

As we begin our Lenten journey, starting this Wednesday, we pray for the humility to walk back into the open arms of God.

Jesus teaches us to give, pray, and fast in secret, and in this way to give glory to God. Let us think about these three good deeds a little more deeply today.

Give. How can I give joyfully, and not reluctantly or out of self-righteousness? Can I look into the eyes of my sister or brother living in poverty, seeking to understand their hopes and struggles, and give generously to bring healing?

Pray. How can I create space to pray to the Lord? Can I close the door on the world, away from the hustle and bustle, to rekindle my relationship with God? Can I make time every day to do this, trusting that God's grace will bring light to my life and to those around me?

Fast. How can I give up some of the things I normally indulge in to create more space for God? Can I give up chocolate or wine, complaining or arguing; and instead try to grow in love, peace, and kindness for my neighbours near and far?

Lent prayer

Loving God, we pray that we may grow closer to your son, our Lord Jesus, and share our love with our sisters and brothers who are most vulnerable. Amen.

Act. How can you give, pray or fast today to give glory to God? Please give to our Lent Appeal or pray for our sisters and brothers in Zambia. Thank you - the people we work with around the world are always grateful for your support.

This reflection was written by Rachel McCarthy from CAFOD's Theology Programme.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

Father of Mercy,
Grant us devoted and joyful Christian communities,
*May they nurture among the young
a desire to proclaim the Gospel.*
**May these communities guide each person
towards their unique God-given purpose.**
Grant them the wisdom needed for discernment,
*So that in all things the greatness
of your merciful love may shine forth.*
May Mary, Mother and guise of Jesus,
intercede for each Christian community,
so that, made fruitful by the Holy Spirit,
*it may be a source of true vocations to the
Priesthood and consecrated life. Amen.*



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**Eight Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

**26th February -
5th March 2017**

Sunday 26.02	10am	International Mass: Penny, James, Felix, Beau, Rosabella ints, Una Shearer ints	Is 49:14-15 1 Cor 4:1-5 Mt 6:24-34
Monday 27.02	12noon 5pm	Una Shearer Ints, Emil Soji BDay Malayalam Mass	Ecclus 17:24-29 Mk 10:17-27
Tue 28.02	10am	Zacharias Aldrin Alex BDay	Ecclus 35:1-12 Mk 10:28-31
Wed 1.03	10am Ash Wed 6.30pm	Rose Kenney in Thanksgiving Sarah Boyd Ints	Joel 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6.16-18
Thu 2.03	10am	Mary Hickey BDay	Deut 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25
Friday 3.03	10am 6.30pm	Myra Foster RIP Boyd O'Rourke & Ruan Family Ints	Is 58:1-9 Mt 9:14-15
Sat 4.03	10am	Annie Burk RIP	Is 58:9-14 Lk 5:27-32
Sunday 5.03	10am 11.30am	Holy Souls Malayalam Mass: Lukose Joseph RIP, Kathrikutty Joseph RIP, Bridget RIP	Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1 hour each day before weekly Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass on Saturday or whenever required
Monday to Friday Mass in the Presbytery, Saturday & Sunday in the church**

Feasts of the week: none

**International Mass TODAY at 10am.
Celebrated by Fr. General Vito Nardin,
Head of the Rosminian Order.**



A Time of prayer and reflection in preparation
for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Starting next Wednesday 1st March (Ash Wednesday):

Stations of the Cross: every Friday after each Mass

CAFOD Lent Fast Day: Friday 10th March



Lets FAST and PRAY this LENT.....lets change the WORLD

Scripture says that the prayer of one does much. (James 5:16)
therefore the prayer of many together will be more powerful still.

Voices-calling all women of faith. Are you in need of prayerful rest, relaxation and fresh air in the Derbyshire countryside? Julia palmer and Angela Gillespie are leading a weekend Women's Retreat 3rd - 5th March 2017 at the Briars Retreat Centre in Derbyshire, cost £60. For programme and details email formation@nrcdt.org.uk

Women World Day of Prayer will take place at New Parks Methodist Church on Friday 3rd March at 4pm. Everyone is invited, men, women and children.

