



Parish Newsletter 4th Week of Lent

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Date	Holy Mass/ Services	Other Events
Saturday 29th March 4th Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday	5.30 pm The Way of the Cross 5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Private Intention	
Sunday 30th March 4th Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday	10.30 am Mass: Frank Fanning RIP	Start of British Summer Time : Clocks go forward one hour at 2.00 am today
Monday 31st March Lenten Feria	6.30 pm Adoration 7.00 pm Mass: Jerzy Kozlowski - 2nd Death Anniversary	
Tuesday 1st April Lenten Feria	9.00 am Mass: Priest's Intentions 7.00 pm Lenten Reflection in the Lady Chapel	If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code & state CC Church
Thursday 3rd April Lenten Feria	9.00 am Mass: Valerie Williamson RIP	7 pm RCIA: How to Pray
Friday 4th April Lenten Feria	9.00 am Mass: For the Repose of the Soul of Tom McDermott	
Saturday 5th April 5th Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday	5.30 pm The Way of the Cross 5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 6th April 5th Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday	10.30 am Mass: Martin Daly & Family	

Our Lady & St Patricks, Meadows, Mass/Service Times 30th March - 6th April 2025



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Sunday 30th March 4th Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday	8.30 am The Way of the Cross 9.00 am Mass: People of the Parish	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass.
Wednesday 2nd April Lenten Feria	9.30 am Adoration 10.00 am Mass: In Remembrance of Patrick's Death	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass.
Saturday 5th April Lenten Feria	9.25 am Fatima Five First Saturday 9.30 am Confessions 10.00 am Mass: Patrick Madu RIP After Mass Lenten Reflection	If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code above & state OLSP Church
Sunday 6th April 5th Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday	9.00 am Mass: Catherine McNamara RIP	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass.

Fr Wilfred is due back on Saturday, 5th April 2025. We look forward to seeing him. There will be a Service of Reconciliation at CC Church on Tuesday, 15th April at 6.30 pm. The annual Chrism Mass will take place at the Cathedral on Wednesday, 16th April at 11.30 am. CAFOD Lent Fast Day Final Total was OLSP £336.06 & CC £411.34. Thank you to everyone who gave generously. The weekly Lenten Reflection continues on Tuesdays at CC at 7 pm and on Saturdays after the 10.00 am Mass at OLSP. The theme is 'Journey of Prayer with the Parables of Jesus.' The Way of the Cross will be on Saturday at CC at 5.30 pm and at 8.30 am at OLSP on Sundays during Lent. Parish Evangelisation: In your daily prayer time please pray for our parish evangelisation efforts. CTS Sunday Missals now reduced to £5.00 while stocks last. Visitation of the General Superior: Fr Gustavo, the General Superior of the Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers will be visiting the Nottingham Community from Thursday 10 to Saturday 12 April. On Friday 11 April, the Sacred Heart Community warmly invite you to Mass at Our Lady and St Patrick's, 7pm. After Mass you will have the opportunity to meet with Fr Gustavo in the Parish Hall. There will be a Shared Table of food, please bring a contribution to place on the table. CC Collection Envelopes for 2025-26 are now available at the back of Corpus Christi Church. No envelopes have been ordered for OLSP as only 2 parishioners Gift Aid their envelope contribution. They have been asked to transfer to Standing Order. Non-Gift Aid donations will be counted with the loose plate. This will save money and save time for the Counters. The 1st Holy Communion Repository Stall is now open at the back of CC Church. On sale are rosary beads, prayer books, cards and other gifts. There are also some girl's dresses (new or worn once) and there will be some boy's suits available for a donation. Corpus Christi Easter Egg Raffle Tickets £1 a strip to be sold after mass this weekend 29th/30th March & 5th/6th April. Donations of eggs are very welcome please! Draw to take place week commencing 7th April with winners able to pick up prizes after Mass on Palm Sunday weekend. The Fatima Five First Saturdays Devotion will take place again at Our Lady and St Patrick's church on Saturday 5th April, from 9:25 am promptly, when the Rosary plus meditation will begin. The devotion involves Holy Communion, Confession, and the Rosary, plus a 15 minute meditation. Our Lady asked for this devotion in 1925 as a means of making reparation to her Immaculate Heart and for bringing about peace in the world. She also promised that those who carry out this devotion will be assisted by her at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for salvation, a promise of heaven. For more information, please email: donalf@waf-ew.org.uk Annual Pro-Life Chain. Each year, close to the anniversary of the implementation of the Abortion Act, SPUC holds public acts of witness around the UK to remind people of the reality and injustice of abortion. The witness is in the form of a chain of pro-lifers, standing by a road, and holding posters which indicate the reasons why we believe abortion to be unjust. The witness is silent, peaceful and legal. This year's Nottingham chain will be on Gregory Boulevard, Forest Fields, on Saturday 26th April from 10am until midday. Please join us if you are able to. For more information contact spucnottingham@gmail.com or call 07757 815 625. Unborn children are without a voice. Let's stand up and be a voice for them. Turning the Church inside out. Join the diocesan Justice and Peace Commission to receive the fruits gathered by the Synod from around the world, and bring its hopes to life here in our parishes, on Thursday 3rd April, 7.00-8.30pm online. The Synod on Synodality began with parish conversations in 2021. It continued in Rome last Autumn. And now it's back with us in Nottingham Diocese to plant it locally and bring it to life. The Synod's final report offers an inspiring vision of a Church rich in the relationships, gifts and vocations of all its people. Find out more and book at bit.ly/insideoutchurch SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: Synod Synthesis: We have now reached the end of this document. We hope you have found it useful.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for April 2025: For the use of the new technologies. Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

