

Pope Francis has celebrated Easter Mass at the Vatican, as the church faced a fresh round of bloodshed targeting Christians in Sri Lanka. Hours after leading a late-night vigil, Francis processed into St Peter's Square for the liturgy commemorating the resurrection of Christ. This year the Easter season has been marred by both the fire at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris last week and the massacre on Sunday in Sri Lanka. More than 259 people were killed and hundreds wounded following near-simultaneous blasts at three churches and three hotels frequented by foreigners.

The Pope denounced the "cruel violence" of the Easter Sunday attacks and said he was praying for all those who are suffering from the bloodshed. Francis said: "I want to express my loving closeness to the Christian community, targeted while they were gathered in prayer, and all the victims of such cruel violence." "I entrust to the Lord all those who were tragically killed and pray for the injured and all those who are suffering as a result of this dramatic event."



PRAY FOR PEACE in the world: Almighty God, creator of the hearth in which we live, help us today in our search for peaceful ways to avoid wars, to eliminate terrorism and tyranny and to establish justice for peoples of all races and faiths. We pray that the billions of peace-loving people of goodwill throughout the nations, will join together in prayer and action to bring love where there is hatred, friendship where there is enmity, and justice where there is oppression. Amen.

Divine Mercy Prayer

Eternal God,
in whom mercy is endless
and the treasury of compassion
- inexhaustible,
look kindly upon us
and increase Your mercy in us,
that in difficult moments
we might not despair
nor become despondent,
but with great confidence
submit ourselves to Your holy will,
which is Love and Mercy itself.

Amen.

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28th April – 5th May 2019

Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday



Sunday 28.04	10.30am 3.30pm	Gerald Pearce RIP People of the Parish	Acts 5:12-16 Revel 1:9-11,12-13,17-19 John 20:19-31
Monday 29.04			
Tue 30.04			
Wed 1.05			
Thu 2.05			
Friday 3.05			
Sat 4.05			
Sunday 5.05	10.30am 4pm	Nancy Hynes Ints People of the Parish	Acts 5:12-16 Rev 1:9-11,12-13,17-19 John 20:19-31

Feasts of the week: Monday, St. Catherine of Siena. Tuesday, St. Pius V Pope. Wednesday, St. Joseph the Worker. Friday, St. Philip & St. James Apostles. Saturday, The English Martyrs.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY for Bishop's Charitable Purposes

PLEASE NOTE: there will be no week day masses in the month of May.

Inauguration of St Alphonsa Syro Malabar Mission, Leicester.

Today, Sunday 28th April starting at 3.30pm. We have the privilege of the presence of Mar Joseph Srampickal, Bishop, Syro Malabar Eparchy of Great Britain and the Right Reverend Patrick Joseph McKinney STL , Bishop of Nottingham. Kindly join us for the grand dinner after Holy Mass. The inaugural Mass (Syro Malabar Rite) will be in English language, homily by Bishop Patrick.

Divine Mercy Devotions: An afternoon of devotions, at the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Gleneagles Avenue LE4 7ZB. On Sunday 28th April, starting at 2.30pm, with Mass at 5pm. See poster in church porch.

BEAUVALE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE May 5th 2019 in honour of St, John Houghton & St. Robert Lawrence. 3.10pm Rosary at the Stone 3.30pm Mass celebrated by Rev. Paul Newman Refreshments available afterwards. For further information email: s.doona@ntlworld.com Tel: 0791 436 1848 15 minutes from Junction 27 M1 or enter: NG16 2AA for SATNAV.

Rosmini Centre Happy Eastertide. Saturday May 11th 2-4.30 Fr. John McCay GOD IN MY LIFE, INVITATION, MISSION, GRATITUDE. Advance notice: June, a month of Celtic Spirituality led by Father Ted Mullen IC. Saturday's 2-4.30: First two sessions June 1 and 15 : Third session Retreat Day June 29.

March for Life: Saturday 11th May. A coach will be travelling from Leicester at 7.30am, with a pick up at St. Peter's. Travel on the coach will be free but donations are asked to cover the cost of registering at the event (£5 per adult and £1 for children under 18, free for under 6s). If you would like to reserve a place on the coach please contact francisca@sicamartinez.plus.com asap or text/call on 07943 711549.

Piano and Cello Recital. Sunday 12 May at 6pm. St Cecilia Auditorium, English Martyrs' Catholic School. We are hosting two graduate students of the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire in a programme of powerfully lyrical music by the Russian composer Sergei Rachmaninoff - Tickets are free, donations at the concert, proceeds to the English Martyrs Leicester Development Trust. The concert will last 90 minutes. Please email tickets@englishmartyrs.org stating how many tickets are required.

4th Blessed Sacrament Procession led by Bishop Patrick. On Sunday 2nd June 2019. Start: 2pm - St Mary's Church Goodliffe Street, Hyson Green, Nottingham NG7 6FY. To end 4pm approx - St Barnabas Cathedral, Derby Road, NG1 5AE. Finishing with prayers at the tomb of Mary Potter.


Mother of God/ St Aidan's Ecumenical Procession on Sunday 2nd of June starting at 2.30pm from St. Aidan's to Mother of God for final prayers. Refreshments will be available. All are welcome.

Financial details: 21st April Loose Plate £506.63. Envelopes £372. Malayalam £600. Funeral Donation £190. Good Friday 2nd Collection 158.34. Thank you very much for your generous donations.


300 Club: 21st April £50 L Vu (8). £25 H Wilkes (157), J Day (131).

VACANCIES	<p>The Diocese has a vacancy for a Chief Operating Officer based at Willson House next to the Cathedral in Nottingham. This new role will provide an exciting opportunity to make a pivotal contribution to the Church's mission by managing the resources of the Diocese in a creative and professional manner. The COO will report to the Episcopal Vicar for Finance and Administration who is a member of the Board of Directors. Details from: financial.secretary@nrcdt.org.uk and asking for them and for an application form. The closing date for applications is 12noon on Tuesday 28th May 2019</p> <p>University of Nottingham Lay Chaplaincy are seeking a new Catholic Lay Chaplain for the coming academic year. This is a full time paid position with live in accommodation, starting in August 2019. The position offers a great opportunity for anyone recently graduating from University and thinking about a career within Lay Chaplaincy. Previous experience is not essential, but relevant pastoral/lay chaplaincy experience and of University life is preferable. Deadline for applications is Monday 6th May 2019 with interviews on Friday 10th May 2019 at the University of Nottingham. For more details please contact, Father Jonathan Rose - Catholic Chaplain to the University of Nottingham on bishop.privatesec@dioceseofnottingham.uk</p>
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Thought for the week: "Kindness is not an act. It's a lifestyle." Anon

	~ Tea/coffee after the 10am Mass every Sunday after the 10am Mass in the hall. Please join us!
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Pope Francis May Intentions: Evangelization - Church in Africa
That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for the continent.


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