

Holy Week

Monday 11.04	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass
Tuesday 12.04	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass
Wednesday 13.04		No Mass at MOG - Chrism Mass at St. Barnabas Cathedral
Confession Day	10am to 1pm and 3pm to 6.30pm	
Maundy Thursday 14.04	9.30am 6.30pm	Malayalam Service English Service
Good Friday 15.04	9.30am 3pm	Malayalam Service English Service
Easter Vigil 16.04	9.30 am 6.30pm 9.00pm	Malayalam Service Easter Vigil Malayalam Service
Easter Sunday 17.04	10.30am	Holy Mass No Malayalam Service

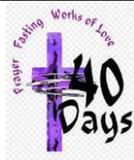
GodCalls Adventure from the National Office for Vocation, is a free, 40-day self-guided course which aims to help you grow in holiness, and root each day in prayer. You will find resources on the website <https://www.godcalls.co.uk/godcalls-adventure> to guide you in how to plan your days putting God at the centre of your life, engage in prolonged prayer and journal your progress. The downloadable resources focus on cultivating different virtues, ranging from meekness to purity, gratitude to courage. There is also guidance on using the Bible, how to pray and reflect with the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross. Join the private Facebook group where you can find support and fellowship, (type GodCalls Adventure into the search bar in Facebook to join). GodCalls Adventure is not just for Lent, try the 40 days at any point of the year.

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)

A prayer for Ukraine

We pray that the Lord God send His Holy Spirit to all the people of Ukraine
and gives them the grace of endurance in faith, hope and love
amid the current ordeals; may peace be granted
throughout Ukraine and may the Ukrainian nation
be delivered from all enemies, so that we may glorify
the good and merciful God in justice and truth.
Lord hear us and have mercy. Amen

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 LENT	Fifth Sunday of Lent 3rd -10th April 2022	 Passiontide Begins	
Sunday 3.04	7am 10.30am 3.30pm 4pm	Malayalam Holy Qurbana English Mass Way of the Cross Malayalam Mass	New COVID Guidance Hand sanitiser will be available at the entrance. Please continue to wear a face mask. Do not attend church if you display any sign of illness. Full guidance displayed in the church porch. 
Monday 4.04		No Service	
Tuesday 5.04	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Eileen Dunn RIP	
Wednesday 6.04	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Thursday 7.04	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 8.04	9.30am 10am 5pm 5.30pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Stations of the Cross Silent Adoration Malayalam Mass	
Saturday 9.04	9.30am 10am 12.30pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass Funeral Service of Canisius Fulmai	
Sunday 10.04	10.30am 3.30pm 4pm	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Way of the Cross Malayalam Palm Sunday	

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.

Words of the Holy Father: Only the woman and Jesus remained: misery and mercy. How often does this happen to us when we stop before the confessional, with shame, to show our misery and ask for forgiveness! “Woman, where are they?” Jesus said to her. This question is enough, and his merciful gaze, full of love, in order to let that person feel, perhaps for the first time, that she has dignity, that she is not her sin, she has personal dignity; that she can change her life, she can emerge from her slavery and walk on a new path.



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

Gospel background for Sunday 27th March - John 8:1-11

The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear not a parable, but the report from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery.

In John's Gospel, the conflict between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees occurs much earlier than in the Synoptic Gospels. Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem is reported at the beginning of John's Gospel. Even after this event, Jesus continues to teach in the Temple. After returning to Galilee for a time, Jesus again enters Jerusalem and cures a man on the Sabbath. From this point forward in John's Gospel, the Pharisees are described as making plans for Jesus' arrest and seeking his death.

In the chapter preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was teaching in the Temple area. Feeling threatened by his teaching and his actions, the chief priests and the Pharisees are already sending guards to arrest Jesus. The guards return, however, without arresting Jesus because they have been impressed by his words. Even more than this, some among the crowds are considering the possibility that Jesus is the Messiah. The chief priests and the Pharisees change their plan. Before making an arrest, they seek to gather more evidence against Jesus by posing a question intended to trap Jesus.

Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes found in [Mark 12:13-17](#). Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. This Scripture reading, by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. Yet there are no specific details about what he wrote.

We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. We might also give credit to the elders and the Pharisees who do not, in the end, claim to be sinless and worthy of passing judgment. These Pharisees are not as self-righteous as the portrait found in the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector (See [Luke 18:9-14](#)).

Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.

Canisius Fulmai RIP. Funeral Service next Saturday at 12.30pm. Our deepest and sincere condolences to his family and friends.

300 Club Results 27th March: £50 J Goodger (192). £25 M Ayorinde (42), Mrs M Goodrich (56).

The Leicester Ukrainian Community is indicating ways of supporting refugees via this website: <https://linktr.ee/KalynaHome>. The Ukrainian Catholic Community, which is in communion with Rome, celebrates Mass in the Byzantine rite on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at 2.00pm at the Church of the Ascension of Our Lord, on the corner of Hinckley Road and Fosse Road South. Please help if you can.

A full list of items you can donate is available from the church porch.

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 by zoom on 14th May. For further information email marianne.rozario@stmarys.ac.uk

Nottingham University Hospitals is undertaking an **independent review of maternity services**, and is asking for feedback from as many families as possible, across all faiths, who have experience of maternity services at NUH between 2006 and 2021. This feedback will help to provide the very best local maternity services in the future. To participate please visit <https://independentmaternityreviewnotts.nhs.uk/get-involved>, or email nnccc.nottsmaternityreview@nhs.net.

LACY OUTSIDE STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 3rd April 2022 at 1.30pm at the Rosmini Centre, Ratcliffe on the Wreake, LE7 4SJ. If you would like to be involved, contact paulinepayne@hotmail.com or claudiacoxon@googlemail.com.

Leicester West Saturday Seven Steps Scripture Sharing at the Upper Room, West Holme St, LE3 0TA or on first Saturdays by Zoom from 10 to 11.30, almost every Saturday - with Easter, summer and Christmas breaks. Our Scripture Sharing is open to all baptized adults who can attend regularly. When we have more than twelve members, new groups are formed. Next term: 30 April - 9 July. Enquiries to criscus@me.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

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)

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, Saturday 11th June 2022. Join with Bishop Patrick on pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady to pray for vocations, peace in our world, and evangelisation. Transport to Walsingham - individually organised, or encourage your deanery parishes to organise a coach or minibus together. For more information and details contact: Deacon Séamus O'Looskan on 0116 241 4057 - solooskan@st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk. Or visit the Walsingham Shrien Website: www.walsingham.org.uk

The Pope's prayer intention for APRIL. For health care workers. We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.