

Election of members to the Parish Pastoral Council

We are planning to have an election for parish committee. Many members of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) have now come to the end of their term of office and it is therefore time to hold new elections. If you are interested in supporting your parish in this way, please submit your name to Fr. George and pick up the Diocese of Nottingham document which gives important details of how the PPCs operate so that you understand what the role entails. The closing date for nominations is 8th March. There will be 12 members in the parish committee of which 6 members will be elected and 6 members nominated by the parish priest. You can nominate someone if they are willing to stand for the election and if they have given you their consent. Up to six members are elected by the congregation and in the event that there are more than six nominations, then there will be a ballot of the parishioners to select the six to go forward on to the new PPC. We thank all the committee members for their kindness and cooperation in their term.

Pope Francis March Intentions:

Catholics in China. We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



Stations of the Cross every Friday after morning Mass.



LENTEN PRAYER

Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus Christ our Saviour 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.ckk.org/p_Home.ikml English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/</p>		
<p>Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914</p>		



1st - 8th March 2020



Jesus fasted for 40 days and 40 nights

Sunday 1.03	10.30am 4pm	Bridget & Bernard Holohan RIP Soji & Family - Sulu & Shiju - Rose Thomas Thanksgiving	Genesis 2:7-9-3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11
Monday 2.03		No Service	
Tue 3.03	10am	Deceased members of the Flanagan & O'Reilly families	Isaiah 55:10-11 Matthew 6:7-15
Wed 4.03	6pm	People of the Parish	Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:29-32
Thu 5.03	10am	Rose Kennedy Thanksgiving	Esther 4:12,14-16,23-25 Matthew 7:7-12
Friday 6.03	10am	People of the Parish	Ezekiel 18:21-28 Matthew 5:20-26
Sat 7.03	10am	People of the Parish	Deuteronomy 26-16-19 Matthew 5:43-48
Sunday 8.03	10.30am 4pm	Jack Frid RIP Malayalam Mass	Genesis 12:1-4 2 Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9

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

CAFOD Lent Fast Day: Friday 6th March.

Please collect your Family Fast Day envelope from church this week.
SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK.



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

This Lent, CAFOD's Family Fast Day is an opportunity to reach out to some of the poorest, most marginalised of our sisters and brothers.

Your donations go to highly-trained, highly-skilled local experts around the world who save and support the health of the world's poorest families. Sister Consilia is one of these people. She is a nun in an out-of-town health centre in Zimbabwe. She is a trained pharmacist who saves lives each and every day. Without support like yours, her brilliant work just couldn't continue as there wouldn't be enough funding to support it.

But we urgently need your help to fund more local experts like Sister Consilia to reach out to even more people who need treatment, care and love.

On Friday 6 March, will you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Sister Consilia to continue her life-saving work - helping the health of the world's poorest people? **CAFOD has a daily reflect/pray/act approach to global social justice** <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-Calendar>.



Let's 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.

Today's Gospel Reflection - Matthew 4:1-11. In today's gospel, Jesus fasts and prays for 40 days in the Desert. During the 40 days of Lent, we too are invited to fast - moderating what we eat - and to pray, renewing our relationship with God. As Jesus gave himself for us, we are also invited to be generous with the gifts and riches that we have received from God.

Rosmini Centre. Thursday 5 March 7.30-9 pm - Lenten 'exploration of prayer' Fr David Tobin 'Prayer is relationship'. Friday 6 March 7-9 pm. Healing Mass.

National Novena to St Joseph - 10th-18th March. The Novena takes place at St Joseph's Church Maidenhead and at Herbert House, 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 all those who support their work. Please send in your petitions and /or request a novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily novena. Email: novena@millhillmissionaries.com.

FAITH INTO ACTION: A day to build social action in the Diocese of Nottingham on Saturday 28 March 2020, Cathedral Hall, Nottingham. Nottingham Diocese is joining Caritas, the Church's worldwide ministry of charity. Soon our parish will be part of one of the biggest humanitarian organisations on the planet - and you are invited to be part of it. Join Bishop Patrick, Caritas Social Action Network, the diocesan Justice & Peace Commission and Catholics from all round our diocese. It is a day to take practical steps, in parishes and chaplaincies across the diocese, to bring the Gospel to life. Details and booking from dioceseofnottingham.uk/faithintoaction, or call 07470 907656 for further information.

Easter Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 8th April 2020. £649.00 per person. Single supp £100.00. Flight with 10kg bag, 5 nights' Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All excursions included. Lunches on days out. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages ATOL T7613.

AFTERNOON TEA - come and share what you want to do with your one wonderful life, for women 18 + at Nottingham on Saturday, 14th March 2020 2.30 - 4pm at The Old Friary Gordon Road, St. Ann's, Nottingham NG3 2LG. More information from Sr Maureen or Sr Susan or the Vocation Office nottinghamvocations@hotmail.co.uk.

Pre St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday 15th March 2020 starting at 12 noon. Leicester celebrates St Patrick's Day 2020 with a celebration parade taking place the Sunday before the big day itself. The parade will start at 12 noon from the back of Holy Cross Church on New Walk finishing at Jubilee Square around 1pm ish. For more detail please call 0116 2769186.

St. Patrick's Day Mass on Tuesday 17th March, St. Patrick's, Beaumont Leys Lane, Leicester. The celebrant will be Rt. Rev. Ralph Heskett, Bishop of Hallam.

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!

Financial details: Loose Plate £215.52. Envelopes £129. Thank you very much for your generous donations.

300 Club: 23rd February £100 D Fitzgerald (299). £50 Mrs A Fearn (6). £25 S Wagstaff (211), Mrs S O'Donnell (68).



Thought for the week: "Blessed is he who expects nothing, for he shall never be disappointed." ~ Alexander Pope



Please keep in your prayers all the sick and housebound people of the parish. If you know of anyone who would like a visit from Father George, please let him know.



Please bring your charity box **MISSIO** to church to be emptied and collect your free magazine. Thank you. If you would like a box, please speak to Maila Taylor.