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HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE: Sunday 19th April at 4:30 pm, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will hold a **Holy Hour to pray for the promotion of a culture of life in our lands**. Parishes and Catholic communities across England and Wales are asked to hold a Holy Hour on that day, and even at the same time if possible, so as to present a unified, prayerful front to offer this petition to Our Lord for the dignity of life from conception to natural end and to pray that assisted suicide will not become law.

ENCOUNTERING JESUS IN THE GOSPELS: how to lead groups in reflective prayer. On Tuesday evenings between April and June join the Jesuit Institute online for a short online formation course building the skills and confidence needed to hold and guide groups of those who wish to deepen their relationship with Jesus, in conversation with others, through reflectively praying with gospel texts. www.jesuitinstitute.org/events/encountering-jesus-in-the-gospels

The Diocesan Education Service is hosting a Day looking at **GENDER AND FAITH**: Accompanying Young People Well on **Thursday 23rd April** at the Diocesan Centre, Mackworth DE22 4BD. Dr Julia Sadusky will lead the Day, between 11.30am and 2.00pm, which is open to all, especially those accompanying young people at the intersection of questions of embodiment and spirituality. The cost of the Day is £25, and bookings can be made by contacting gill.burns@nottingham-des.org.uk

<u>April 2026</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
4/5 April	S Jones		J Shellard	M Douglas
11/12 April	J Lowe	K Crawford	P Green	W Kwacz
18/19 April	B Mugoni	S McGlone	C McInnes	J O'Leary
25/26 April	B O'Malley		T Page	A Randle20

<u>READERS</u>			
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
4/5 April	B O'Malley	R Lewin	M Lewin
11/12 April	W Hudson	P Green	J Thayaseelan



Our Lady of Victories

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Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board

5th April 2026
1st Week of Eastertide
Psalter Week 1

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY: EASTER DAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

10.00am Mass: Bogush Nowakowski RIP

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

10.00am Mass: November Dead List

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

10.00am Mass: November Dead List

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

10.00am: Father Frank McLaughlin

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am: Laurence Cates RIP)

Coffee

No Holy Hour

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

10.00am: Fr Owen 5th Anniv

SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

6.00pm: Sylvia Andries Anniv

SUNDAY: 2nd OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish

Coffee after Mass

MONDAY 13th: Easter Feria

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

TUESDAY 14th: Easter Feria

9.00am Mass: Perp B



*Blessings on him
who comes in
the name of the
Lord.*

CONFESSIONS
Sat 11 am
5.15am

TIMES OF SERVICES

WEDNESDAY 15th: Easter Feria

9.40am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Father Brian McWilliams

THURSDAY 16th: Easter Feria

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: William Togher RIP (McGlone)

Coffee

7.00pm: Holy Hour

FRIDAY 17th: Easter Feria

7.00pm Mass: Granddaughter Sam RIP (Muckle)

SATURDAY 18th: Easter Feria

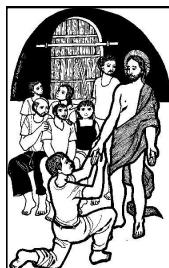
6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

SUNDAY 19th: 3rd of Eastertide

10.00am Mass: Gabriel & Gosia, MariSol & Family Int

Coffee after

*12th April 2026
2nd week of Eastertide
Psalter Week 2*



*Eight Days
later Jesus
came.*

On this great feast may I take this opportunity of wishing you all the Joy of the risen Christ. We often forget about Easter after Easter Sunday. Yet it is the greatest Season of the Year. Easter day is in fact celebrated for eight days and then Eastertide for a further forty. Lent is but a preparation for what is to come, and it is strange that we tend to put more emphasis in preparing for Easter than celebrating it. Easter is fifty days of joy. That is quite something! The reason is because Jesus Christ has risen, and love has conquered all things and even death itself. He has pulled back the bolt and opened the gate to the pastures of eternal life and invites us to enter. We have but to follow though. And the joy of Easter is special. It comes from knowing we are absolutely and definitively loved, no matter what and that Paschal love is stronger than everything. That sort of joy can be present always and indeed especially in the broken world in which we live. It is a joy that is deep and lasting. It comes from the truth that now we know for certain that with God all things are possible. I wish you all a Blessed Easter!

And may I thank all who have helped us celebrate the Easter Triduum & all who keep the Parish running - the musicians and singers, the altar servers, readers, those who have prepared our wonderful flowers, those who have cleaned the Church, our sacristans, our catechists, our welcomers, EM's and admin support and all who have helped in any way. May I thank all who help run our Parish & school in all the varied ministries and activities. "Love lives again, Alleluia. May God Bless you all and you loved ones in these coming Days of Easter Joy.

Also Please pray for **Joshua Adkins** who was baptised at the Easter Vigil, **Cecylia Wilde, Gareth Ford, Kim O'Connor, Stephen King and Maria Henderson** (in Assisi) who were received into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil.

EASTER OFFERING: Traditionally the Easter Offering goes to the Priest of the Parish and forms a major part of his income for the year. Envelopes for the Offering can be found in the Cloister.

Diocesan Pastoral plan 2026 to 2030 called "GO MAKE DISCIPLES."

Encounter discipleship and Mission

We hope to begin our response after Easter!

A presentation of the Plan at masses on 18 & 19 April 2026

A Beginning: Where are we as a Parish? Where would we like be?

An initial meeting: Monday 20th April 7.30pm with **representatives from Parish groups & PPC.**

For all Parishioners 6 May 2026 7.30pm in Octagonal Hall;

Please take a summary of the Plan or see all the resources at <https://gomakedisciples.uk/>

Please pray for the Good of our Parish

Go
make
disciples

LENT LUNCHESES: The get-togethers after the ecumenical services on the previous five Fridays in Lent were a great success. The Hall was filled to capacity each week and from the comments made (and requests for seconds) it was obvious that everyone was thoroughly enjoying the soups and bread, followed by a wonderful array of cakes. A huge Thank You to the soup-makers and bakers who made it possible. Thank you also to the many helpers who came every week to set up the tables, reheat and serve the soups and clear up afterwards. We raised the magnificent sum of **£1,105.80 for Aid to Developing Countries.** Thank you again to anyone who helped in any way.

RED BOXES and ADC

Hello Everyone. Just to thank you so much yet again for supporting our efforts to help the poor in our world through Missio and ADC.

Yet another reminder that it is time for your **Red Box to be emptied.** It is amazing that you are still able to find loose change to fill your boxes!! So many thanks for doing so. Please leave your box in the Sacristy or hand it to Fr Chris or to Bob and Chris Shepherd and it will be returned shortly afterwards to the table in the Cloister

ADC: We continue to donate money to Father Ed, Father John, Aid for Chad, Water for Kids and the Philippines School Project because of your generosity - either through our White Envelope Scheme - or by donating goods for us to sell. We are still being asked for children's clothes and toys to send to the Gambia and to the Philippines so if you are clearing out your wardrobes and have surplus or out grown baby /children's items, please remember ADC and leave your unwanted items in our box under the table on the Cloister. It means so very much to those who have so very little.

Most sincere thanks again for enabling us to support those in greatest need.

Could you be our next Archives Volunteer? The **ARCHIVES DEPARTMENT** is hosting an Open Day at the McGuinness Centre, Brooklyn Road, Nottingham NG6 9ES on **Friday 17th April** between 2.00pm and 6.00pm. Are you an organised individual with an interest in Church history, genealogy, and basic Microsoft skills? The Archives Department would love to see you there!