

“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 February Intentions: Universal say ‘no’ to corruption, that those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.



Prayer for Racial Justice

*O God,
Who created all people in Your Holy Image,
Who loves the stranger,
Who cares for the downtrodden,*

*Walk with those who face discrimination,
protect them from harm help them see Christ in our community.
Guide those who fan the fires of discrimination
to open their eyes to the beauty of all your creation
and respect the human dignity of all people.*

*Open our hearts to those who face hatred and injustice
because of their race, their background, their ethnicity
that we might better help them belong.*

Through Christ Our Lord, Amen



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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**28th January –
4th February 2018**

Racial Justice Sunday

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
Monday 29.01			
Tue 30.01	10am	Mrs Kathleen Durkin	2Sam 18:9-10,14,24-25,30-19:3 Mk 5:21-43
Wed 31.01	6.30pm	Roddy Hynes RIP	2 Sam 24:2,9-17 Mk 6:1-6
Thu 1.02	10am	Nisha Vinod - Thanksgiving	1 Kings 2:1-4,10-12 Mk 6:7-13
Friday 2.02	10am	Peggy Jarvis - Speedy recovery	Mal 3:1-4 - Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40
Sat 3.02	10am	Mary Casan (Saad) RIP	1 Kg 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34
Sunday 4.02	10am 11.30am	Bridie O'Grady Ints Thomas Aquin Alex - thanksgiving	Job 7:1-4, 6-7 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23 Mk 1:29-39

**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:
Wednesday, St John Bosco, priest.
Friday, The Presentation of the Lord.

Today is Racial Justice Sunday - On this day Catholics are called to pray for those who experience unjust discrimination or are marginalised because of their race and ethnicity. As Catholics we are asked to treat all humans with dignity, regardless of their background or circumstance. There are many stories of alienation throughout the Bible, with clear calls to "Love the stranger". That the Church is a place where all belong is clearly seen in the recent Feast of Epiphany, when Christ is revealed not only to the Israelites but to all of God's people. The theme this year is "Belonging", emphasising that we are called not only to ensure our parishes welcome newcomers, strangers, and those from different backgrounds, but also that all people will know they will find a welcome in our parishes. **Prayer Cards available in the porch.**

Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth (LACY): Meeting at the Franciscan Convent, Dalby Road, Melton Mowbray, 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. 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 socialise. From 7.30pm to 9pm. More information from: paulinepayne@hotmail.com.

Induction of Fr George Thomas. At St Edward the Confessor Church, Aylestone Leicester, on Thursday 1st February at 7pm. Refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Annual "Valentine" Marriage Mass. Annual Diocesan Marriage Mass, where married couples are able to renew their vows before the Bishop and receive his blessing, will take place on Sunday 4th February, 3pm at St Barnabas Cathedral. The 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, at: catholicdavid@mac.com or 0115 9786236.

ARCH (Abortion Recovery Care and Helpline). Training on how to support women (and men) who have had an abortion experience, with a professional counsellor, with a medical background, the aim is to help those who have completed it to support women. Training at the Hayes conference centre in Swanwick, Derbys, starting on the evening of Friday 2nd February until 4th February. We will pay for all the costs (but donations welcome). If you want to take part, please contact Francisca on francisca@sicamartinez.plus.com or by calling on 07943 711549.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Jubilee Celebrations. Will be celebrating 40 years since they were commissioned, on the 2nd June. Starting with Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick McKinney at 11.30am, followed by a reception. 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.

St Peter's Saturday Scripture Seminar is now under way. Places are strictly limited. There may be further opportunities to join at the beginning of the Summer or Autumn terms, on May 5th or September 29th. The Seminar meets on half the Saturday mornings of the year, 9.30 - 11am. Enquiries: a.pateman@talktalk.net.

Lent Retreat for Women at The Briars in the beautiful Derbyshire countryside from Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th March 2018 cost £70 (inclusive). For further information and to book in contact: bookings@ndcys.com. Check out the Be Merciful Website. This has been updated and has events and resources for Faith Formation in the Diocese of Nottingham: <https://www.bemerciful.co.uk/>

Polish Folklore Spectacular is a folk dancing group from around the country who will perform for the first time at De Montfort Hall, Leicester. A vibrant celebration of Polish dance, songs and music presented by over 400 performers from around the Uk and Ireland. For more information and bookings please visit the Montfort Hall website on www.demontforthall.co.uk.

Prayers volunteers urgently needed! If you are looking for a challenge during Lent, "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 to pray for an end to abortion. We also offer support 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. Please sign up on www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/Nottingham or contact us at 40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com. Information event on Wednesday 7th February at 7.30pm, in the social centre behind St Barnabas' cathedral.

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

Medjugorje Pilgrimage - From 29th May to 5th June and from 7th to 14th October 2018. Return flights from Birmingham. For more information please contact Kath Gambin on 0116 2340103. See poster in church porch.

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.

Secondary school headteacher vacancies: The Becket School and The Trinity School. We are looking to appoint two new headteachers to these high performing schools in Nottingham. Applicants must be practising Catholics and have a strong understanding of Catholic education. If interested, please see the TES or the schools' websites. Closing date is midday Friday 9th February 2018

Financial details: Loose Plate £82.06. Envelopes £237.75. Donations £400. Thank you very much for your generous donations.

300 Club: 21st January £50 M Goodger (192). £25 L Holloway (262), D Huxtable (219).

Thought for the week: "Heaven is full of answers to prayers for which no one ever bothered to ask." **Billy Graham**