

Holy Week Celebrations

Tuesday 26th March: Mass at 10am - Confessions from 5 to 7pm.

Wednesday 27 March at 11.30am - The Chrism Mass at St. Barnabas Cathedral. Bishop Patrick is joined by the priests of the Diocese to manifest their unity. The Blessing of the Oils for Catechumens and the Sick and the consecration of the Oil of Chrism take place during this Mass and then brought back to our parishes at the Mass of the Lord's Supper to be used throughout the coming year. **Wednesday: - No Mass at MOG.**

The Sacred Triduum... Three Most Holy Days of our Liturgical Year

Holy Thursday 28 March, Maundy Thursday

9.30am Syro-Malabar Mass

6.30pm English Service.

One of the most important days in the church's liturgical year in which many important events took place.

1. The last Supper was the first place where mass was celebrated. Every mass we celebrate even to this very day re-enacts the celebration of the Last Supper, our priest is in the place of our blessed Lord we, the people take the place of the apostles round the table, now in the form of our altar. Therefore, on Holy Thursday we celebrate the anniversary of the very first mass.

2. At the Last supper First Holy Communion was instituted for the very first time when Jesus takes just ordinary bread and wine and consecrates into His Own Body and Blood. "Then he took a piece of bread, gave thanks to God, broke it, and gave it to them, "This is my body, which is given for you" Luke 22:19 and "this cup is the new covenant sealed with my blood, which is poured out for you." Luke 22:20. So therefore Holy Thursday is the anniversary of the blessed sacrament of Holy Communion.

3. Thirdly at the Last Supper, Jesus made his apostles his first priests when he gave them the special gift of being able to consecrate bread and wine into His Blessed Body and Blood in all future masses when he said the words "Do this in memory of me." Luke 22:20.

Good Friday, 29th March - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death.

9.30am Syro Malabar rite

3pm English Service

A collection is taken for the Holy Places.

Holy Saturday 30th April - Easter Vigil

9.30am Syro Malabar rite

6.30pm Easter Vigil -

9.30pm Syro Malabar rite.

Although celebrated Holy Saturday evening, it is the dramatic Easter vigil liturgy that marks the beginning of Easter. The vigil is divided into four parts: Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Baptism, Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Sunday 31st March, Easter of the Resurrection of the Lord - Holy Mass at 10.30am.

Please keep in your prayers all the sick and housebound people of the parish, also let's pray for the deceased people of the parish.

We continue to pray for Ukraine and its people, for the people of Israel and Palestine and for all the war-torn countries in the world.

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<p>Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914</p>			
	<p>Fifth Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday</p> <p>17th – 24th March 2024</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">✠</p> <p>Stations of the Cross every Friday after morning Mass.</p>
<p>Sunday 17.03</p>	<p>8.30am 10.30am 4pm</p>	<p>Holy Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite English Mass - Jean Hidelaratchi RIP St. Patrick's Holy Mass in the Syro- Malabar rite</p>	<p>The Pope's prayer intentions for March 2024.</p> <p>For New Martyrs Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.</p>
<p>Monday 18.03</p>	<p>No Service</p>	<p>St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and doctor</p>	
<p>Tuesday 19.03</p>	<p>9.30am 10am</p>	<p>Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM</p>	
<p>Wednesday 20.03</p>	<p>5.30 6pm</p>	<p>Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Alcmund, martyr</p>	
<p>Thursday 21.03</p>	<p>9.30am 10am</p>	<p>Silent Adoration Holy Mass</p>	
<p>Friday 22.03</p>	<p>10am 5.30pm</p>	<p>Holy Mass & Stations of the Cross Syro Malabar Mass & Stations of the Cross</p>	
<p>Saturday 23.03</p>	<p>9.30am 10am 5.30pm</p>	<p>Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Turibius of Mongrovejo, bishop Syro Malabar Palm Sunday Mass</p>	
<p>Sunday 24.03 Palm Sunday</p>	<p>10.30am 4pm</p>	<p>English Mass Holy Mass in the Syro- Malabar rite</p>	

LENT PRAYER

Loving God, when our boat is rocked by poverty, illness or disaster,
you quiet the waves, and lead us safely to shore.

