

**LACY OUTSIDE STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022** – at the Rosmini Centre, Ratcliffe on the Wreake, LE7 4SJ. Calling **ALL YOUNG PEOPLE**, families and friends – come and share some time with us taking a “**Journey with Jesus**” as we make the Stations of the Cross outside in the grounds of the Rosmini Centre, commencing at 1.30 p.m. This will be followed by a Celebration of Mass and light refreshments. With LACY support and help we are hoping that young people will lead the Stations and feel they can be involved in the Celebration of Mass through Music and readings. Let us know if you can be with us and would like to be involved. Contact [paulinepayne@hotmail.com](mailto:paulinepayne@hotmail.com) or [claudi-acoxon@googlemail.com](mailto:claudi-acoxon@googlemail.com).

**FR CHRIS'S THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY:**

We are heading towards Holy week and Easter. The Passion of our Lord looms, a week that will lead to the newness of Easter. Great things, new things! In our first reading God says he is doing something new. *Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new!.... Can you not see it? Isaiah looks forward to God doing something new and refreshing for the people of Israel in exile weeping by the rivers of Babylon; he says do not think about my past deeds, the great events when he freed his people from their slavery in Egypt through the crossing of the red sea, as if they were something past and gone. No, he will do a new deed: water in the desert, rivers in the wild where the wild beast will honour me. For the People of Israel it will be a new Exodus from exile. God always does new and refreshing things through the refreshing breeze of the Holy Spirit. As someone said he is the God of surprises. We might ask ourselves: have we forgotten this? I wonder have we become a bit stale and complacent, in a comfort zone.*

Complacency is seductive; it tells us that there is no point in trying to change things, that there is nothing we can do, because this is the way things have always been and will be. We have always managed to survive, get by. We “let things be”, or as others have decided they ought to be, perhaps. We let our past hang on to us. In Lent we are called to rethink our usual way of doing things; let us open our eyes and ears, and above all our hearts, so as not to be complacent about things as they are but unsettled by the living power of the risen Lord. This is being a disciple. In the Risen Lord, God has shown forth definitively that he is eternal newness. He impels us constantly to set out anew, to pass beyond what is familiar and accepted: he is exciting!

St Paul experienced the newness of Christ in his conversion. He was refreshed and renewed from his weariness of fulfilling the law and rules as a good Pharisee. For him now nothing can outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus the Lord. The loss of everything is nothing; he sees his past as rubbish to be left behind. He wants to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and - I love this - such is the refreshing newness of Christ: that he wants to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. He knows he is nowhere near getting there: he is forgetting the Past and straining ahead to what is to come. He desires only Christ and that newness of God which is stronger than all his sinful past.

In the Gospel today we see Jesus bringing that newness to the woman caught in Adultery. We do not know her story but only that she had sinned and been caught out in it. She expected the worse. However she finds a whole new beginning a fresh start in Jesus who says to her I do not condemn you go and sin no more. That is to say begin again, be refreshed, start out for the new. Such is the power of forgiveness that not only removes the weight of the past but opens a whole new way ahead. Forgiveness is always a starting point for new life. May we not go away with the Pharisees but kneel down before the Lord with the woman.

In these remaining days of Lent we must look forward to the coming days of great graces to be renewed by Christ. We rekindle our Penances with a view to the future the new and life refreshing action of God. As Saint Paul says we forget the past and strain ahead for what is to come. As Isaiah says: *See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? And the Psalmist: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*



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3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022  
 Fifth Week of Lent  
 Psalter Week 1

## Times of Services

### Sunday: 5th of Lent (Passion Sunday)

Sat. 6.00pm: Mass: Vera Murphy RIP (Rose & Keith) month mind  
 9.00am Mass: Gurmen Sari RIP Anniv  
 11.00am: Mass: People of the Parish  
 4.30pm: Rosary outside Church

### Monday: Lenten Feria

9.00pm Mass: November Dead List

### Tuesday: Lenten Feria

9.00am Mass: Nora English RIP (Sisters)

### Wednesday: Lenten Feria

10.00am Mass: Thomas Murphy RIP (Marshall)

### Thursday: Lenten Feria

10.00am: Mass: Mary Penney Birthday (J. Brown)

*Followed by Coffee*

7.00pm: Holy Hour

### Friday: Lenten Feria

6.30pm: Confessions

7.00pm: Stations of the Cross

7.30pm Mass: Peace in the Ukraine (Smrectak/Olivant)

### Saturday: Lenten Feria

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

### Sunday: 6th of Lent - Holy Week

9.00am Mass: Fr Owen Anniv

11.00am Mass: Paolo Di Cicco RIP Anniv (Sellecchia)

*If there is one of you who has now sinned, let he be the first to throw a stone at her.*



### CONFESSIONS

11am &  
 5.15 -5.45pm  
 Saturdays

***PLEASE NOTE: Booking is no longer needed for Masses. However, please sanitise as you enter the church and we encourage people to wear masks but please respect those who do not. Please to not come***

**FR CHRIS WRITES:** Year 3 & 4 children performed their easter play a simple but moving rendering of Holy Week which was a great spur for Holy Week. Well done! Please see the Newsletter for all the Holy week Liturgies coming up. There will be **extra time for Confessions** in the run up to Easter: this week at 6.30pm before stations of the Cross.

**A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE:** We pray that the Lord God send His Holy Spirit to all the people of Ukraine and gives them the grace of endurance in faith, hope and love amid the current ordeals; may peace be granted throughout Ukraine and may the Ukrainian nation be delivered from all enemies, so that we may glorify the good and merciful God in justice and truth. Lord hear us and have mercy. Amen.

**TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK:**

**Palm Sunday** times as normal. However the 11.00am will have the procession with Palms starting outside hopefully!

**Wednesday:** Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 11.30am

**Maunder Thursday** 7.00pm

**Good Friday:** Market Square 11.00am Ecumenical Witness  
Liturgy of the Passion 3.00pm  
Stations of the Cross 7.00pm

**Easter vigil:** 8.00pm – First Mass of easter: Mother of all Masses

**Easter Sunday:** 9.00 & 11.00am



**READERS FOR HOLY WEEK:** Would any reader who would like to assist at any of the Holy Week services, (see announcement of days and times on this page), please either email Margaret or sign the list on the noticeboard in the cloister."

**'A RECITAL FOR SPRING' - St. Mary's Church, Husband Bosworth.** Friday, 22 April 2022 starting at 19:00hrs. £10 per ticket includes a glass of mulled wine and nibbles. Fourteen year old Mila, a former chorister at Manchester Cathedral and Chetham's School of Music, studies singing at Wells Cathedral School under Mr Andrew Kidd. She is the BBC Young Chorister of the Year highly commended runner up 2021 and has recorded songs for radio as a soloist with the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra and the BBC Concert Orchestra. Tickets available on the evening or be emailing [fr.matthew.pittam@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.matthew.pittam@rcaob.org.uk)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** 7.00pm on Fridays. Normally followed by Mass

**HOLY HOUR WITH BENEDICTION** Thursdays 7.00pm – 8.00pm with a couple of meditations on next Sundays readings. This is an opportunity for the most powerful prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, Our Bishop and the Holy Father have called us to adoration before the Blessed Sacrament especially at this time of the Synod and seeking to come out of COVID. Many graces are received before the Blessed Sacrament.

The diocesan draft **RESPONSE TO THE SYNOD** is (published this weekend / available at the back of church / on the parish website). Please take some time to read it, and send any further responses or reflections, by Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March, directly to the Diocesan Co-ordinators: Fr David Cain ([david.cain@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:david.cain@dioceseofnottingham.uk)) or Joe Hopkins, Adult Formation Director for Mission ([joe.hopkins@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:joe.hopkins@dioceseofnottingham.uk))

Also the **Deanery summary** will be on our [Website](#) shortly. These will both help us to discern as we go Some Lent Resources can be found at: <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/preparing-for-lent-and-eastertide/lent-and-eastertide-resources/>



I just wanted to let you know about **The Mark 10 Mission Little Liturgies**. We launched some new virtual liturgies a couple of weeks ago. They have been created specifically for children under 8. Thanks be to God, they are being very well received in our primary schools. We will be putting out a new little liturgy each Friday and they can always be found by following this link: <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/little-liturgies>

**CAFOD – Lent Fast Day and Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal:** Our family Fast raised £679 so far. Parishioners can be part of the Church's response by giving to CAFOD's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/Ukraine](http://cafod.org.uk/Ukraine).

**Adrian Weston** died on Monday last week. His Requiem Mass will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am. May he rest in peace. Just to be clear funerals are open to all who wish to attend. **Clive Blencoe** died last week his funeral will be on Tuesday 12 April at 2.30pm

Following helpful comments from members of the parish and in keeping with the modern age, **the THIRD WORLD GROUP** is planning to change its title to **Aid to Developing Countries.( ADC)**. We would once again like to offer our very deep and sincere appreciation to everyone who continues to support our very needy causes through our envelope scheme and by donating clothes and goods for us to sell ( Ebay total is approaching £4000! ) We are so grateful that your generous response to our appeals has enabled us to donate some money throughout the pandemic to each of our six charities even though our fundraising events were severely curtailed. Our collection box for donated goods will be situated as usual under the table in the Cloister and will be labelled with our new title . Please continue to help us support the very poor and underprivileged in our world . The new sets of green envelopes will be available to collect from church in the near future. Many thanks from ADC.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HARBOROUGH: United Lent reflections 2022 Into the desert: A Lenten journey towards deeper faith** Every Friday lunchtime (12.30 to 1.00) during Lent there will be a short service and reflection led by lay people from different churches. Every one is invited to join them. This year these meetings will be held on Zoom. The log-in details are the same for each service. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86087703786?pwd=NC9CdFhFR0ptVi9DRWFvdVdmY3V3VHUT09> Meeting ID: 860 8770 3786; Passcode: LENT22 Telephone Passcode: 761448. These are available from Fr Chris by email. . *Friday 8 April – led by Our Lady of Victories RC Church Acts 8:26-40 The desert of witness: discovering opportunities for service where we least expect them*

**Good Friday event for all churches** Churches Together in Harborough are inviting you to a service of worship and witness on the Square **on Good Friday at 11.00am**. We hope that many in the town will join us, and there will be a retelling of the Passion Story by children from our schools. It is an opportunity to gather together, show our unity and friendship, and pray together for the town and the world, on this special day. The service will be approximately 30 minutes starting at 11.00am, but you are welcome to start gathering on the Square at 10.30am, when there will be worship music playing along with a video presentation on a large screen.

**PUBLIC PRAYING OF THE ROSARY at Our Lady's Statue outside in front of the church. 4.30-5pm every Sunday.** As Catholics we pray the Rosary for cohesion and reconciliation in society, for peace, and freedom. We pray for the people, for the rulers, and for the kingship of our Lord Jesus Christ in society. At the same time always for the freedom of the Church, for the clergy, for the bishops, for the Pope, and in reparation for the sins committed against God Almighty and His Holy Mother. For more details contact Maureen Douglas 07966 515115.

		Sat. 6.00 pm	Sunday, 9.00 am	11.00 a.m.
Readers	April 2/3	M. Atkins	T. Snell	C. Sellecchia
	Apr 9/10	P. Danks	C. Goddard	B. Tyrrell