

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection this weekend Lent Appeal

Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Lent. We raised £953.64 so far. Your generous donations, rooted in love, will support families around the world to grow in strength to fight the climate crisis. You can still give online at cafod.org.uk/lent



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS IN CHURCH: We are managing to take collections in Church once again. Thank you to those who have begun to do it. We had a few volunteers for collections, sadly the list I had put out disappeared during the time of the Bazaar. My fault. Apologies! Could I ask people to sign up again. There is a list in the Cloister for you to sign up with name Mass and contact details. Many thanks:

RETREATS IN THE DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM THIS LENT – After the great success last year, The Diocese of Nottingham is again offering day retreats to help you grow closer to God this Lent through talks, discussion, prayer, Mass, confession and social time. **The Men's Retreat on Saturday 18th March** given by Fr Julian Green (Priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham) will be focused on men of scripture and what we can learn from them, and

The **WOMEN'S RETREAT** given by Sr Ann Swailes on **Saturday 25th March** will be following the theme of 'Here I am Lord I Come to do your will' – How can we know and accept God's will for our lives?

The Men's and Women's Retreat will be held at the Rosmini House Of Prayer (LE7 4SJ) and cost £20 which will include lunch and a light breakfast. **To book your place or for more information visit:** www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events, email adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham or call 0115 953 9841.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Our children have started their first communion sessions and each session will take place in between the Masses with the children joining their parents and the congregation after the Liturgy of the Word. Please pray for them and their Catechists.



		Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday, 9.00am	11.00am
Readers	11/12 Mar	J. Snaith	M. Crook	C. Sellechia
	18/19 March	M. Atkins	S. Acton	J. Thayaseelan

FINANCE	5/03/23
Envelopes	£267.00
Loose	£331.72
Standing Order	£761.38
Total	£1360.10

THE WEEKLY ROSARY GROUP
meets outside in front of Our Lady's Statue Sunday 3.30-4pm. For more information contact Maureen Douglas 07966 515115 (UKPrays.org)



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12th March 2023
Third Week of Lent
Psalter Week 3

Times of Services

Sunday: 3rd of Lent

Sat. 6.00pm: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)
9.00am Mass: Jonathan Davies RIP (Goddard)
11.00am Mass: People of the Parish
4.30pm: Rosary

Monday: Lenten Feria

9.00am: Vera Murphy 1st Anniv
2.00pm Funeral Liturgy Norma Brown

Tuesday: Lenten Feria

9.00am Mass: Adrian Weston RIP anniv

Wednesday: Lenten Feria

9.45am Morning prayer
10.00am: Paddy Redmond

Thursday: Lenten Feria

9.45am Rosary
10.00am: Gerry White Ints (Rita)
7.00pm Holy Hour

Friday: St Patrick, Patron of Ireland

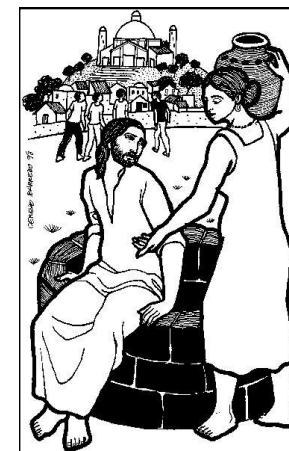
7.00pm: Stations of the cross
7.30pm Mass: For all the Parish - Spiritual blessings (Julie)

Saturday: Lenten Feria

6.00pm Mass: Leszek & Teresa wedding Day (Izabella & Maria)

Sunday: 4th of Lent - Laetare Sunday

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish
11.00am Mass: John Adams RIP



*A spring welling
up to eternal life.*

CONFESSIONS
11am & 5.15pm
SATURDAY

PLEASE NOTE: 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 to Mass if you have any symptoms of a viral

FR CHRIS WRITES: The Pope goes to Confession. Have you this Lent?

I want to say congratulations to our First Communion children who made their First Confession on Wednesday. It is a truly wonderful sacrament that absolves us of our sins – sets us free! As we come to Holy week it is a great opportunity for us all.

On Thursday 30th March 7.00pm instead of the Holy Hour, there will be visiting priests available for Confession as well as Exposition of the Blessed sacrament and Benediction. I have asked Fr Jim Cahill, Fr John Joe and Fr Peter to come for the Confessions.



