

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? Pr-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> | |



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**11th - 18th
February 2018**



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| 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 |
| Monday 12.02 | No Mass | | |
| Tue 13.02 | 10am | Bridie O'Grady's intentions | James 1:12-18 Mk 8:14-21 |
| Wed 14.02 | 10am 6.30pm | Anne McAllister RIP David Kennedy RIP | Joel 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mat 6:1-6, 16-18 |
| Thu 15.02 | 10am | Agnes & Bill Quinn RIP Anniv. | Deut 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25 |
| Friday 16.02 | 6pm 6.30pm | Station of the Cross Mass / Keith Bobs RIP | Isaiah 58:1-9 Mat 9:14-15 |
| Sat 17.02 | 10am | Mrs Koshy RIP | Isaiah 58:9-14 Lk 5:27-32 |
| Sunday 18.02 | 10am 11.30am | Mrs Koshy RIP Soby & Biji - Wedding Anniv. | Gen 9:8-15 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15 |

**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.**

ASH Wednesday: Day of Fast and Abstinence

The diocese has set aside a **Sunday** to encourage every parishioner to help the church financially. The parish council Chairman has spoken to us last Sunday to thank us and encourage us also to do more to help the church by setting up standing orders and to gift aid our contributions.

Marie Givito Beyless RIP. Funeral Mass on Wednesday 21st February at 10am. Reception of the body at 6pm on Tuesday 20th February. Our sincere and deepest condolences to her family and friends.

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|  | A Time of prayer and reflection in preparation for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ |
| | Starting next Wednesday 14th February (Ash Wednesday): Stations of the Cross: every Friday CAFOD Lent Fast Day: Friday 23 rd February |
|  | 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. |

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 may be vulnerable. **Amen**

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! **Envelopes are available from the porch.**

Rosmini Centre, 433 FOSSE WAY (A46), LE7 4SJ - Deepening our Faith with Bishop Robert Barron DVD on Saturday 17 February. Mass at 10am followed at 11am by DVD on the Teachings of Jesus. Shared table at 1pm with soup and a roll. Please book in advance on 01509 813078 or 243mulls@gmail.com. All are welcome.

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

Women's World Day of Prayer - at Mother of God, Geencoat Rd, Leicester, on Friday March 2nd from 2pm. All welcome.

The governors of St Thomas More Catholic Voluntary Academy, Leicester are seeking to appoint a new headteacher. For further details call Mrs C O'Halloran on 0116 2706365 or visit www.thomasmoreprimary.org.uk. Closing date: Monday 12th March 2018.

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.

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| 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! |
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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 6am to 6pm daily. Local contacts: John Edwards and Louise Aldred on 07757815625; 40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com

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| PILGRIMAGES | Medjugorje Pilgrimage - From 29 th May to 5 th June and from 7 th to 14 th October 2018. Return flights from Birmingham. For more information please contact Kath Gambin on 0116 2340103. Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. From Monday 16 th July to Friday 20 th July 2018. Pilgrimage to Lisieux , Normandy. April 9 th - 12 th 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 9 th - 16 th 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. |
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Financial details: Loose Plate £321.53. Envelopes £394.25. Thank you very much for your generous donations.

300 Club: 4th February £50 A Bochenek (114). £25 K Walsh (93), Mrs P Regan (248)

Thought for the week: "Sometimes in order to be happy in the present moment you have to be willing to give up all hope for a better past." ~ **Robert Holden, PhD**

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