LACY Youth Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Leicester on Saturday 4th March at 6pm. Followed by refreshments. Bea Findley from CAFOD will be leading a workshop for young people on developing the CAFOD Lent Campaign in parishes from 4/5.45pm. Also anyone who plays an instrument please bring along and join in the LACY Band.

FLAME3 - 10,000 reasons - a National Catholic Youth Event at Wembley Arena on Saturday 11th March 2017, a mix of prayer, worship, music, speakers and fun with young Catholic people. A coach has been organised by Leics Active Catholic Youth to travel to Wembley for the day for £20. Details at www.cymfed.org.uk/flare2017. More information from Seamus O'Looskan, on 0116 241 4057 or email solooskan@st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk or James Noakes Chaplain English Martyrs Catholic School on 0116 242 8880 or JNoakes@englishmartyrs.org.

St. Patrick's Day Mass at 11am at St. Patrick's Church, Beaumont Leys, Leicester. Friday 17th March. Celebrant Alan Williams of Brentwood Refreshments and music in Parish Centre afterwards until 2.30pm.

Children's liturgy training day. A Refresher course if you would like to know more about this important Ministry and share your experiences. Speaker: Catherine Darby SND, adult and parish formation consultant. Held at the Diocesan Centre, Mornington Crescent, Mackworth, Derby DE22 4BD on Saturday 18th March 2017 10am - 3pm. To book contact Diane on: 0115 9539841 / email formation@nrcdt.org.uk Cost £5 per person. Bring a packed lunch, refreshments provided.

Are you interested in becoming a **Foundation Governor** at one of our Catholic Schools? If so, please contact Fr. Paul or visit www.catholiceducation.org.uk. Application forms from the Parish Office.

For details on a selection of the **job vacancies** that are currently available within our diocesan schools please visit 'job vacancies' on the Diocesan Education Service website www.nottingham-des.org.uk

Medjugorje. Departing from Birmingham on 11th to 8th May 2017 and on 14th to 21st September 2017. Cost is £589. For further details, phone Kath Gambin on 0116 2340103. See poster in church porch.

Lourdes & Nevers. Saturday June 10th - Saturday June 17th 2017. £550 Full board Travel by Luxury coach from Nottingham to Lourdes and Nevers. Coach from Leicester (Southbound Services M1 Junction 21). For more information or a booking form please contact Fr. John McCay on 0115 9810320 or jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk.

Fatima. 3 nights' accommodation with breakfast and dinner in 3* or 4* hotel. Arriving in Lisbon (Portugal) with the chance to visit the city and surroundings. Transfer to Fatima on 3rd day. The cost is £395 or less if sharing. Departure from London airport on 27th October. Please see poster and application forms in church porch.

NEW ENVELOPES
Anyone not on the list for envelopes and would like a set, please fill in a form at the back of the church. If any of your details have currently changed (moved house etc.), please pass on your new data. If you would like to use a standing order instead of envelopes, please speak to Mary Uczniak. If you are a tax payer, the church can gain an additional 25% of your contributions at no cost to yourself - only your signature is needed!

Financial details: Loose Plate £165.56. Envelopes £253.20. Malayalam £303.64. Thank you very much for your generous donations.

300 Club: 17th February £50 Mrs J. Hurst (77).

Thought for the week: "Practice the pause. Pause before judging. Pause before assuming. Pause before accusing. Pause whenever you're about to react harshly and you'll avoid doing and saying things you'll later regret." ~ **Lori Deschene**

Parish Hall Bookings.
The details for booking the Parish Hall have changed. For any enquiries on how to book the Hall, please contact 07527829413 or email moghallbooking@gmail.com
We are very grateful to Berenice O'Rourke for looking after the hall in the past and thank her very much for all her hard work.