

ASH WEDNESDAY and beginning of LENT on Wednesday 6th March.

Stations of the Cross every Friday

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY on Friday 15th March. Your donation this Lent will help us to reach out and help families in Bangladesh who are struggling to feed their family. CAFOD are unable to support 1 in 3 who ask for help, simply because we don't have enough money for everyone. But together, we can help more people. Your prayers and generosity mean that together we can reach out in love to every vulnerable member of God's family. Thanks to your support, we can strive to make sure no one is beyond reach of that love, help and support they need to flourish.

Pope Francis March Intentions: Evangelization - Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.



A 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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Eighth Week of Ordinary Time

**3rd – 10th
March 2019**

**Day of special prayers
for the unemployed**

Sunday 3.03	10.30am 4pm	Rose Kennedy Speedy Recovery	Sirach 27:4-7 1 Cor 15:54-58 Luke 6:39-45
Monday 4.03	10am	Mr Olivier RIP	Sirach 17:19-27 Mark 10:17-27
Tue 5.03	10am		Sirach 35:1-12 Mark 10:28-31
Wed 6.03	10am 6.00pm	Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2
Thu 7.03	10am		Deut 30:15-20 Luke 9:22-25
Friday 8.03	10am		Isaiah 58:1-9 Matt 9:14:15
Sat 9.03	6pm 6.30pm	Stations of the Cross Holy Mass	Isaiah 58:9-14 Luke 5:27-32
Sunday 10.03	10.30am 4pm	First Sunday of Lent	Deut 26:4-10 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13

**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: none

Mr Christopher Olivier RIP, funeral arrangements to follow.

Rosmini Centre: Saturday 9th March, 2.00 - 4.30 pm. Deacon David Knight, Lead Chaplain in Lincoln Hospital Trust 'God in my life: Invitation, Mission and Gratitude'. Please contact if you are coming, 01509 813078 or djtobinic@gmail.com.

St Patrick's Day Mass with Bishop Patrick McKinney on Saturday 16th March at 11am at St. Patrick's Church, Beaumont Leys Lane LE4 2BD. Followed by refreshments and music in the Parish Centre until 2.30am.

Leicester Irish Society 50th Anniversary Celebratory Luncheon on Sunday March 17th 2019. 1.30pm until early evening. Devonshire Place, 78-80 London Road, Leicester LE2 0RA. 4 Course Lunch, welcome drink on arrival with dancing to Irene and Tom Irish Dancers, Tickets £25. Please contact Elaine Godber email godbers5@sky.com or 07753693917.

The National Novena to St. Joseph will take place from 10th -18th March 2019 at St. Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and Herbert House, Fairfield, Liverpool. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St. Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena. Please write to Fr. Brian Oswald MHM, St. Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT, or email novenamhm@gmail.com.

LACY Working Group Meeting: The next meeting of the LACY Working Group will take place on Thursday 14th March 2019 at The Franciscan Convent, Dalby Road, Melton Mowbray, LE13 0BP. A warm invitation to all people interested in sharing time planning events and liturgies for our young people. Come and help us with our agenda of activities for 2019 and inspire us with your thoughts and ideas too - sharing "Faith and Fun" ideas! The meeting will commence at 7.30pm and finish at 9pm. Contact Pauline Payne, at paulinepayne@hotmail.com or Ian Cardwell iancardwell50@hotmail.com for further information.

LACY Countryside Stations of the Cross: 7th April 2019 at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey are taking place during Lent offering the opportunity to all young people, their families and friends, to be involved by reflecting and dramatising that special journey to Calvary with Jesus. The occasion will be led by the youth but a big invite to all ages! A coach will be going from Leicester and all are welcome to book a seat. £5 per person or £10 per family. We commence at 1.30pm with the fourteen Stations of the Cross in the countryside around the Abbey and then coming into the Abbey for an uplifting and reflective Celebration of Mass. We will then socialise together as we share refreshments in the retreat area of the Abbey. All peoples are welcome! Come and join us! See poster displayed in Church. Information from paulinepayne@hotmail.com or iancardwell50@hotmail.com.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Renewal Day. On June 8th 2019, at Saint Joseph's, Leicester. The day will begin at 10.30 with refreshments and expected to end at approx. 3.30pm. A packed lunch is required - tea and coffee will be provided. As with all renewal days attendance of the full day is expected. You need to register, as numbers are needed for health and safety reasons and for the provision of tea and coffee. Could you please complete the form from the main table in the church porch. A contribution to cover the days costs will be collected on the day and the suggested amount is £3 per person.

PILGRIMAGE: Fatima from London Heathrow to Lisbon via TAP/Air Portugal from 10th-16th July 2019, with Tangney tours. The cost is £632 per person sharing, staying at Domus Pacis hotel. Single supplement is £120, and Insurance from £33. For more details please see the poster or visit: <https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/waf-england-and-wales-national-pilgrimage/> See poster in church porch.

Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage under the leadership of Bishop Patrick McKinney "Blessed are the poor, for the kingdom of God is yours" 14th- 19th July 2019. Travelling by air and train. Enquiries www.tangney-tours.com or 01732 886666.

Financial details: Loose Plate £141.50. Envelopes £211.30. Donations £31. Thank you very much for your generous donations.

300 Club: £100 T Alessandro (206). £50 A Mathew (270) £25 M Ayorinde (42), E Morton (292).

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!

Thought for the week: "Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out." ~ Frank Clark



Please bring your charity box **MISSIO** to church to be emptied and collect your free magazine. Thank you.



Please keep in your prayer all the sick and housebound people of the parish.