

TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK:

We have planned the times for Holy Week

Penitential Service: Thursday 26th March 7.00pm

Palm Sunday Sat 6.00pm & 10.00am (with Blessing of Palms and Procession)

Wednesday: Chrism Mass 11.30am cathedral

Maudy Thursday 7.00pm

Good Friday:

Ecumenical Witness: Easter Live on the Square 11.00am

Liturgy of the Passion 3.00pm

Stations of the Cross 7.00pm

Easter vigil: 8.00pm – First Mass of Easter: Mother of all Masses

Easter Sunday: 10.00am

Ecumenical Events: Easter Live on the Square 3rd April 11-12.30pm Our Good Friday

Witness. This Easter, churches from across our town are coming together to make *Easter Live on The Square* happen — a vibrant open-air event sharing the Easter story through live drama, music, and a warm welcome in the heart of our community. This is a real opportunity to stand together and serve our town.

Help Needed: volunteers from across the churches to help with: Set-up and pack-down - Children's activities (DBS required) - Stewarding and security - First aid- Acting roles in the Easter drama. Please click on the link or contact Maureen Douglas: <https://hc.churchsuite.com/events/o7garv4p>

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Also Sunday 29th March at 5pm, Harborough Community Church. Prayer session for the Event. All welcome.

All are welcome to join Father Jonathan Cotton in a reflection through slides, music, and prayers of **THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS** on **Tuesday 24th March** in Saint Wilfrid's Church, Coalville LE67 3JB, and on **Thursday 26th March** in Sacred Heart Church, Loughborough LE11 2HE. Both evenings begin at 7.00pm, and conclude at 8.30pm with refreshments.

<u>March 2026</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
14/15 March	J Mugoni	P Green	W Kwacz	K Crawford
21/22 March	M O'Malley	C McInnes	J O'Leary	S McGlone
28/29 March	B Phillips	T Page	A Randle	T Ruane

<u>READERS</u>			
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
14/15 March	P. Green	B. Tyrrell	D. Chappell
21/22 March	M. Atkins	C. Sellechia	R van der Liet
28/29 March	J. Rowland	M. Douglas	M. Blake



Our Lady of Victories

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15th March 2026

4th week of Lent

Psalter Week 4

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY: 4th of Lent - Laetare Sunday

6.00pm Mass: Joan McCabe (Blencoe)

10.00am Mass: Connor Calleja (Colleen)

Coffee after Mass

3.30pm: Rosary outside church

MONDAY: Lenten Feria

9.00am Mass: Adrian Weston RIP

TUESDAY: ST PATRICK, Patron of Ireland

9.00am Mass: Father Sławomir Hermanowicz RIP

WEDNESDAY: Lenten Feria

9.40am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Celia Cates RIP (Doreen & Peter)

THURSDAY: ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: November Dead List (with School)

Coffee

7.00pm: Holy Hour

FRIDAY: Lenten Feria

12.30pm: Ecumenical prayer & Lunch

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

7.30pm Mass: November Dead List

SATURDAY: Lenten Feria

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

SUNDAY: 5th of Lent

10.00am Mass: Gurmen Sari RIP (Agatha)

Coffee after Mass



*The blind man
went off and
washed himself,
and came away
with his sight
restored.*

CONFESSIONS

**Sat 11 am
5.15am**

FR CHRIS WRITES: St Joseph school is joining us for mass on Thursday to celebrate the great feast of Saint Joseph patron of the church, father's, workers and not to forget a happy death!

LENT ACTIVITIES: Stations of the Cross: 7.00pm on Fridays. Normally followed by Mass
Holy Hour with Benediction: Thursdays 7.00pm – 8.00pm with a meditation on next Sunday's readings. This is an opportunity for the most powerful prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, Our Bishop and the Holy Father have called us to adoration. Many graces are received before the Blessed Sacrament.

Also walk with me Booklets are available £2. They have a meditation for each day of Lent. A chance to come closer to Christ through the Word of God.

An online **LENT RETREAT WITH NEWMAN**, guided by Father George Bowen, designed to help Catholics to go deeper into the Gospels of Lent through the preaching of Saint John Henry Newman, at: www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLITo3ifsRMurBVMGBzCiiUnuqrTlusKIA
A **PODCAST** called 'Good Habits', exploring questions of meaning through the wisdom of the virtues, hosted by Father John Church OP (of Leicester Priory) and Fr Toby Lees OP, at: www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLITo3ifsRMuqLGc5cGJiy4UT0EGP_hyWe

There is a **DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN 2026 - 2030**, an element of one of the 4 priorities being **Encounter** (growth in prayer). The third Tuesday of each month we meet to **"Tune into Prayer"** at 130 Burnmill Rd, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Our next meeting will be on the 17th March. All are welcome.

If you are interested and would like more information, phone 07714 651756 or email cpblamires@aol.com

LENT LUNCHES: Friday Feb 27th - 27th March. Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church. 12.30pm. A time of prayer (20 mins) followed by Lunch Theme. God's Word: our greatest treasure and our deepest delight. Suggested donation £5
We now have our soup makers and our bakers but we still need more helpers to set up and lay tables, prepare cutlery bundles and clear up, as well as someone to take money at the door. Nothing arduous especially if plenty of people come forward to share the load. See Margaret in the cloister or contact her on 01858 446369; email: margaretatkins52@gmail.com.

Richard (Rick) Wood died on 27th February. His funeral service will take place on Monday 30th March at 2.00pm. We pray for his wife Paula and all the family.

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 at the

THE POPE GOES TO CONFESSION. HAVE YOU THIS LENT? On the **Thursday 26th March 7.00pm** instead of the Holy Hour, there will be visiting priests available for Confession as well as Exposition of the Blessed sacrament and Benediction. There are confessions every Saturday at 11.00am & 5.15pm



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/>



After the great success of previous events, the Diocese is delighted to invite you to our Lenten **WOMEN'S RETREAT** being held on **Saturday 21st March** at Holy Family Church, Blenheim Drive, Allestree DE22 2LG, between 10.00am and 4.00pm. The Retreat is entitled "The Great Women of the Old Testament", and will be led by Sister Susan Richert. The Retreat costs £15 per person, including a cream tea; please bring your own packed lunch. To book, visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/womensretreatday

The Diocese is delighted once again to invite you to a **MEN'S RETREAT** on **Saturday 28th March** between 9.45am and 3.45pm, at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, Coalville. Canon Chris Thomas (Secretary of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales for 10 years) will lead the Day, entitled "Limitless: In the Lenten Gospel readings the Limitless power of God is revealed. In Christ we too can be limitless". The Retreat costs £15 per person; please bring your own packed lunch. All men aged 18 or over are very welcome; to book (by 20th March) visit: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=K0aLivJiz0GWFBy9r3UQDuiJPmfhpEBEo-L5QsatoShUOTNOSThPTzdYV1FXWINEQ0UwT0I2VzM4SC4u&route=shorturl>

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



Thank you from CAFODPS It's not too late to donate – pick up a CAFOD envelope in church or visit cafod.org.uk/envelope **We raised £1330,**
Many thanks!!



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Ladies Midsummer Lunch supporting St Joseph's Academy Thursday 18th June 2026. **TICKETS NOW ON SALE.** For tickets please contact Kate Crawford 07814629927.

WHAT A CATHOLIC BELIEVES AND WHY: Continues Tuesday 17th March: This week: Grace & Beatitudes; Times: Assemble 7.30pm (coffee/tea,) Start 7.45pm (prompt): Finish 9.00pm (prompt). **All welcome**