

LACY OUTSIDE STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Sun 3rd 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 or claudiacoxon@googlemail.com.

THIRD WORLD GROUP: Due to the ongoing limitations on social events for fund-raising, our main source of income at the moment is selling items on eBay, but our stock is dwindling. If we are to keep our promises to our beneficiaries we must maintain this activity. Please look through your cupboards, drawers, lofts, even sheds and garages, for good quality items that you no longer need. Clothing is the most popular but anything as long as it is in good condition and still has some value. Our box is under the table opposite the noticeboard in the cloister.

FR CHRIS'S THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY:

I hope Lent is going well. If not, it is never too late to begin. Today contrasts with last Sunday. Then Jesus underwent temptation in his human nature and had to struggle to overcome it. Today we see his glory revealed as he lets his divine nature shine through or perhaps better put, we see the Holy Spirit transfiguring his human nature, the same Holy Spirit we all have. Today we see our true nature shine through as baptised children of God. We received the Holy Spirit at Baptism and became children of God. The Father declared on that day, you are my child, beloved by me. That is our truest self, not the weak sinful person who struggles every day to be a good Christian. Lent is about taking to heart this truth and renewing our Baptism at Easter. This reality is hidden, we will only see it in the full glory of the resurrection, even though there are some holy people, we know, who already seem to shine with love. Living as a Christian is trying to be who we truly are. We may struggle to believe it but the Father attests to it.

The key to this is given by Jesus. He was transfigured when he went up the mountain to pray. It was whilst at prayer that this change came about. He was about to start the final part of his mission, heading to Jerusalem, to the cross. He wanted this moment to be with his father. He enters into prayer: and we are told that as he prayed the aspect of his face was changed in appearance: Here Our Lord was revealed in his prayer in his true self. He opens his soul to the Holy Spirit. As disciples seeking to live a Christian life, we too need this time with the Father. It is in prayer that we realise who we are and receive the grace and will to continue on our mission of life “heading for Jerusalem” with little steps of holiness each day.

We need this Communion with God. It was essential for Jesus to pray. His time of prayer was the very oxygen of his soul without which he could not fulfil his mission. If it was essential for him, it is for us. Without prayer we suffocate the soul, and we cannot live the life that we called to as Christians, because it all seems too much. Jesus could not have lived his life if he had not prayed. Just consider for a moment the agony in the garden.

Can we not find more time this lent to go up the mountain with Jesus? To find some time with God to make a little space in our busy noisy lives. We would never survive without the air we breathe, Yet we deprive ourselves of spiritual oxygen. Can we look this Lent at our prayer and make space: Fasting (from technology and noise) to spend time with God and each other to breathe in the Oxygen of God's love?



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13th March 2022
Second Week of Lent
Psalter Week 2

Times of Services

Sunday: 2nd of Lent

Sat. 6.00pm: Mass: Father Hugh Doherty RIP
9.00am Mass: Paul Beardsmore Birthday (Goddard)
11.00am: Mass: People of the Parish

Monday: Lenten Feria

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

Tuesday: Lenten Feria

10am Mass: George & Margaret Cotter (Doreen)

Wednesday: Lenten Feria

10.00am: Nora & Derrick Hamilton RIP (Ann Roberts)

Thursday: St Patrick, Patron of Ireland

10.30am: Funeral of Chris Roberts

7.00pm: Holy Hour

Friday: Lenten Feria

7.00pm: Stations of the Cross

7.30pm November Dead List

Saturday: St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6.00pm Mass: November Dead List

Sunday: 3rd of Lent

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Ken Goodman RIP



As Jesus prayed the aspect of his face changed.

CONFESSIONS

11am &
5.15 -5.45pm
Saturdays

We are delighted to Welcome Sr Bernadette Healy to the Parish. She has moved from St Augustine's in Nottingham to the Presentation Convent. She leads & coordinates the ministry to travellers in the Diocese amongst other ministries for her Community

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 to Mass if you have any symptoms of a viral infection

FR CHRIS WRITES: I simply wish you all a Blessed Lent and encourage you to make a visit to Church as Part of your Lenten programme during the week with for the Holy Hour, Stations of the Cross or a private visit. The Church is generally open all day. We could offer our visit for the Ukraine.

