

“The Leicester Pro-life group is asking parishioners to join them in a Novena to St Joseph starting Wednesday 24 January and ending the day before the Feast of the Purification (2 Feb).

Our intention is the re-invigoration of pro-life work in Leicester, so that we may have an impact on those who commit abortion in our city, inspiring them to turn back to God.

For this intention please say the Ancient Prayer to St Joseph:

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in thee all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph, assist me by thy powerful intercession and obtain for me all spiritual blessings through thy foster Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord, so that, having engaged here below thy heavenly power, I may offer thee my thanksgiving and homage.

O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating thee and Jesus asleep in thine arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near thy heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. (Finish with the Litany of St Joseph if time).

If you have only a few minutes spare, please just offer up an Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory be. We really rely on prayer to help us in this ministry so, if you can, please help us in this way.”

Pope Francis January 2018 Intentions: Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia
That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.



A Prayer for our Parish Community

Almighty God,

we pray for your blessing on all who share in the life and work of our Church and Parish:

In the ministry of word and sacrament, in teaching and pastoral care, in service to the Diocese and Deanery.

The community and those in need, in ecumenical fellowship and co-operation.

We pray for all members of the congregation, that in their life and work they may advance your kingdom and bear witness to your love, shown in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**21st -28th
January 2018**

Sunday 21.01	10am 11.30am	Bridie George Rose Kennedy's Int.	Jonah 3:1-5,10 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20
Monday 22.01			
Tue 23.01	10am	Chris Doherty - speedy recovery	2 Sam 6:12-15,17-19 Mk 3:31-35
Wed 24.01	6.30pm	Shibu & Smitha - Thanksgiving	2 Sam 7:4-17 Mk 4:1-20
Thu 25.01	10am	Gordon Price RIP	Acts 22:3-16 Mk 16:15-18
Friday 26.01	10am 7pm	Bridie O'Grady - speedy recovery Induction Mass for Father Gabriel	2 Sam 11:1-4,5-10,13-17 Mk 4:26-34
Sat 27.01	10am	Nuala MacDonald RIP	2 Sam 12:1-7,10-17 Mk 4:35-41
Sunday 28.01	10am 11.30am	Brendan Burke's intention Lizzy Varghese & Korah Varghese RIP	Deut 18:15-20 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1 hour each day before weekly Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass on Saturday, or whenever required.
Please note: there will be no exposition from now on, on Wednesday.

Feasts of the week: Wed, The conversion of St Paul the Apostle.
 Fri, SS Timothy and Titus, Bishops.

Dates for your diary: 23rd Jan - CAFOD Lent Fast Day.
 26th Jan - Fr Gabriel's induction Mass at 7.00pm.

Mrs Ann Jagger McAllister RIP sadly died on 8th January 2018. Her funeral is on Wednesday 24th January 2018 at 12.45pm here at Mother of God. Our sincere and deepest condolences to her family and friends.

Margaret O'Connor & family would like to thank everyone who came to Pats' funeral mass on 22nd December 2017. For all the mass cards and cards of sympathy that were received, this was very much appreciated.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Today, Sunday 21st January at 4pm, at St. Andrews Methodist Church, Fosse Road Central. All welcome.

Rosmini Centre - Saturday 27 January. Lectio Divina at 3.00 pm starting with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and continuing with reflection on the Sunday Gospel. All are welcome.

Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth (LACY): The Working Group of LACY will have their next meeting at the Franciscan Convent, Dalby Road, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE13 OBG on Wednesday 31st January 2018. We will be discussing and taking forward some of the major events that we have planned for 2018. These will include "Countryside Stations" of the Cross during Lent, a "Confirmation Pre and Post Retreat Day" and a "Fun Day at Rutland Water." People of all ages are invited to come to help us prepare the best way to engage with our young teenagers and encourage them to enjoy their Faith, have Fun and last, but not least - socialise with Food! From 7.30pm and finish by 9pm. A warm welcome awaits you! For more information contact: paulinepayne@hotmail.com.

