



As Lent begins, we're all shocked by the situation unfolding in Ukraine. People are separating from their loved ones and fleeing the country, simply to survive. Your support today will have a direct impact on the people of Ukraine. Other Agencies are already on the ground helping people affected by this conflict. They are working to provide food, blankets and warm clothes to families who have been forced to leave everything behind. Whatever you can give today will help us reach more families with urgent assistance. Please do continue to pray for our sisters and brothers in Ukraine. [Donate now](#)
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Words of the Holy Father. By revealing his glory in this way, Jesus ensures that the cross, the trials, the difficulties with which we struggle, are resolved and overcome in Easter. Thus this Lent, let us also go up the mountain with Jesus! But in what way? With prayer. Let us climb the mountain with prayer: silent prayer, heartfelt prayer, prayer that always seeks the Lord. Let us pause for some time in reflection, a little each day, let us fix our inner gaze on his countenance and let us allow his light to permeate us and shine in our life.

The Pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving

Saint Augustine described "Prayer, fasting and almsgiving" as the Pillars of Lent. The role of any pillar is to support, from the soft pillar we rest our head on each night to the pillars of the buildings we live and work in; they all support something. Pillars of Lent support our way of living the Gospel. The ideals of prayer, fasting and almsgiving support us on our whole Christian journey rather than are something we inflict on ourselves for just forty days of the year. Jesus summed up the pillars of discipleship - "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Prayer) "You shall love your neighbour (almsgiving) as yourself (fasting)" Matt 22:37,39. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving remind us to put our relationships right again (conversion).

Prayer places us into right relationship with God

Fasting places us into right relationship with our self (our body)

Almsgiving places us into right relationship with others (almsgiving)

**24 HOURS FOR THE LORD - 25th MARCH 2022 at 5pm -
 ST. PETERS'S BASILICA - Penitential celebration with Pope Francis.**

A prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.



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

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		Second Sunday of Lent 13th – 20th March 2022	 Stations of the Cross every Friday after morning Mass.
Sunday 13.03	10.30am 3.30pm 4pm	English Mass - Vera Murphy RIP Stations of the Cross Malayalam Mass	New COVID Guidance Hand sanitiser will be available at the entrance. You can still wear a face mask if you wish. Please do not attend church if you display any sign of illness. Full guidance displayed in the church porch.
Monday 14.03		No Service	
Tuesday 15.03	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Wednesday 16.03	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Thursday 17.03	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass St Patrick (Feast)	
Friday 18.03	9.30am 10am 5pm 5.30pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Stations of the Cross Silent Adoration Holy Qurbana	
Saturday 19.03	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass St Joseph (Feast)	
Sunday 20.03	7am 10.30am 3.30pm 4pm	Malayalam Mass English Mass Stations of the Cross Malayalam 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.

CAFOD SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

St. Patrick's Day Mass - Thursday 17th March, with Bishop Patrick at 11am at St. Patrick's Church, Beaumont Leys, Leicester.

Gospel background for Sunday 6th March - Luke 9:28b-36

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus "master" instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

Faith in Politics Please see the poster in church advertising the Faith in Politics (Intern Scheme) at the Bishops' Conference. Applications are currently open, until Thursday 17th March. For more information visit faithinpolitics.org.uk

Catholics in Health and Social Care are invited to three events on ethics and practice in health and social care, hosted by Saint Mary's University, the Anscombe Centre, and the Bios Centre. The events will consider the challenges of assisted dying, the care of the dying and questions of conscientious objection in the workplace, and will be held in Edinburgh (19th March), London (2nd April) and by zoom (14th May). For further information email marianne.rozario@stmarys.ac.uk

300 Club Results 6th March: To be announced next week.

Carl Willber Montgomery RIP. The funeral service will take place at Gilroes Crematorium at 13:30 on Friday 18th March 2022 followed by the cremation. Our deepest and sincere condolences to his family and friends.

In our Parish Council Meeting we unanimously elected Mr Ian McKay as our Parish Council Chairman. It was decided to nominate Mr John Gray, Mrs Mary Uczniack and Mr Ben Eruchie as the Finance Committee of the Mother of God Church.

NDCYS & The Briars are excited to announce the opening of Saints' Meadow Luxury Retreat Cabins. This new initiative, to support the work of the diocesan youth service, gives anyone a chance to stay in the beautiful Derbyshire Peak district in custom built, fully serviced, en-suite cabins. With fantastic views and a stunning location in the grounds of The Briars it has to be the most enjoyable way to support NDCYS and the young people they work with. You can find out more and book right now at www.saintsmeadow.com

Student Cross 2022. Do you want to do something different for Holy Week? Why not join the Pilgrim Cross Walking Pilgrimage to Walsingham? It's a walking pilgrimage to Walsingham held over Holy Week from various destinations in the country. From our diocese the 'legs' start from Nottingham and Leicester. It is an ecumenical pilgrimage, but has a very strong Catholic ethos. The group lives and walks in community for one, three, or seven days before spending an amazing weekend celebrating Easter in the Walsingham Basilica. For further information, please contact Deacon Chris Stevens at c.stevens@lboro.ac.uk or visit the pilgrimage website at <https://pilgrimcross.org.uk/> Deacon Chris will be walking the over 18s Midland Leg as one of the Chaplains, so come and join us!

LACY OUTSIDE STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 3rd April 2022 - at the Rosmini Centre, Ratcliffe on the Wreake, LE7 4SJ. Calling ALL YOUNG PEOPLE, families and friends - come and share some time with us taking a "Journey with Jesus" as we make the Stations of the Cross outside in the grounds of the Rosmini Centre, commencing at 1.30pm. This will be followed by a Celebration of Mass and light refreshments. With LACY support and help we are hoping that young people will lead the Stations and feel they can be involved in the Celebration of Mass through Music and readings. Let us know if you can be with us and would like to be involved. Contact paulinepayne@hotmail.com or claudiacoxon@googlemail.com.

Walsingham Young Adults' Pilgrimage (18-35s): £60 which includes lunch and dinner on Friday 10th June, breakfast and lunch on Saturday 11th and accommodation on Friday night (a twin room in Dowry House). A full pilgrimage programme integrated with the diocesan schedule on Saturday 11th June will be hosted. Places can be secured with a £30 deposit. Shared travel options are available. Register at: shorturl.at/cBOU1

Bookings are now open for the Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage - under the leadership of Bishop Patrick, from Monday 4th until Friday 8th July. Full details are on the Tangney Tours website: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/nottingham>, or for more details contact Father Simon Gillespie (simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

Pawel Martyniak has been missing from his home in Norfolk since 30 November 2021. He is described as religious and he attends Sunday Mass. The police are involved with the search for Pawel and it is thought that he may have travelled to London although this is not confirmed. His family have asked if the Church can assist with locating Pawel, and so please see the poster on the parish noticeboard.

The Pope's prayer intention for MARCH. For a Christian response to bioethical challenges We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.