When we work hard, but still go hungry, you walk beside us,
calling "cast your nets", there is enough for all.

Lead us, Lord to play our part in calming the storm
and sharing your gifts so all people may look to the future with hope. Amen.

Cycle of prayer during Lent: Candidates for the Sacrament. Women.

The Needy and Hungry of the World. Penitents and Wonderers.

Mass Intentions. One of the great gifts we can give to someone is to have a Mass offered for their intention or for the repose of their soul. To request a Mass please use the envelopes found at the back of the church. Please state if the Mass is for a deceased person, birthday or any special intentions. Please note: If intention is for a living person, they must sign the envelope for permission to print their name on newsletter or intention will be listed as Private Intention and initials of intentions.

Background on the Gospel Reading John 12.20-33.

Jesus teaches his disciples about the way in which he will be glorified by God, and a voice from heaven is heard to affirm this teaching.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

Jeremy Holmes Tims RIP, funeral details: Monday, 25th March at 12noon, followed by burial at Newtown Linford Cemetery at 1.30pm. Our deepest and sincere condolences to his family and friends.

John Murphy RIP, funeral details: Wednesday 20th March at 9.30am at St. Peter's Church, Hinckley Road, Leicester. Our deepest and sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Patsy Stretton RIP. Sincere condolences to their family and friends. Funeral details to follow.

Latin Masses in Leicester: Blessed Sacrament on Sundays at 8am.

Holy Cross: see their newsletter.

300 Club Draw 10th March 2024: £50 G P (43). £25 P T (242), J V (162).

LACY "Big Lent Walk" for CAFOD: Sunday 17th March 2024 commencing from St. Mary's, Countesthorpe Road, South Wigston, LE18 4PG at 2pm. Calling all young people families and friends to be with us! Aid for all the conflicts taking place in Ukraine, Russia, Palestine and Israel. Walk as much as you can, trail to follow, craft time and light refreshments! Celebration of Youth Mass with Fr. Simon Gillespie at 4pm., praying for all those in the areas of conflict in the world. For more details of the afternoon e mail: Jo Shearer, joshearer@hotmail.com. Details of the LACY Just Giving Account are: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/lacy-sharing-cafods-big-lent-walk>. You might like to WALK! SPONSOR SOMEONE! or DONATE! to the amazing work of CAFOD. LET'S PUT OUR FAITH INTO ACTION THIS LENT!

Men's Lenten Pilgrimage on Saturday 23rd March from 10.30 am to 3.30pm at Mount St Bernard Abbey, Coalville. Bring your own packed lunch. The cost is £12. All events will focus on the year of Prayer. Bring your packed lunch. Please See dioceseofnottingham.uk/events to find out more about these and other events.

Search for the Light at the Briars. Take some time out this Easter to come to The Briars for an amazing retreat experience. You can come by yourself or with your friends, no parents or teachers needed, and take part in fun activities and opportunities to learn more about and deepen your faith alongside other like-minded young people. This retreat is open to all in years 10 to 13, between Thursday 28th - Sunday 31st March, and costs £55 per person (with bursaries through the St Francis of Assisi fund). Get in contact on our Instagram (@NDCYS) or Facebook (NDCYS - The Briars) or call (01773 852044). Volunteer year at the Briars Applications for The Briars Team 24/25 are now open! Contact email programmeleader@ndcys.com.

Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham - Saturday 15 June. 11am - 4.30pm. Join with Bishop Patrick as we seek Our Lady of Walsingham's intercession for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life in our Diocese. For more information contact Father Neil Peoples 01283 564814 or vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk or Deacon Seamus O'Looskan 0116 251 1437 or seamus.olooskan@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

The Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Patrick between Monday 15th and Friday 19th July. By air from East Midlands Airport directly to Lourdes, prices for the full-board five-day pilgrimage start at £819, including a full liturgical programme, and medical care and assistance for those who need it. For more details visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes or email the Pilgrimage Deputy Director at simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

FOODBANKS. We are extremely grateful to all the parishioners who donates food for the FOODBANKS. It is very much needed. Please continue to donate, if you can.

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