WALK WITH BOOKLETS: These have a meditation for each day to bolster your prayer. Also available are Activity booklets and a calendar for children.

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.

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/>

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 19th March, directly to the Diocesan Co-ordinators: Fr David Cain (david.cain@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or Joe Hopkins, Adult Formation Director for Mission (joe.hopkins@dioceseofnottingham.uk)



Also the **Deanery summary** will be on our [Website](#) shortly. These will both help us to discern as we go.

CAFOD – Lent Fast Day and Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal



On Friday CAFOD asked each of us to fast a little and to donate the money we saved into our Lent Fast Day second collection at Mass this Sunday.

Alongside this collection, CAFOD is aware that families affected by the conflict in Ukraine urgently need food, water and shelter. CAFOD is working closely with Caritas Ukraine, Caritas Poland and others, who are already there delivering practical help to those most in need. Parishioners can be part of the Church's response by giving to CAFOD's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal at cafod.org.uk/Ukraine. Please also continue to pray for peace in Ukraine.

THE VAN DER LIET FAMILY are making a trip to Bakau in Gambia. They are looking for **any unwanted Championship/Premiership shirts** which are surplus to requirements (all past seasons' shirts are warmly received for the children. They can be handed in to St Joseph's school by March 25th.

ST JOSEPH'S PTFA QUIZ NIGHT - Friday 1st April: Please join us for our first quiz night & PTFA event in over 2 years! Doors open at 7:30pm, with the quiz beginning at 8pm in the school hall. Tickets are £10 per person including a fish & chip supper (veggie option available) & raffle ticket. Teams of no more than 6 adults & tickets can be purchased from the school office, a member of the PTFA team or by contacting Catherine Searcy on 0772 555 1009.

WINNERS OF THE MARCH DRAW: 1st Prize £70 M O'Neill ticket No 135; 2nd Prize £30 J Robertson ticket No 154; 3rd Prize £20 P Bebb ticket No 125.

Christopher Roberts died on Ash Wednesday. His funeral will be on Thursday 17th March 10.30am. May he rest in peace. Just to be clear funerals are open to all who wish to attend.

ST JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS: Our Year 5 children were excellent ambassadors for our school at The Briars last week. They showed love, care and respect for each other and all of the adults. They participated in their retreat with enthusiasm and reverence, and it was wonderful to see the spiritual journey that they each made. One of the highlights was to see their courage and determination as they tackled the climbing wall. Well done to all the children, we are so proud of you as I am sure all of your families are too!

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=NC9CdFhFR0ptVi9DRWFvdVdmY3VHUT09> Meeting ID: 860 8770 3786; Passcode: LENT22 Telephone Passcode: 761448. These are available from Fr Chris by email. *Friday 18 March – led by Harborough Community Church Exodus 13:20-22 The desert of guidance: discovering God's way for our journey through life*

PARISH WELCOMING: . We need more people especially for Sun Morning and in particular for the 9.00am Mass. We are drawing a rota together. Please do consider helping out in this ministry to welcome Parishioners new and old. Feel free to contact either of us if you would just like to chat about it. Many thanks, Beatrice ([01858 465492](tel:01858465492)) and Theresa ([07748 591398](tel:07748591398)) or email tootskendrick@sky.com

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

Bookings are now open for the **Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** – under the leadership of Bishop Patrick, from Monday 4th until Friday 8th July. Full details are on the Tangney Tours website: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/nottingham>, or for more details contact Father Simon Gillespie: simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk

		Sat. 6.00 pm	Sunday, 9.00 am	11.00 a.m.
Readers	March 12/13	J. Rowland	D. Chappell	M. Lewin
	March 19/20	M. Mihovilovic	M. Crook	R van der Liet

Once again Hand made **Reusable Face masks for Sale:** in Church £2.50 towards Church funds. We have raised £56.50 so far. Thank you.

MEN AND WOMENS LENTEN RETREATS – The Diocese is organising a retreat for men on 19th March (at the Briars in Crich). It will be led by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and will take as its theme: 'Friendship with Christ & Friendship in Christ' exploring how we can grow in friendship and fraternity. Please email adult_formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk for more information and to book your place.