Annual "Valentine" Marriage Mass. The Annual Diocesan Marriage Mass, where married couples are able to renew their vows before the Bishop and receive his blessing on their Marriages, will take place on Sunday 4th February, 3pm at St Barnabas Cathedral. This Mass is open to all married couples and their families, but is especially appropriate to those recently married, or celebrating a significant anniversary. For more information contact Fr David Palmer, Chair of the Marriage and family Life Commission at: catholicdavid@mac.com or 0115 9786236.

ARCH (Abortion Recovery Care and Helpline) is delivering training on how to support women (and men) who have had an abortion experience, and are troubled by it. The trainer is a professional counsellor, with a medical background and the aim is to help those who have completed it to support women, and to make it more feasible for them to ask for and thus receive professional counselling, which will then enable them to find long-term healing. The training will be at the Hayes conference centre in Swanwick, Derbys, starting on the evening of Friday 2nd February and ending after lunch on Sunday 4th February. ARCH will pay for all the costs of the weekend (but donations welcome). If you want to take part, please contact Francisca on francisca@sicamartinez.plus.com or by calling on 07943 711549.

The Board of Trustees, would like to say THANK YOU for all the people that helped in the preparations and those that managed to attend Delaine Mukopfa's Memorial service on 13 January 2018. We are sincerely grateful for all the support: Your comforting messages, thoughts, prayers and generosity to the Mukopfa family and DTM active foundation.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Jubilee Celebrations. On the 2nd June we will be celebrating 40 years since the first Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion were commissioned in this Diocese. Starting with Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick McKinney at 11.30am in the Cathedral followed by a reception in the Albert Hall Nottingham. We are sending a separate invitation to the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion via the EM Contact for each Eucharistic Community. If you have any queries please contact Searle Clark Tel: 01778 345389 Email: searle.clark@btinternet.com. Please let Fr. Gabriel know if you are able to attend.

Prayers volunteers urgently needed! If you are looking for a challenge during Lent, and you are saddened to see the harm done to babies and women through abortion, "40 Days for Life" is a Christian campaign group whose purpose is to save the lives of unborn children. With the support of Pope Francis and the encouragement of Bishop Patrick, we are running a campaign in Nottingham during Lent. The aim is simple: to pray for an end to abortion. We also offer support - moral and practical - to women who may be under pressure to have an abortion. We are seeking volunteers to pray with us during Lent, between 6am and 6pm, on a rota basis, at the Treatment Centre on the QMC campus, where many abortions in Nottinghamshire take place. Please sign up now on www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/Nottingham or contact us at 40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com. We are holding an information event on **Wednesday 7th February at 7.30pm**, in the social centre behind St Barnabas' cathedral. We will also have a speaker, Isabel Vaughan-Spruce, who has led the Birmingham campaign for many years. All welcome.

Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. From Monday 16th July to Friday 20th July 2018. For further details, see poster in church porch.

Adoremus 7 -9 September 2018. A National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool. Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. Participants will engage in a series of sessions focusing on different dimensions of the Eucharist and the daily celebration and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We still have two places to fill. If interested, please contact Blesson 07862265231 before next Wednesday

The governors of St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Grantham are seeking to appoint a new head teacher (September 2018). Further details are available from Mrs Michaela Hamilton on m.hamilton@st-marys-grantham.lincs.sch.uk / 01476 562017 / www.stmarysprimary.co.uk Closing date for applications: 31st January 2018 at noon

Financial details: Loose Plate £140.47. Envelopes £308.20. Donations £40. Second Collection £106.09. Thank you very much for your generous donations.
300 Club: 14th January £50 Mr T O'Connor. £25 H Robinson (174), D Avery (194).

Thought for the week: "We were all humans until race disconnected us, religion separated us, politics divided us, and wealth classified us." ~ **Author Unknown**

FAITH IN FAMILIES BOXES: Please bring them to church to be emptied.