

Bishop Patrick invites parishioners to join the **NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN JUBILEE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE** taking place between **Monday 14th and Friday 18th July**. 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 Hospitality and Health Team. Prices start from £899, and more details are at: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes

ENGLISH MARTYRS SCHOOL 60TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN DAY: Sat 3rd May 10.00am - 1.00pm. Blessing and opening of the Prayer Garden. Tour the school catch up with former Staff and pupils and many other things see poster.

The Nottingham Diocesan **MISSIO MASS** in thanksgiving for all Missio's volunteers and supporters will be celebrated at Saint Winefride's Church, Charnwood Road, Shepshed LE12 9QF on Saturday 10th May at 3.00pm. Bishop Patrick will celebrate the Mass, joined by Father Anthony Chantry (Missio National Director) and Father Patrick Bassey (Diocesan Director for Missio). All are warmly welcome, and to stay for the refreshments after the Mass also.

CALLED TO LOVE: MASCULINE OR 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 ST JOSEPH'S PTFA are holding a summer raffle and thanks to the generosity of amazing days out. If you would like to be in with a chance to win, tickets are £1 each and can be purchased online at www.pta-events.co.uk/stjosephsptfa Paper tickets can be purchased from the school office.



<u>MARCH</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
19/20 April	B Mugoni	C McInnes	J O'Leary	S McGlone
26/27 April	B O'Malley	T Page	T Ruane	A Randle

<u>READERS</u>			
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
19/20 April	P Green	D Chappell	B Tyrell
20/27 April	N Williamson	M Blake	M Douglas



Our Lady of Victories

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Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board

20th April 2025
1st Week of Eastertide
Psalter Week 1

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY: EASTER DAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8.00pm: Vigil Mass: Margaret Mitchell (Duffy)

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish

Coffee after Mass

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

10.00am Mass: Stefania & Jozef Fialkowski RIP

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

9.00am Mass: Harry Watts RIP (Wilson)

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: November Dead List

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: Bogush Nowakowski RIP (Birth)

Coffee after Mass

7.00pm: Holy Hour

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

10.00am Mass: Canon Bernard Scholes RIP

SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

6.00pm: Mass: Phil Danks RIP

Sunday: 2ND OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish

Monday: ST GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

Tuesday: ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

Wednesday: Easter Feria

9.45: Morning Prayer

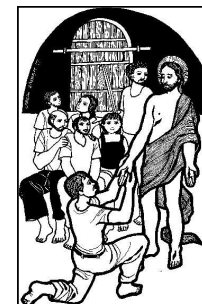
10.00am Mass: November Dead List



*He must rise
from the dead.*

CONFESSIONS

Sat. 11.00am
& 5.15pm



TIMES OF SERVICES

THURSDAY: Easter Feria

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: Michael O'Connor RIP

Coffee

No: Holy Hour

FRIDAY: St Athanasius

7.00pm Mass: Greg O'Connor RIP

SATURDAY: STS PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES

6.00pm: Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP

Sunday: 3rd OF EASTER

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish

*27th April 2025
2nd Week of Eastertide
Low Week
Psalter Week 2*

*Eight days
later, Jesus
came.*

FR CHRIS WRITES: *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.

PS new Jubilee pray books are available "The prayer of Jesus" Appropriate for Holy week!

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 back of the Church.

THE IMPORTANT VOTE FOR ALL MPs on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, is likely to take place on Friday 25th April. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to allow people to contact their Member of Parliament and it only takes a few moments to submit a message to ask an MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. It can be accessed at <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote>. Right to Life is also distributing postcards to parishes for the lay faithful to send to their MPs on this subject. A range of further resources on opposing assisted suicide is available at www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide. Our MP Neil O'Brien voted against previously we could encourage him to continue or send on the cards to the Prime Minister.

ENABLING OUR MISSION CAMPAIGN UPDATE: Thank you to those of you who have already made your decision, returned your pledge form and supported this extremely important endeavour for our Diocese. Please pick up an update handout for Our Parish £92,538 Pledged to Date towards our target of £135,000. Thank you!

If you did not receive a pack through the post please pick one up in the Cloister. <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/mission-enabling-fund>



RED BOXES It is time once again for the red Missio boxes to be returned for emptying. Could you please leave your boxes in the Sacristy area or hand to Father Chris or to Bob and Chris Shepherd,

They will be returned as soon as possible for you to collect from the table in the cloister. Sincere appreciation to everyone for having a red box - we appreciate that loose change is in short supply these days but over £600 was raised last year. Thank you so much for continuing to support Missio.

ADC Many thanks to everyone for helping to support our overseas efforts in providing help for some of the poorest people in the world through donations and providing clothes and goods to be sold on eBay.

The white envelopes for monthly offerings are now available on the table in the cloister. Could we please ask you to remember ADC when you are clearing out your wardrobes and cupboards, or if you are disposing of unwanted goods - items can be left under the table in the cloister or could be collected by arrangement. We are so grateful for your help with the envelopes or by contributing clothes etc which are now our major sources of income for our needy causes. Thank you.

THE LADIES MIDSUMMER LUNCH in support of Saint Joseph school MHET will be on Thursday the 12th of June 2025 at Marston Trussell hall at 12:30 tickets are £40. For tickets ease contact Kate Crawford 01858 446873 / 07814629927.

The Lester family will be hosting a **JUBILEE ART EXHIBITION** fundraiser over the weekend of **10th and 11th May** in the church hall at Saint Pius X, Narborough. This will be a significant event for the two local parishes as many non-parishioners are expected. Opening times are 10.30am until 3.30pm on Saturday 10th and 10.30am until 4.30pm on Sunday 11th.