

Corpus Christi Church, Mass/Service Times 22nd February—1st March  
2026



Date	Holy Mass/ Services	Other Events
Saturday 21st February First Sunday of Lent	5.30 pm Stations of the Cross and Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Eileen and Eddie McQuaid RIP	Distribution of CAFOD Lenten Fast Day envelopes
Sunday 22nd February First Sunday of Lent	10.30 am Mass: Benjamin Osaguona RIP	Distribution of CAFOD Lenten Fast Day envelopes
Monday 23rd February Lenten Feria	No Mass today	If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code or use our Dona Donation Point
Tuesday 24th February Lenten Feria	9.00 am Celebration of Word and Communion	
Thursday 26th February Lenten Feria	9.00 am Celebration of Word and Communion	7.00pm RCIA –Session 16: Forgiveness, healing and Mission
Friday 27th February Lenten Feria	9.00 am Celebration of Word and Communion	CAFOD Lent Fast Day
Saturday 28th February Second Sunday of Lent	5.30 pm Stations of the Cross and Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Shaun Wallace RIP	Second collection for CAFOD
Sunday 1st March Second Sunday of Lent	10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish	Second collection for CAFOD

Our Lady & St Patrick's, Mass/Service Times 22nd February 1st March 2026



Date	Holy Mass/ Services	Other Events
Sunday 22nd February First Sunday of Lent	9.00 am Mass: People of the Parish	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass Distribution of CAFOD Lenten Fast Day envelopes
Wednesday 25th February	10.00 am Mass: Foundation Mass Rev Leo Bermingham	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass
Saturday 28th February Lenten Feria	9.30 am Confessions 10.00 am Mass: Foundation Mass for Provost John Harnet	
Sunday 1st March Second Sunday of Lent	9.00 am Mass: Paul Bowe RIP	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass Second collection for CAFOD



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Parish Newsletter First Week of Lent 2026

Corpus Christi, Southchurch Drive, Clifton and  
Our Lady & St Patrick's, Launder Street, The Meadows  
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Go Make Disciples: Diocesan Five Year Mission Plan

The Mission Plan, entitled 'Go, make disciples' is both a spiritual and practical mission to renew and equip our parishes to face the challenges ahead. It is an invitation to each of us to place our God-given gifts, talent and prayers, in the service of that commission which Christ has given to each of us. The full Plan is at the Church entrance and you can also view it at: <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/missionplan>

Fr Wilfred is in the Holy Land to attend the *Council of the Congregation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Betharram*. Fr Simon Gillespie has kindly agreed to be with us for Sunday Masses and Saturday Vigil Masses. On other weekdays, we will hold *Celebrations of the Word and Communion during the week*. There will be no Mass at Corpus Please on Monday 23rd February. Please refer to Newsletter timetable.

Stella Maris is looking to recruit a Regional Port Chaplain for Immingham and the South Humber Ports. If you would like to apply for this position, contact [recruitment@stellamarismail.org](mailto:recruitment@stellamarismail.org) The closing date for applications is Sunday 15th March.

The Celebrate Trust has produced two resources for families in Lent: a Family Activity Pack for Lent and a Journey to Easter Joy game. Visit [www.celebratetrust.org/shop/lent-family-pack-celebratehome-s45pm](http://www.celebratetrust.org/shop/lent-family-pack-celebratehome-s45pm) and [www.celebratetrust.org/shop/lent-game-celebratehome-s45pm-39gpj](http://www.celebratetrust.org/shop/lent-game-celebratehome-s45pm-39gpj) to download them, and, if you can, to support Celebrate too.

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.

**Corpus Christi Easter Egg Raffle**  
Tickets for the Easter Egg Raffle will be sold after Masses on the weekends of 7th/8th March, 14th/15th March and 21st/22nd March at £1 a strip. Please could you donate eggs to help make the Raffle a huge success! Draw to take place week commencing 23rd March with winners able to pick up prizes after Mass on Palm Sunday weekend.

**Deanery Station Mass:** The Parish of the Most Holy Name of Jesus will be hosting this year's annual Deanery Station Mass on Tuesday 3rd March at Holy Cross church, Hucknall. Bishop Patrick will be chief celebrant and will be joined by other priests from our Deanery. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from 6.00pm - 6.45pm during which time there will be opportunity for individual confession with our Deanery priests. Mass will begin at 7.00pm prompt. We invite all our parishioners to join this celebration and take up this opportunity for Reconciliation. There will be a collection taken for various Diocesan charities after the Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament and before Mass begins. Refreshments will be available after Mass in the meeting room.

