

## The Season of Lent 2025

- Ash Wednesday 5th March
- First Week of Lent Sunday 9th March
- CAFOD Lent Fast Day - Friday 14th March  
(CAFOD envelopes for your donations will be distributed on Sunday 9th March and collected for the following two weekends).

**CAFOD Lent Appeal - Family Fast Day collection.** Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10, or scan the QR code.



### Cycle of Prayer during Lent, we pray for these intentions:

- Candidates for the Sacraments; especially on the Sundays of Lent
- Women; especially on Friday 7th March
- The Needy and Hungry of the World; especially on Friday 14th March
- Penitents and Wanderers
- Victims of Trafficking and those who Work to Combat it.
- The Unemployed.

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

If you wish to contribute to the Parish Funds, please use these Bank Details. If you are a tax-payer, please request a gift aid declaration form from the parish via email, so that we can reclaim for the parish fund money you pay in tax to the government.

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### Jubilee Prayer

God our Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, awaken in us this Jubilee Year a missionary heart for the coming of your Kingdom. May the gift of your grace transform us, Pilgrims of Hope, into your missionary disciples, blessed with the gifts and talents you give us.  
Strengthen us to share our Saviour's message of love, joy, and peace with all the people we meet this year, so that we may help build up your Kingdom on earth.  
To you our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be glory and praise for ever and ever.  
Amen

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Our Schools: Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 - [www.cktleicester.co.uk/](http://www.cktleicester.co.uk/)  
English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - [www.emschool.co.uk/](http://www.emschool.co.uk/)

MOG Safeguarding Officer: Michelle Dempster - 07718279920 - [michelleadempster@gmail.com](mailto:michelleadempster@gmail.com)

Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914



### Eighth Week of Ordinary Time

2nd - 9th March 2025

† Stations of the Cross every Friday after morning Mass.

Sunday 2.03	8.30am 10.30am  4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - For the deceased members of Sweeney & Murphy families Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	<p><b>The Pope's prayer intentions for March 2025</b></p> <p><b>For Families In Crisis</b></p> <p>Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.</p>
Monday 3.03	5.30pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	
Tuesday 4.03	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Saint Casimir (optional memorial)	
Wednesday 5.03	10am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Mass Silent Adoration Holy Mass <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	
Thursday 6.03	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 7.03	9.30am 10am  5.30pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs (as a commemoration) & Stations of the Cross Syro Malabar Mass & Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 8.03	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. John of God (as a commemoration)	
Sunday 9.03	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Thanks giving - Barrett & Collins family Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

Rosary Rally, at 1:30pm. Opposite Sports Direct, Leicester City Centre, Monthly every first Sunday, Contact Maziano on +447737 158224.

**Please bring your old Palms to church.**

**Gluten Free Eucharist is available. If you require it, speak to Terry Knott or Chris Mukopfa.**  
**CAFOD Envelopes/Donations will be collected today.**

### 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.

**Please take this newsletter home with you.**

## Background on the Gospel Reading Luke 6:39-45.

Each tree is known by its yield.

The third and final section of Luke's Sermon on the Plain begins: And he told them a parable. There are actually four parables, three of which we read today. They are all about how to be a good disciple.

The blind cannot lead the blind. And a disciple cannot be a good disciple unless he or she has learned from the teacher. Everyone who is fully trained is like the teacher who knows how to cure the blind. Before you can be a good disciple and teach others you must take care of yourself. Do not try to take a speck out of your brother's eye until you have taken the board out of your own. Finally, only when you have purified yourself can you produce the good works that the teacher requires. Discipleship asks us to produce good deeds. But to produce them requires the integrity and purity of heart found in the teacher. When people see your good deed, they will know that this is because you have a good heart. The final parable, which we do not read today, is about building on the solid foundation of rock and not on sand. This is the only way to face the difficulties a disciple will encounter and survive.

**300 Club Results 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025:** £50 A T (151), £25 V T (161), A M (40).

**Weekly Collection: Sunday 23/2/25 to be announced next week.**

**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. Thank you.

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

**We continue to pray for Ukraine and its people, for the people of Israel and Palestine, Lebanon and Syria and for all the war-torn countries in the world. Let's also pray for all the people that have been affected by climate change and have lost their home and livelihood.**

**English Martyrs' Catholic School**, your local Catholic secondary and 6<sup>th</sup> form, seeks more governors. Ensuring the delivery of education within a Catholic ethos is an important ministry of the Church. Our role involves overseeing the academic, spiritual and cultural life at the school, plus ensuring that all students have a safe and happy environment in which to learn and prepare themselves for life in the world. All of us on the current governing body find this most rewarding and we enjoy working alongside excellent and dedicated school staff. To find out more you can visit: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/departments/education-service](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/departments/education-service). There you can also download application forms. To have an informal chat about it first, please contact Paul Lazarus, Chair of Governors at English Martyrs' Catholic School (Telephone 0116 242 8880 or Email [office@englishmartyrs.org](mailto:office@englishmartyrs.org)).

