher School **Holy Mass**, Holy Souls in Purgatory

**6pm** St. John Bosco Hall, **First Holy Communion Preparation**

**7:30pm** St. Mary's, **Holy Mass**, Lily and Isaac Thrower RIP

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Easter Feria

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

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May- Easter Feria

5pm St. Edward's, Choir Practice

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

6pm St. John Bosco, Holy Mass Danny Hirrell RIP

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Seventh Sunday of Easter - Psalter Week 3

9am St. Edwards, Holy Mass All Parishioners

11am St. Mary's, Holy Mass Aidan McNicholl RIP

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

Confessions after 11am Mass

### Question 23 of the Compendium of the Catechism

**What is the unity that exists between the Old and the New Testaments?**

Scripture is one insofar as the Word of God is one. God's plan of salvation is one, and the divine inspiration of both Testaments is one. The Old Testament prepares for the New and the New Testament fulfills the Old; the two shed light on each other.

### St. Mary's & St. John Bosco Finances

Total Income 11/4 - 1/5 = £6,914.62

Total Outgoings 11/4 - 1/5 = £ 7,234

St. Mary Quota is now £788.02 per month

St. John Bosco Fire Door Donations: £2,739

Quotes received: 1<sup>st</sup> £16,920, 2<sup>nd</sup> £11,400, 3<sup>rd</sup> £12,240

### St. Edward's Finances

Total Income 11/4 - 1/5 = £2,907.31

Total Outgoings 11/4 - 1/5 = £ 2,224.69

St. Edward's Quota is now £289.27 per month

**Second Collections:** There is an emergency Second Collection for CAFOD's work in the Sudan on Sunday 5 May. The next planned Second Collection for the Parish will be on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May for Catholic Communications. Please give generously at these collections. Thank you.

### Please Pray for Our Departed

**Funeral Mass** for Margaret McNamara RIP, St. Mary's, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 12pm

**Funeral Mass** for Helen Bray RIP, St. Edward's, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 10am

**Baptism:** Please pray for Eve Smith who will be baptised during the 11am Mass at St. Mary's on the 19<sup>th</sup> May, Pentecost Sunday.

**First Holy Communion:** Please pray for the children as they enter the final stages of preparation for their **First Holy Communion** that is to take place on the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

**Youth Club:** Our Parish Youth Club meets every Tuesday evening in term time at St. John Bosco Hall - 6:30 to 8:15pm. Young people in school year 5 or over are always welcome. Join us this Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May for our 'Games Tournament'.

**Fundraising Events:** The next two events on the calendar are approaching fast: Quiz and simple supper; and our Afternoon Strawberry Tea. Anyone who is willing to help in any way, or support the events, is invited to a meeting in the Orange Street porch in St. Mary's this Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, at 6.30pm for half an hour to finalise arrangements, advertising etc. Do join us if you possibly can - new ideas, and offers of help, are always very welcome!!

**Children's Liturgy at St Mary's:** Unfortunately no-one has come forward as yet to offer their help in supporting the leaders of this important role of mission in the Parish. If no-one comes forward soon the group will have to close over the summer which could be very difficult for some families. Anyone from the age of 16 to 106 can offer their help. You would only be asked to support the group once every six weeks or so. Please contact Fr John, Hilari, Jo, Helen, or anyone on the PPC if you could take on this crucial role in helping to develop faith in our children. Training, support and resources will be given. Thank you.

**St. John Bosco Fire Door: Quote to work towards: £11,400, Donations: £2,739.** We have a few choices: firstly, we can apply for a grant of up to 50% of the cost but the process can take 6 months and we may not get anything at the end or a smaller amount than the 50% but this puts back the process and stops us renting out the presbytery. Secondly, we can use this month and maybe June if necessary to donate as much as we can to get it done sooner, the work will only take an estimated 3 weeks, and then the Church will be fully open, and the Presbytery can be rented after we block off access to the Church from the house. If you favour the second please put further donations in an envelope clearly marked **St. John Bosco Fire Door** and put into the collection alongside your normal offering. Thank you so much for your generosity towards this project and the Parish as a whole.

**St. Edward's Parish** are organizing a coach trip to **Walsingham on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July** departing from St Edwards at **8am** and returning from Walsingham at **4pm**. The price of the trip will be **£10.00 per person return**. It would be wonderful to see all Parishes on this lovely occasion and be able to participate in celebrating the different activities held at the Shrine and grounds. If you would like to come, please let Marysia at St. Edward's, know your name, telephone number and £10.00 per person to secure your seat. Please let Grace know for St. Mary's and St. John Bosco.