The Catholic Union is holding a webinar on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill on Thursday 3rd April at 6.30pm. Chaired by Baroness Hollins, President of the Catholic Union, it will give members and supporters the chance to unpick the Bill guided by three experts: Dr Matthew Doré; Dr Philip Howard and Professor Julian Hughes, before the Bill returns to the Commons' Chamber for Third Reading on 25th April. To sign up for the webinar register at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hard-cases-dont-make-good-law-assisted-suicide-webinar-tickets-1233106176769?aff=oddtcreator

The Diocesan Women's Lent Retreat returns to Nottingham this year on Saturday 5th April. The theme of the retreat is 'The Sacred Heart: An Icon of Hope' and it will be given by Canon Jonathan Cotton, a fantastic retreat leader. Good Shepherd Church, Nottingham (NG5 4HT) will host the retreat which will include Holy Mass, Talks, confession, social time and more. The cost is £15, please bring a packed lunch. For more details and to book please see the poster in church or visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/events

Join men from across the diocese on Saturday 12th April for our annual Men's Retreat at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey. The theme of the retreat is 'The Journey Through Holy Week' & it will be given by Father John Farrell OP, former provincial of the Dominican Order. The retreat will include Holy Mass in the Abbey, talks, confession, guided adoration & more. The cost of the day is £15,

The Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service (NDCYS) is running an open retreat, Search for the Light, during Easter weekend, Maundy Thursday 17th – Easter Sunday 20th April, at The Briars Catholic Youth Retreat Centre. Join the mission team as they walk with young people in Years 10 - Year 13 through the Easter Triduum. To book visit: ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities/search/

The Christian Heritage Centre's Christian Leadership Formation Programme is a fantastic opportunity for students in Year 12 / Lower VI, & is now open to applications for 2025. Offering media training, tools for personal development, philosophical and theological & a chance to meet like-minded peers & Catholic academics & public figures, the programme offers a certificate validated by Saint Mary's University, Twickenham. For more information visit www.christianleadershipformation.com

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England & Wales. The experience will run from 22nd 27th June in London. Candidates must have completed their first or second year at university & have a passion for social justice. Applications close on Easter Day, 20th April. For any queries please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk

The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Walsingham with Bishop Patrick takes place on Saturday 14th June, gathering at the Anglican Shrine with procession to Catholic Shrine starting at 1.00pm. Mass will be celebrated at 4.00pm followed by departures. More information about events for young people to come soon.

A message from the Vice-Chair of the Parent Friend Association (PFA) at St Patrick's School, Wilford. Tesco Stronger Starts is a store wide initiative which supports local communities. Our PFA have been chosen this time to raise money for ongoing projects including OPAL & an outdoor garden. Simply make a purchase at one of the stores on the list at the back of both Churches & use the given blue token to vote for our school. Voting is from mid-January until the end of March. The group with the highest number of blue token wins £1500, second place £1000 & third place £500 for school.

Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service (NDCYS) invites young people aged 16-18 in full time education, who are unable to join the Diocesan Jubilee Lourdes Pilgrimage as part of a school or parish group, to join them in taking part in the Pilgrimage. Meet like-minded young people from across the diocese, be encouraged in your faith and serve others. You will be accompanied by our experienced staff and join with the youth contingent of the Lourdes pilgrimage with young people from across the diocese. For more information contact events@ndcys.com Bookings close on 1st May.

The NDCYS is also organising a Lourdes Reunion on Saturday 26th July at Saint Mary's Church, Derby DE1 3AU. Young people are invited from 1am, with Mass at 3pm, followed by refreshments for all pilgrims. For more information and to register visit ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities

Take part in the Jubilee 2025 Youth Week in Rome and Assisi, with the Kenelm Youth Trust, led by Bishop Timothy Menezes between Thursday 31st July and Wednesday 6th August. For more information visit: www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/RM0973



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

COLLECT

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Joshua.
The people of God entered the promised land and there kept the Passover. 5:9a, 10-12

In those days: The LORD said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.' While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 33

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.
'God who through Christ reconciled us to himself.' 5:17-21

Brothers and Sisters: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.
I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him,
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you'.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And with your Spirit.
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

'Your brother was dead, and is alive.' 15:1-3, 11-32
At that time: The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me." And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

'But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."'

And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound." But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, "Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!" And he said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You must rejoice, my son,
for your brother was dead and has come to life;
he was lost and is found.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.