**Sing the Mass, a day for parish choirs**, cantors and anyone who believes that the one who sings prays twice, will cover: Psalms from the new lectionary; Chants in the missal; and Entrance and communion antiphons. The Day will be held at Saint Wilfrid of York, Coalville, LE67 3JB, on Saturday 15th March, from 10.30am for 11.00am start. Bring a packed lunch, hot drinks are provided. The Day concludes with Sunday Mass at 4.00pm, singing what we have learnt. The facilitators are: Lynda Durcan and Father Colin Patey, and the cost is £5, payable on the day. For enquiries and to book: [singthecatholicmass@gmail.com](mailto:singthecatholicmass@gmail.com).

**Youth2000 - Day Retreat for young adults** at The Briars, Crich, DE4 5BW with Bishop Patrick. Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025. Contact [Charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:Charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk).

**Flame takes place on Saturday the 15th March 2025** and is the largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales. Filled with inspiring speakers, incredible live music, prayer, adoration and young people from across England and Wales it's an event like no other! Booking for Flame 2025 is now open! [Book here](#). If you have any problems placing an order, please email [flame@cymfed.org.uk](mailto:flame@cymfed.org.uk).

**Retreat Day for Parents. 11:00 am - 4:00 pm Our Lady of Lincoln, Lincoln. Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March.** Every family is unique, but there are foundational disciplines that moms and dads need to focus on and prioritise. In this retreat, Mike and Alicia Herson (of the Messy Family Ministry) will explain each discipline, show why it is essential, give examples of different ways it can be practiced, and offer some conversation starters for couples to discover how these disciplines should be lived out in their unique situations. We aim to offer activities for Children during the day if you are unable to get childcare. The day will begin with Mass, after registration and dropping off children, couples will be invited to enjoy some tea and coffee before beginning the retreat. Each talk will end with time for reflection and private couple discussion, as well as time to ask questions of Mike and Alicia. We will end the day with adoration. Cost of the event is £25 per couple and registration is required - if you can't afford the cost of the day please still come. Couples are asked to bring a packed lunch. March 16<sup>th</sup> 2025. [Register Here](#).

**The Leicestershire Eucharistic Ministers Renewal Day for 2025** is on April 5th 2025 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Leicester Road, Hinckley, Leics. LE10 1LW. Bishop Patrick will be leading most of the day which will begin at 10:30 am with tea and coffee followed our first talk and will finish between 3 - 3:30pm. We realise that some of you may no longer to travel. Please be assured that you will be remembered in our prayers. Registering. (please try to do this by 25th March, if you can - thank you.) You may register as an individual or as part of a Parish group. Please email Mrs M Hunt [mchunt2310@btinternet.com](mailto:mchunt2310@btinternet.com).

**The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill webinar** at 6.30pm. Prior to the third Reading on 25th April. Please register at: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hard-cases-dont-make-good-law-assisted-suicide-webinar-tickets-1233106176769?aff=oddtcreator](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hard-cases-dont-make-good-law-assisted-suicide-webinar-tickets-1233106176769?aff=oddtcreator).

**Our next online Faith and Footprint workshop online.** 1. Introduce the **Laudato Si Animators'** programme which starts on 28 April - it would be great to have a group from Nottingham Diocese following it together. 2. Share plans for the 2025 **Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope** which converges on Nottingham in September. 3. Exchange practical ideas for reducing our parishes' environmental footprint and decarbonising your buildings.

**Nottingham Diocesan Jubilee Lourdes Pilgrimage** takes place between Monday 14th and Friday 18th July with Bishop Patrick. The Pilgrimage includes a full liturgical programme, with Mass each day; return direct flights from East Midlands Airport to Lourdes; full board for four nights in a three- or four- star hotel; assistance (for those who need it) from the Diocesan Hospitalité and Health Team. Prices start from £899, and more details are at: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes). Young adults (18-35) are also warmly invited to join the Jubilee Lourdes Pilgrimage. For young adults interested in supporting pilgrims, deepening faith, and coming together as a community, contact [charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk). or visit [www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-nottingham-ya](http://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-nottingham-ya).

**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.

**A huge thank you to all of you!**