**Gift Aid Envelopes**  
We will soon be ordering envelopes for parishioners of Corpus Christi who prefer to give with envelopes and are UK tax payers. Please could parishioners contact the Parish Secretary on 0115 921 2964 or email: [secretaryccolsp@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:secretaryccolsp@dioceseofnottingham.uk) if they would like the envelopes ordering for the next financial year.

The Pope's monthly intention for February: For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Christ the King Catholic Voluntary Academy, Arnold has a number of vacancies for both teachers and support staff, for more information please find all vacancies on the OLOL website: <https://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies/> if you would like an informal chat regarding any of the vacancies please contact the school on [head@christtheking.notts.sch.uk](mailto:head@christtheking.notts.sch.uk)

The Diocesan Youth Service NDCYS is taking a group of young people and young adults to Lourdes, France as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage in July 2026. If you are aged 16+ and unable to go with your school, or a young adult who would like to be a small group leader, we encourage you to download the information pack and apply at [ndcys.com/lourdes](http://ndcys.com/lourdes)

### CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 27th February

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. As you leave Mass this weekend, please take a CAFOD envelope to make your Lent donation.

Join Young Adults from across the diocese of Nottingham to enter more deeply into prayer this Lent with Sycamore's 'Learning to Pray this Lent'. Just bring yourself, a bible, and a hot drink of your choice (unless you're fasting!). With lots of practical tips, wisdom from the bible, stories from the saints, and advice about common difficulties people face when praying. To sign up head to: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/yasycamore](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/yasycamore)

Young Adults are especially invited to join Bishop Patrick, in the Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026. Departing from East Midlands airport on Monday 13th July, enjoy five days in Lourdes with over 200 people from across our diocese. Help in caring for those with additional needs! Mary invites us all to come to this holy place. More details from the tour operator: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-nottingham/>

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OLSP - Bernadette Davey & John Fryer telephone: 07513 725557. Everyone who volunteers in our Churches should check whether they need a DBS check.

**Mass Intentions**  
We are grateful to all of you who request Mass Intentions and the donations you give. If you make a donation for Mass Intentions on the Dona Machine, please remember to always fill in the details of the intention with the preferred date(s). Please also provide an email or telephone number so the Secretary can confirm the preferred date with you. Our weekend Masses have very high demand for Mass Intentions so please try and book these well ahead of your preferred date.  
Thank you again

Anyone wishing to sing as part of the Diocesan Choir (in particular for this year's Chrism Mass on Wednesday 1st April), please fill in the online form at [bit.ly/diocesanchoir](http://bit.ly/diocesanchoir)

40 days for life is a global movement, which seeks to end abortion through prayer, peaceful outreach and public witness. Each year during Lent a group of Christians take our belief in the sanctity of life out to the public space and offer a life-giving alternative to the sadness of abortion. Our witness is legal, peaceful, compassionate and non-judgemental. If you would like to know more, please contact John by email on [pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or go to [40daysforlife.com/nottingham](http://40daysforlife.com/nottingham). 'For whenever you did this to the least of my little ones, you did it to me.'

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

22nd February 2026

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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.

### COLLECT

Grant, almighty God,  
through the yearly observances of holy Lent,  
that we may grow in understanding  
of the riches hidden in Christ  
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.  
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.

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Genesis.  
*The creation and sin of our first parents.* 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
The LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.  
Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God actually say, "You shall not eat of any tree in the garden"?' And the woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 51(50)

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your merciful love;  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me completely from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin. R.

My transgressions, truly I know them;  
my sin is always before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;  
what is evil in your sight I have done. R.

Create a pure heart for me, O God;  
renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence;  
take not your holy spirit from me. R.

Restore in me the joy of your salvation;  
sustain in me a willing spirit.  
O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. R.

### SECOND READING

(Shorter form between \*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

'Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.'

5:12-19

\*Brothers and sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—\*for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. \*For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man; much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.\*

The word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.  
One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.  
Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

### GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

*Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.* 4:1-11  
At that time: Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the Temple and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."' Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him and serve him alone.

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray,  
to make these offerings,  
for with them we celebrate the beginning  
of this venerable and sacred time.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed now with heavenly bread,  
by which faith is nourished, hope increased,  
and charity strengthened,  
we pray, O Lord,  
that we may learn to hunger for Christ,  
the true and living Bread,  
and strive to live by every word  
which proceeds from your mouth.  
Through Christ our Lord. and to seek Christ, our bread of life,  
who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.