

JUBILEE FOOD BANK: you are asked to leave food bank items in the trolleys at various supermarkets when you shop. Refill Revolution at the Eco Village, Sainsbury's, Waitrose, Both Coop supermarkets, B&M, Nationwide, Coop, Great Glen cf <https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk/>

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FOODBANK**

Shopping List: We are out of certain items. We have run out of Tinned Fruit, Corned beef, Sweet corn. We are very short of: Custard, Pasta sauce, Sugar, We **do not** need more of: Other beans (red kidney beans, chickpeas...) Biscuits

FR CHRIS'S THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY:

As we look forward to Lent starting this week, the gospel today helps us to reflect on these coming weeks as we look forward to Easter to all the graces that the Lord desires to give us. The scripture today asks us to examine ourselves particularly in the words that we speak and then the word that we speak or think looking at another's faults. The parable of the plank in our eye and the splinter in the other's eye is wonderful. It is full of humour and indeed the absurd. But Jesus does that to drive his teaching home because it is so very important. He is teaching us to not look at the defects of others and criticise them, but to look at our own faults to look at ourselves first and foremost. We might say to ourselves I can't think of very many faults but we should seek to do so as Pope Francis once said: *"I assure you that if you don't realize that you have them here, you will find them in Purgatory! Better to see them here."*

It is so easy to criticise others. In thought and conversation. We join in conversations through egoism or just inertia. We point out the flaws of others so easily, joining in gossip. We excuse ourselves that they are harmless words. There is a saying: "sticks and stones will break my bones, but words will never hurt me." Words often hurt much more than sticks or stones. God created the world through words, and as creatures in the image of God, our words, too, have the power to create or destroy. We all know what we can suffer through gossip. Gossip does not end with gossip. It is a seed that sows division, enmity and indeed evil. Like a bomb, it can start a war. A war that can escalate in our families, in our neighbourhood, our work, our parishes, our schools. Indeed one of the places we have to be very careful is social media. I have seen things escalate very quickly on Facebook or twitter. It is so easy a write something or say something when we are not face to face. Of course, the opposite is also true our words can build up and create a wave of goodness peace and harmony when we speak well of others as much as bad words create division good words create unity. In that we share in the creative power of God.

So, it is important that we do not belittle our own faults. We need to look at ourselves in the mirror face on. We do this by asking for the Holy Spirit to reveal them to us. A daily examination of conscience and regular Confession is the effective medicine which could be a good Lenten resolution. When we examine ourselves, we look back at the day and in the words of the Confiteor – the I confess – we think about our sins: what we have done and failed to do in thought word and deed. We ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to us our faults and indeed that we may see them as grievous faults: we must see the plank in our eye as our Lord says. It is then that we can truly help others when in charity we point out someone's fault face to face which is the proper thing to do if we so discern God's will. However in doing this we never judge.

So an examination of conscience for Lent. How do I behave with people? How is my heart in front of people? Am I a hypocrite, I smile and then criticize and destroy with my tongue? Is it easier for me to see others' flaws than my own? Do I use words to build up? What sort of tree am I? These things we can bring to the merciful Lord in Confession. A grace filled Lent to all!



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27th February 2022
8th Week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 4

Times of Services

Sunday: 8th of Ordinary Time

6.00pm (Sat Vigil): John Farcy RIP (Darcy)

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am: Mass: Brian Maguire

Monday: Feria

9.00pm Mass: Wilson Family RIP (Maureen)

Tuesday: St David, Patron of Wales

10am Mass: In Thanks St Joseph, Archangel Michael, Guardian Angel

Wednesday: ASH WEDNESDAY

10.00am: Ward F. RIP (Int A)

7.00pm: Private Int

Thursday: Lenten Feria

10.00am Mass: November Dead List (followed by Coffee)

7.00pm: Holy Hour

Friday: Lenten Feria

10.00pm: Funeral George Cotter RIP

7.00pm: Stations of the Cross

Saturday: Lenten Feria

6.00pm Mass: Gerry White

Sunday: 1st of Lent

9.00am Mass: Mercia Bibb RIP

11.00am Mass: People of the Parish



*A man's words
flow out of what
fills his heart.*

CONFESSIONS

11am &
5.15 - 5.45pm
Saturdays

Late News: Pope Francis has called for a day of Fasting and Prayer for Peace in the Ukraine on Ash Wednesday praying that "the Queen of Peace will preserve the world from the madness of war."

PLEASE NOTE: Booking is no longer needed for Masses. However, please sanitise as you enter the church and we highly encourage all to wear masks. Please to not come to Mass if you have any symptoms of a viral infection

FR CHRIS WRITES:

Lent is here. On Wednesday! There is Mass on Ash Wednesday both in the Morning (with the school) & Evening. For adults and those not too old, it is a day of Fasting and Abstinence as we begin the Lenten season. We begin this great season of grace preparing for the culmination of our year at easter. There are various things we have as a Parish:

Walk with me 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/>

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. 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.

Our **CAFOD Lenten fast day** will be on Friday 11th March. There will be an appeal next weekend

Sadly **George Cotter** died last week. His funeral will be on Friday 4th March at 10.00am. The funeral of **Angela Butlin** will be on Wednesday 9th March 11.00am. May they both rest in peace.

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 4 March** – led by *Harborough Baptist Church Luke 4:1-13: The desert of testing: facing and overcoming our demons and weaknesses.* **Friday 11 March** – led by *Harborough Anglican Team Deuteronomy 8:1-5; Exodus 16:1-16: The desert of provision: being sustained by God in hardship and suffering*

Fair trade Coffee morning: Saturday March 5th 10.00am -12.30am at the Methodist Church Northampton Rd (Youth wing). Bacon Baps, vegetarian etc.

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

MEMORIAL FOR FR OWEN: A Memorial for Fr Owen has been discussed The most popular suggestion is a stained window being the Statue of Our Lady . Please let Fr Chris know.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022 FRIDAY 4 MARCH A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE LOCATION: St Hugh Granville St, LE16 9HF TIME: 2PM THEME: *I know the plans I have for you. This is a special year as the service has been written by the Christian Women from England, Wales and Northern Ireland. All around the World services will be held on this day. Please do try to attend the service in our town prepared by the committee representatives from the local churches. For those unable to attend a Live Link to the service can be found on Parish of St Nicholas and St Hugh, Little Bowden-Home| Facebook*

COVID 19 and Mass:

- You no longer need to book for mass.
 - Masks are strongly advised for the sake of other people if though no longer a legal requirement.
- Do not come if displaying any viral symptoms**
- We will maintain alternate benches. However there will be no limits to numbers on a bench though we wish to have a system which acknowledges people's wish to maintain distances. When entering a bench, if you wish to maintain a distance from those following you, please place your Mass/hymn books as far from you as you wish, to indicate your preferred gap. If someone is already in the bench, then watch out for where they have put their books.

		Sat. 6.00 pm	Sunday, 9.00 am	11.00 a.m.
Readers	Feb 26/27	C Baldham	C Reed	S McGlone
	March 5/6	E. Andrews	S Acton	M. Douglas

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'S AND WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREATS – The Diocese is organising a retreat for women on Saturday 12th March (at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Nottingham) and a retreat for men on 19th March (at the Briars in Crich). The women's retreat will be led by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and will be focused on 'Make the tent you live in larger; lengthen its ropes and strengthen the pegs!' how we live out our faith in all areas of our lives and the people we interact with. The men's retreat 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.

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.