Please note the School children are using the De Trafford room for the next few weeks the door in the cloister may not be used during school hours. Urgent heating repairs are being done in the school.

Stations of the Cross: 7.00pm on Fridays. Normally followed by Mass

Holy Hour with Benediction: Thursdays 7.00pm – 8.00pm.. 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. Many graces are received before the Blessed Sacrament.

Some Lent Resources can be found at: <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/preparing-for-lent-and-easteride/lent-and-easteride-resources/>

So what will we do this Lent? Many people like to give up something for Lent. Many do something positive, like greater emphasis and time on prayer, scripture readings, charitable acts, trying to be especially kind, willing and cooperative and generally more helpful and cheerful to a family member whether as parent or child. We can make an effort to attend an extra Mass on a weekday and to come to the Stations of the Cross on a Friday evening, that lovely traditional Catholic devotion, which is so special, reflective and prayerful for a Lenten devotion. We can attend the Holy Hour on Thursday at 7.00pm. Or we can make a time to pop into Church during the day and waste some time with Jesus instead of the TV! We also have our Ecumenical prayer groups as below.

BACK AFTER COVID!! OUR ECUMENICAL LENT FRIDAY LUNCH TIME SERVICE on the Fridays of Lent, In the Octagonal Hall from 12.30 – 1.00pm followed by the famous Soup etc, prepared by our Third World Group.. This is an opportunity to pray together and get to know each other.

17th March – Congregational Church;

24th March – Harborough Community Church;

31st March – Methodist Church.



FUNERALS: The Funeral Liturgy of **Norma Brown** from Kibworth will be on 13th March at 2.00pm. The funeral Mass of **Betty Ruane** will be on Wednesday 22nd March at 11.00am. The funeral Service of **Joe Fitzpatrick** will be on Wednesday 29th March 2. 15pm. May they rest in peace.

THE LADIES MIDSUMMER LUNCH in support of Saint Joseph school will be on Thursday the 29th of June 2023 at Marston Trussell hall at 12:30 PM. tickets are 40 pounds. Four tickets please contact Kate Crawford: 07814629927.

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 **Wednesday 29th March** from 7.00pm – 8.30pm. See the poster on the parish notice board for further information, and to book contact: Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan Education Service (julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk)

COME TO LOURDES! Bishop Patrick invites everyone in our diocese to join him in coming to this beautiful Marian Shrine between Saturday 15th and Thursday 20th July. Travel will be by air from East Midlands Airport, and the five-night all inclusive prices (full board) start at £709. See the poster at the back of church for more details, or visit <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/diocese-of-nottingham>

The Cistercian Nuns of Holy Cross Abbey (Whitland, Pembrokeshire SA34 0QX) are holding a series of **COME AND SEE WEEKENDS**, August and October. More information is available on the poster at the back of church, or be contacting comeandsee@gmail.com, or visiting www.hcawhitland.co.uk They provide our church with the Altar Breads

'GOING DEEPER' Do you want to go deeper into your Catholic spiritual life and prayer life? A monthly 'Going Deeper' gathering will continue on **Tuesday 21st March at 6.30pm** and continue thereafter on the third Tuesday of the month. It will begin in the Kavanagh Room. The main components of the meeting will be: the evening prayer of the Church; discussion of a classic text on prayer by one of the great spiritual teachers, a period of silent prayer. The plan is to finish around 8pm. For more information, email Cyprian Blamires on cpblamires@aol.com or phone him on 01858 468224 or 07714 651756.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2023-24: thank you to all the parishioners who donate using the offertory envelopes. Envelopes for the next financial year beginning 2nd April 2023 will be available for collection at all masses on the weekend 18th/19th March.

Anyone who would like to give through Standing Order or is new to the parish please pick up a form in the Narthex .

Name of account: **Our Lady of Victories, Market Harborough RCP**

Sort Code: **30 - 95- 47**

Account: **00068953**

Just put a note to say it is church donation. If You are a Taxpayer you can pick up a gift Aid Form (if you have not completed one) at the Church or email Fr Chris parish-priest@olvic.com and I can send you one by email. We can claim an extra 25% on top of anything you give if you are tax payer.