

Women's Retreat at The Briars: Taste and See. Following on from the huge success of last year's retreat, The Briars is once again offering this weekend from **Friday 2nd-Sunday 4th March**. Women of all ages are welcome to take part in this relaxed, inspiring and welcoming retreat. Cost £70. Please note that early booking is advised as places are on a first come first served basis.

Search for the Light: Easter Retreat for young people Yr. 10-Yr.13. Young people are invited to journey through the Easter story at The Briars Youth Retreat Centre. 29th March-1st April. £60 all inclusive.

Know any young people struggling with exam pressure? Pre-exam Destresser! A retreat for Yr. 11-Yr.13's at The Briars Youth Retreat Centre. Join other young people on this weekend retreat aimed at helping you to stay balanced through the exam season. Learn relaxation techniques, stress management strategies and have a bit of fun along the way! 13th-15th April, cost £45.

Teacher's Retreat 6-8th July 2018 at The Briars Youth Retreat Centre. A weekend retreat for teachers from primary and secondary schools. An opportunity to recharge your batteries and receive some spiritual encouragement. Cost £70.

For all events, please contact bookings@ndcys.com



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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	<p>Our Schools: Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 www.ctk.ik.org/p_Home.ikml English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/</p>	



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*4th – 11th
February 2018*

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
Monday 5.02			
Tue 6.02	10am	Kathrikutty Joseph RIP	1 Kg 8:22-23,27-30 Mk 7:1-13
Wed 7.02	6.30pm	Peggie Brendan - Get well	1 Kg 10:1-10 Mk 7:14-23
Thu 8.02	10am	David Kennedy RIP	1 Kg 11:4-13 Mk 7:24-30
Friday 9.02	10am	Peggy Brandan - Get well	1 Kg 11:29-32;12:19 Mk 7:31-37
Sat 10.02	10am	Jessica Philip - Thanksgiving	1 Kg 12:26-32;13:33-34 Mk 8:1-10
Sunday 11.02	10am 11.30am	Elizabeth Walter Wisher RIP Anne McAllister RIP	Lev 13:1-2,44-46 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Mk 1:40-45

**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: Monday, St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr.
Tuesday, St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs. Saturday, St. Scholastica, Virgin.

NEXT SUNDAY: (10th/11th Feb). The diocese has set aside next weekend to encourage every parishioner to help the church financially. The parish council Chairman will speak to us to thank us and encourage us also to do more to help the church by setting up standing order and to gift aid our contributions.

Annual "Valentine" Marriage Mass on Sunday 4th February, 3pm at St Barnabas Cathedral, where married couples are able to renew their vows before the Bishop and receive his blessing. The Mass is open to all married couples and their families, but is especially appropriate to those recently married, or celebrating a significant anniversary. More information from Fr David Palmer at catholicdavid@mac.com or 0115 9786236.

LACY Band (Leics Active Catholic Youth) are looking for a lead singer/singers to join their Youth Band and also for other members - that can play a musical instrument (eg., bass/drums/guitar/violin/flute, etc.?) Our practises are on the first Monday of every month in preparation for up and coming Events/Masses. If interested, contact Brendan Johnson - brendanjohnson2011@gmail.com. We will be practising this coming Monday 5th February, in St. Mary's Church, Countesthorpe Road, South Wigston, Leics, from 7pm to 8pm. We would love to see young people come and join us. All abilities welcome!

Healing Service at the Rosmini Centre led by Fr Ted Mullen on Friday 9 February, starting with Mass at 7.00 pm.

ASH Wednesday and beginning of LENT on Wednesday 14th February.
CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: on Friday 23rd February. This Lent we are working to combat malnutrition in Zimbabwe. CAFOD is providing seeds, fencing and farming training for families and communities so that everyone has enough to eat. Our fundraising will be matched by the UK government, so you can make double the difference!

With Lent shortly upon us, we are delighted to invite priests, deacons, and lay faithful to two **Lenten themed talks** requested by Bishop Patrick and led by Professor Thomas O'Loughlin from the University of Nottingham. On 12 February and 12 March 2018 at the Cathedral Hall. There is no cost to attend and we look forward to welcoming you whether you choose to attend one or both events. **See poster in church porch for full details.**

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.

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

St. Patrick's Day Mass on Saturday 17th March 2018 at 11am. The celebrant will be Bishop Patrick McKinney. Refreshments in the hall afterwards until 2.30pm.

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!

40 days for Life: help save lives in Nottingham. You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilisation! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach. Vigil location outside the Treatment Centre at the Queens Medical Centre from 6 am to 6 pm daily. Local contacts: John Edwards and Louise Aldred on 07757815625; 40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com

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.

PILGRIMAGES

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.

Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. From Monday 16th July to Friday 20th July 2018.

Pilgrimage to Lisieux, Normandy. April 9th - 12th 2018. £300 full board. Travel by coach. For information and bookings contact Fr. John McCay on 0115 9810320 or jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Nevers. June 9th - 16th 2018. Travel by coach and ferry. £550. For information please contact Fr, John McCay on 0115 9810320 or jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk

See posters in church porch.

Financial details: Loose Plate £301.63. Envelopes £318.25. Thank you very much for your generous donations.

300 Club: 28th January £100 Miss S Peoples (118). £50 Mrs R McCormick (15). £25 A Feeney-McGarr (241), D Gomes (221).

Thought for the week: "A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love." ~ **Saint Basil**

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