

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage** - From 29<sup>th</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> June and from 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Return flights from Birmingham. For more information please contact Kath Gambin on 0116 2340103.

**Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage.** From Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

**Pilgrimage to Lisieux**, Normandy. April 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 2018. £300 full board. Travel by coach. For information and bookings contact Fr. John McCay on 0115 9810320 or [jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk).

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Nevers.** June 9<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> 2018. Travel by coach and ferry. £550. For information please contact Fr, John McCay on 0115 9810320 or [jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk)

**Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine**, Ireland, 16th July 2018. £649 per person sharing. Price includes flights with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Park Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

See posters in church porch.



A Time of prayer and reflection in preparation for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ



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.

**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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Joseph Sebastian**



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English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - [www.emschool.co.uk/](http://www.emschool.co.uk/)



**25<sup>th</sup> February –  
4<sup>th</sup> March 2018**



Sunday 25.02	10am 11.30am	Mrs Koshy RIP Mr Dermot Murphy RIP Anniv	Gen 22:1–9,10-13,15-28 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10
Monday 26.02	10am	Mrs Koshy RIP	Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 Mat 23:1-12
Tue 27.02	No Mass		
Wed 28.02	6.30pm	Mrs Koshy RIP Zacharia Aldrin Alex -Thanksgiving	Jer 18:18-20 Mat 20:17-28
Thu 1.03	10am	Tony Docherty RIP 2nd Anniv	Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31
Friday 2.03	6pm 6.30pm	Stations of the Cross Emil Varghese Birthday	Gen 37:3-4, 12-13,17-28 Mat 21:33-43,45-46
Sat 3.03	10am	Mr Dermot Murphy RIP Anni	Micah 7:14-15,18-20 Lk 14:1-3,11-32
Sunday 4.03	10am 11.30am	Keith Bobs RIP Joseph Kachapilly	Ex 20:1-17 1 COr 1:22-25 John 2:13-25

**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, St. David, Bishop, Patron of Wales.

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

**Denise Angela Smith RIP.** Funeral service: Wednesday 28th February 2018 at 10am followed by a burial at Gilroes Cemetery. Our deepest and sincere condolences to her family and friends.

**CAFOD:** 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!

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

**Annual Mass for the Loss of Children** - Saturday, 3rd March, 2018 at 10am, will be held at Our Lady & St Joseph Church, Matlock, celebrated by Fr Robbie O'Callaghan. To be offered in memory of children who have died at whatever age or however long ago. It is hoped that this will be a source of hope and grace to all - ALL are welcome to attend this Mass and Ceremony of Light - If you cannot attend but wish to submit a prayer for a loved one in the Mass please forward them to: Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Church, The Presbytery, 1 St Joseph Street, Matlock, DE4 3NG or e-mail: [info@matlockcatholicchurch.org.uk](mailto:info@matlockcatholicchurch.org.uk) (please do not send money, as this is not required, thank you).

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>-Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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: 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 - 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2018 - 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 and 15<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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, please contact Mary at The Emerald Centre on 0116 2769186 or email [marymcelwaine.llif@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:marymcelwaine.llif@yahoo.co.uk)

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

**LACY "Countryside Stations of the Cross":** Calling all "Young People! Your Families! Your Friends! to share a "Journey with Jesus" as we make the Stations of the Cross around the fields and footpaths of Mount St. Bernard Abbey. 1.30pm/6pm. Sunday 18th March 2018. A Mass celebration will follow on afterwards in the Abbey Church followed by light refreshments. Coach from Leicester with departures as follows: 12 noon St. Mary's, Countesthorpe Road, South Wigston, 12.15pm. St. Thomas More, Knighton and 12.30/40pm from Sacred Heart, Mere Road, Leicester. Return journey in reverse order. Cost: £5 per person or £10 for a family. Please see notice board for form for booking your seats, and information if you wish to share in the different ministries of the occasion. Details required by Monday 12th March. For more information contact [paulinepayne@hotmail.com](mailto:paulinepayne@hotmail.com). All are welcome!

**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, 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!

**GCSE HELP (Volunteers Needed).** If there is anyone who has an hour to spare on Saturdays between 10am and 12noon helping children prepare for their GCSE in English, Maths or Science, please contact Mrs Smith on 07711340938.

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](http://www.thomasmoreprimary.org.uk). Closing date: Monday 12th March 2018.

**Financial details:** Loose Plate £192.10. Envelopes £311.55. Thank you very much for your generous donations.

**300 Club:** 18<sup>th</sup> February £50 S Steward (82). £25 P McCreesh (107), D Delima (141).

**Thought for the week:** "Worrying won't stop the bad stuff from happening. It just stops you from enjoying the good." ~ **Author Unknown**

**Pope Francis March Intentions:** Evangelisation: Formation in Spiritual Discernment - That the Church may appreciate the urgency in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.