



Prayers Upon the Death of Pope Francis

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Eternal rest, grant unto him o Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Prayers for the successor of Pope Francis

O God, who chose your servant, in succession to the Apostle Peter as shepherd of the whole flock, look favourably on the supplications of your people and grant that, as Vicar of Christ on earth, he may conform his brethren and that the whole Church may be in communion with him in the bond of unity, love and peace, so that in you, the shepherd of souls, all may know the truth and attain life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

There is an opportunity to sign a [virtual book of remembrance](#), as well as to visit any of the Jubilee churches across the diocese where there will be a book of remembrance.



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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	<p>Third Sunday of Easter</p> <p>4th - 11th May 2025</p>
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Sunday 4.05	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Juviline Ndaumukong RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	<p>Pope's prayer intentions for May 2025</p> <p>For Working Conditions</p> <p>Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.</p>
Monday 5.05	No Service	St. George, Martyr, Patron of England (Solemnity)	
Tuesday 6.05	No Service		
Wednesday 7.05	No Service		
Thursday 8.05	No Service		
Friday 9.05	No Service		
Saturday 10.05	No Service		
Sunday 11.05	8.30am 10.30am 4.00 pm	No Syro-Malabar Holy Mass Holy Mass - Juviline Ndaumukong RIP and Irine Ruzivo Birthday Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR THE CLERGY FORMATION FUND.

Father Hans will be on holiday from Tuesday 6th May until Thursday 29th May. Normal Mass times will resume on Sunday 1st June. We wish him a very happy time with his Family.

Cycle of Prayer during Eastertide, we pray for these intentions:
New Members of the Church. Human Work. Vocations. Survivors of Abuse.
The right use of the Media. The Church.

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, Syria and Sudan and for all the war-torn countries in the world.

Background on the Gospel Reading: John 21:1-14.

Jesus appears to the disciples for a third time after his Resurrection and shares a meal with them.

In Lectionary Cycle C, our Sunday Gospels are usually taken from the Gospel of Luke. The Gospels for the Easter Season, however, are taken from the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel is one of the post-Resurrection appearances reported by John. Recall that in John's Gospel, Jesus appears first to Mary of Magdala, second to all of the disciples except Thomas, and finally to Thomas and the disciples (which we heard last Sunday). After those appearances, John's Gospel seems to conclude with a reference to other signs that Jesus gave after his Resurrection, which have not been recorded.

Because it follows this apparent conclusion, most scholars believe today's Gospel passage (and all of John 21) to have been an addition to John's original text. Because there are significant differences between this report and the other appearances described in John's Gospel, it is quite likely that this story is from a different source. There are details in the story that recall Jesus' call to Simon Peter and the other fishermen as well as the miraculous catch of fish (found in the Gospel of Luke, with parallels in the other Synoptic Gospels). The end of the chapter, where Jesus asks Peter three times whether he loves him, most likely is meant to represent the reconciliation that occurred between the community represented by John's Gospel with the larger Christian community represented by Peter. This Gospel reading is a rich and textured story that speaks of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist and our commission to serve others as Jesus did.

Last week we heard that Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples in a locked room, probably in Jerusalem. In today's Gospel, the disciples are no longer in Jerusalem; they are in Galilee, returning to their work of fishing. Simon Peter is still presented in the role of leader: when he announces that he is going fishing, the other disciples follow. They spend the night fishing but are unsuccessful.

Jesus calls to them from the shore, but just as when Jesus first appeared to Mary of Magdala, the disciples do not recognize him immediately. Still, they follow the stranger's instructions and bring in a large haul of fish. It is at this point that one of the disciples (the "disciple whom Jesus loved") realizes that Jesus is appearing to them. Upon hearing this news, Simon Peter leads the way again, jumping from the boat and swimming to shore. The other disciples follow in the boat, dragging the fish.

The disciples have brought to shore a tremendous catch of fish that Jesus has directed them to find. But once on the shore, they see that Jesus has already prepared fish and bread on a charcoal fire. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch of fish as well. Jesus is host at the meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish. In this detail we see allusions to the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes told in [John 6](#).

There are also allusions in the Gospel to our gathering for the celebration of the Mass. In the Eucharist, we too are fed by Jesus in the bread and wine that have become his very Body and Blood. We also find in this story insight about the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. The gifts we bring to the altar, bread and wine, are made from gifts that God gave first to us: grain and grapes, the fruit of the earth. God has no need of anything further. Yet God accepts the offering we bring—bread and wine, "the work of human hands"—and transforms our offering into the gift of his very presence.

After the meal, Jesus directs himself to Simon Peter. The community of John's Gospel probably looked down on Peter because of his denial of Jesus. This dialogue with Simon Peter is a reversal of Peter's three denials. Peter is forgiven. Having been restored to friendship with Jesus, Simon Peter is sent on a mission. "Feed my lambs . . . Tend my sheep . . . Feed my sheep." These commands indicate that Peter is to be as Jesus, even unto sacrificing for the flock. As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow him, asking that we offer our lives in service and sacrifice.

**300 Club Results 27th April 2025: £100 A H (36). £50 W B (70). £25 L V (08), S P (187).
Collection on Sunday 27th April: £390.69. Thank you very much.**

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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Please do not park at the front of the church,
this space is only for Hearses or Ambulances.

We need a list of First Aiders: if you have a First Aid Certificate or Medical Registration, please speak to Sharon Pritchard.

We also need volunteers to join a garden group which will help towards reducing the costs of grass cutting. Please speak to Matthew Nazareth.

THANK YOU

The Assisted Suicide Legislation Report has been put back from 24th April to the 16th May. The vote may take place then, or on 13th June. This gives us more time to contact our MPs and request they vote against this evil Bill, and to pray that it will not be passed.

MARRIAGE HELP - Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 20-22 June www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 7296983. Out of 21 couples who joined the Retrouvaille programme in February, two couples have turned away from divorce, and others have now found hope to restore their marriages. Your bulletin announcements, referrals, and prayers made this possible.

Called to Love: Masculine and Feminine, Friday 9th - Sunday 11th May. A weekend for young adults, whether single, dating or engaged, exploring the nature of masculinity and femininity. The retreat, at the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire, will consider the contemporary challenges to being a man and a woman and the Church's wisdom for this, drawing particular inspiration from Saint John Paul II. For more information and to book visit <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/>

The Health Team who supports the Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage is in need of some additional experienced team members for this year's pilgrimage. If you, or someone you know, is a currently Registered Nurses or trained and experienced Care Worker, who may be interested and can commit to being available for this year's Jubilee Pilgrimage between Monday 14th and Friday 18th July, as well as for a couple of training days on Sunday 15th and Saturday 28th June, please contact Deacon David Knight (david@sthughslincoln.org.uk) for more details.

Could you be a Briars Ambassador for 12 months? The Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service (NDCYS) has a wonderful group of volunteers who support The Briars Catholic Youth Retreat Centre through practical support, prayer and fundraising. The Friends of The Briars is hosting an Ambassadors' Day for those interested in becoming a Briars Ambassador, on Saturday 7th June between 10.00am and 3.00pm at The Briars, DE4 5BW. See the poster in church or visit ndcys.com/friends-of-the-briars/ for more.