

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

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!

From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – **RETROUVAILE** could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more, visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk or telephone 07973 380443

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>March 2026</u>	EUCCHARISTIC	MINISTERS		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
28/29 March	B Phillips	T Page	A Randle	T Ruane
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

READERS			
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
28/29 March	J. Rowland	M. Douglas	M. Blake
4/5 April	B O'Malley	R Lewin	M Lewin
11/12 April	W Hudson	P Green	J Thayaseelan



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29th March 2026
6th week of Lent - Holy Week
Psalter Week 1

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY: 6th of Lent - PALM SUNDAY

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish
10.00am Mass: Matthew Liddle Anniv
Coffee after Mass

3.30pm: Rosary outside church

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK:

9.00am Mass: Jack and Nuala Scarisbrick RIP
2.00pm: Funeral Liturgy Richard Wood
7.00pm: Confessions

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK:

9.00am Mass: Clive Blencoe RIP Anniv. (Angela)

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK:

11.30am: Chrism Mass at Cathedral
6.30pm: Confessions
7.00pm Mass: November Dead List

THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK - THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

7.00pm: Rosie Law ill (Maureen) - Followed by watching till 11.00pm

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - GOOD FRIDAY

11.00am: Ecumenical Witness in the Square
3.00pm: Good Friday Liturgy - Liturgy of the Passion
7.00pm Stations of the Cross
7.30pm: Confessions

HOLY SATURDAY

11.00am: Confessions
12.00pm: Blessing of Easter Food
8.00pm: People of the Parish Easter Vigil First Mass of Easter

SUNDAY - EASTER DAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

10.00am Mass: Bogush Nowakowski RIP
Coffee after Mass

There is a retiring Collection for Easter Flowers for those who would like to contribute



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

FR CHRIS WRITES: This weekend we begin Holy Week or the Great week as it is often called. Simply put with Jesus we enter Jerusalem. We seek to take part in the events of our Salvation through our Liturgies in Church and our devotions at home such as a family Stations of the Cross and the rosary. If we are watching television perhaps we could view more religious films on TV or YouTube. We also try to live the Spirit of the Triduum. These are the three days of Maundy Thursday Good Friday and Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday. IN many ways they form one celebration of Christ's Passover
We can also give witness this week by placing some branches in our windows or on our door and a cross or crucifix in our window in Holy week and then maybe flowers or white cloth on Easter Sunday or the children could do some drawings!
Also Please pray for **Joshua Adkins** who will be baptised, **Cecylia Wilde, Gareth Ford, Kim O'Connor, Stephen King and Maria Henderson** (in Assisi) who will all be received into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Please do not forget the **Collection for the Holy Places on Good Friday:** More vital than ever! See <https://www.orientchurch.va/>

TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK:

We have planned the times for Holy Week

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

Wednesday: Chrism Mass 11.30am cathedral

Maundy 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

Saturday: Blessing of Easter Food 12 noon

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

Easter Sunday: 10.00am

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.

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>

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

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



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.

SAFEGUARDING - TO ALL IN DBS ROLES

Please keep a lookout for an email from the DBS Update

Service inviting you to renew your subscription. It is

important to do this every year IF you intend to remain in

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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.

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.