

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

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

Lenten Prayer

**Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility.**

**He fulfilled Your will by becoming man
and giving His life on the Cross.**

**Help us to bear witness to You
by following His example of suffering
and make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.
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>	



**18th – 25th
February 2018**



*Jesus fasted for
40days and 40 nights*



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
Monday 19.02	No Mass		
Tue 20.02	10am	Mrs Koshy RIP	Isaiah 55:10-11 Mat 6:7-15
Wed 21.02	10am 6.30pm	Funeral Mass - Marie Givito Beyless	Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:29-32
Thu 22.02	10am	Mrs Koshy RIP	1 Peter 5:1-4 Mat 16:13-19
Friday 23.02	6pm 7pm	Stations of the Cross Mrs Koshy RIP	Ezekiel 18:21-28 Mat 5:20-26
Sat 24.02	10am	Mrs Koshy RIP	Deut 26:16-19 Mat 5:43-48
Sunday 25.02	10am 11.30am	Mrs Koshy RIP	Gen 22:1-9,10-13,15-28 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1 hour each day before weekly Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass on Saturday, or whenever required.**

Feasts of the Week: Thursday, The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle.
Friday, St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr.

**CAFOD envelopes available from the church porch, to be collected
on 25th February and throughout Lent.**

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.

	<p>A Time of prayer and reflection in preparation for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ</p>
<p>Stations of the Cross: every Friday CAFOD Lent Fast Day: Friday 23rd February</p>	
	<p>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.</p>

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: 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!

LECTIO DIVINA - At the Rosmini Centre (on A46 half a mile north of Ratcliffe College entrance) on Saturday 24 February at 3.00pm. All are welcome.

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

Marriage preparation Courses for engaged couples to be held on four Saturdays at St Patrick's church hall, Beaumont Leys Lane, Leicester LE4 2BD on the following dates: 10th March, 2018 - 21st April, 2018 - 7th July, 2018 and 15th September, 2018. If you are interested, please see Fr. Gabriel and ask for a booking form.

St. Peter's Parish Spring Fayre on Sunday 4 March. Held after Mass on Sunday 4th March - from 12.30 to 2.30pm. See poster in church porch.

Lenten talk led by Professor Thomas O'Loughlin from the University of Nottingham. On 12 March 2018 at the Cathedral Hall. There is no cost to attend and we look forward to welcoming you. See poster in church porch for full details.

St Patrick's Day Celebration Parade on Saturday 17th March 2018 - 1pm leaving New Walk next to Holy Cross Church heading to Jubilee Square for Irish music & Irish dancing display. There is an after do following the parade at the Notts Club 2.30pm -5pm (Ticket only - Limited tickets) £4 entry including a cob on entry. If you would like to carry a County flag or would like a ticket for the Notts Club then please contact Mary at The Emerald Centre on 0116 2769186 or email marymcelwaine.llif@yahoo.co.uk Facebook page [@Leicestersparade2018](https://www.facebook.com/Leicestersparade2018)

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	<p>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, 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!</p>
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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.

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

PILGRIMAGES	<p>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.</p> <p>Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. From Monday 16th July to Friday 20th July 2018.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>See posters in church porch.</p>
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Financial details: Loose Plate £266.62. Envelopes £232.40. Donations £120. Sick and Retired Priests £5. Thank you very much for your generous donations.
300 Club: 11th February £50 E Ogundeko. £25 E Grocock (240), Mrs K Kenny (136).

Thought for the week: "Be an encourager. Scatter sunshine. Who knows whose life you might touch with something as simple as a kind word." ~ **Debbie Macomber**

Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound people of the parish.