



Date	Holy Mass/ Services	Other Events
Saturday 14th March Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday	11.30 am Baptism 5.30 pm Stations of the Cross and Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Margaret Boot RIP	Second collection: Easter Flowers
Sunday 15th March Fourth Sunday of Lent—Laetare Sunday	10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish	Second collection: Easter Flowers If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code or use our Dona Donation Point
Monday 16th March Lenten Feria	6.30 pm Adoration 7.00 pm Mass: Thanksgiving	
SAINT PATRICK, BISHOP, PATRON SAINT OF IRELAND (FEAST)	No Mass Today	
Thursday 19th March SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (SOLEMNITY)	9.00 am Mass: Brian Harvey anniversary	7pm RCIA 18 –the Social Teaching of the Church
Friday 20th March Lenten Feria	9.00 am Mass: All Souls	
Saturday 21st March Fifth Sunday of Lent PASSION SUNDAY	5.30 pm Stations of the Cross and Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Marie Asher Dickens RIP	Second collection: Diocesan Quota
Sunday 22nd March Fifth Sunday of Lent PASSION SUNDAY	10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish	Second collection: Diocesan Quota

Our Lady & St Patrick's, Mass/Service Times 15th March—22nd March 2026



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Sunday 15th March Fourth Sunday of Lent-Laetare Sunday Children leading liturgy	8.30 am Stations of the Cross 9.00 am Mass: David Shelton RIP 3.00 pm Latin Mass	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass Second collection: Easter Flowers
Tuesday 17th March SAINT PATRICK, BISHOP, PATRON SAINT OF IRELAND (FEAST)	9.30 am Mass: Jimmy Greaney RIP	
Wednesday 18th March Lenten Feria	10.00 am Mass: Kieran McGroary RIP	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass
Saturday 21st March Lenten Feria	10.00 am Peter Walsh RIP	
Sunday 22nd March Fifth Sunday of Lent PASSION SUNDAY	8.30 am Stations of the Cross 9.00 am Mass: Leslie Burns RIP	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass



Parish Newsletter Fourth Week of Lent 2026
 Corpus Christi, Southchurch Drive, Clifton and
 Our Lady & St Patrick's, Launder Street, The Meadows
 Parish Priest: Fr Pitak David SCJ, Priest Fr Wilfred Pereppadan SCJ
 Br John Dawson SCJ, Br. Andrew Ferris SCJ
 Corpus Christi Presbytery, 127 Listowel Crescent, Clifton, NG11 9BP;
 Parish Secretary: Sarah Piper: 0115 921 2964, working days: mon., wed. & fri.
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Please remember Wendy Bloor and Vera Russell of Corpus Christi Church who have died recently. Please pray for them and their families.

St Patrick's Day Mass 17th March
 St Patrick's Day Mass this coming Tuesday, 17th March, will be at 9.30 am at OLSP. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick and Fr Pitak. Afterwards, all are invited to enjoy refreshments and hospitality in the Hall.

Gifts for First Holy Communion
 The Repository Stall at Corpus Christi has gifts for First Holy communion on sale. There are also a number of second-hand dresses and suits.

Congratulations to baby Joachim who is being baptised this weekend.

Corpus Christi Easter Egg Raffle
 Tickets for the Easter Egg Raffle will be sold after Masses this weekend and the following weekend 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.

Corpus Christi Church Cleaning for Easter
 We will be cleaning the Church on Saturday 28th March at 9.30am in preparation for Easter. Please help if you can.

Sunday 22nd March: CAFOD Big Lent Walk, meeting at 2.00pm, Wilford Village Tram Stop Car Park. All are welcome!

CAFOD Big Lent Walk
 Blessed Robert Widmerpool School is aiming to complete a sponsored 40km walk over the period of Lent, to remember the 40 days and nights that Jesus spent in the desert as he prepared for his ultimate sacrifice and to raise money for CAFOD. Each class has been assigned a particular distance to walk over the Lenten period and we ask that children gather as much sponsorship as possible using our Just Giving page by scanning the QR code below to help raise funds for CAFOD. Please support them.

Good Friday Procession in Nottingham
 Please join Nottingham Churches for an Act of Witness on Good Friday 3rd April 2026. The procession will meet at 9.45 for a 10am start at the Nottingham Cathedral of St Barnabas stopping at Old Market Square, and then continuing to St Mary's in the Lace Market to finish by 12pm. All welcome!



The Catholic Union wants to make their Weekly Briefing available to every Catholic in England, Scotland and Wales. Sign up for free at: <https://catholicunion.org.uk/weekly-briefings/>

Called to Love is a retreat for singles, dating, and engaged young adults who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. A relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others, the retreat will be held at the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire, on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd May. This year's retreat will have as its theme masculinity and femininity. To book, visit: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/>

The Pope's monthly intention for March: For disarmament and peace. Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/mensretreatday>

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 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

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/>

The Abortion Recovery Care and Helpline (ARCH) is starting a Post Abortion Women's Support Group from April in central Nottingham, for women affected by abortion. Run by a qualified therapist, the group offers a safe space to meet with other women in a supportive and helpful way, with confidentiality, no judgement, and free of charge. If it has been at least six months since your experience and you would like more information email clare@archtrust.org.uk including a mobile number (ARCH and abortion will not be mentioned in any texts).

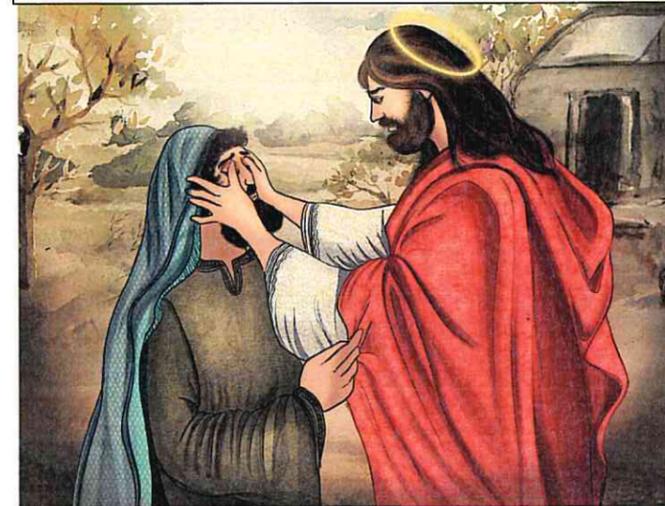
Summer residential courses for young leaders Forming Catholic Student Leaders consists of two summer courses exploring faith, ethics and leadership for sixth form students, offered by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. Join for six days in the beautiful Ribble Valley to explore themes linked to The Common Good (Year 12, Monday 10th – Saturday 15th August) and to The Human Ecology (Year 13, Sunday 5th – Friday 10th July). Meet new friends, discuss and share with peers, tutors and academics, learn new skills, develop your relationship with Christ, build your character. For more details, and to book, visit: www.christianleadershipformation.com

In June 2025 MPs voted for an extreme amendment to the Crime and Policing Bill, which would allow women to abort an unborn baby for any reason (including gender), up to birth. If passed this amendment will remove all legal protection for babies. This policy was not in any manifesto and was passed with less than two hours' debate. As Catholics, we must oppose this horrendous assault on vulnerable unborn life. The bill is due to be debated in the House of Lords on Wednesday 18th March. As a matter of urgency, please write to members of the Lords, asking them to reject this barbaric proposal. If you aren't sure what to say or whom to write to visit www.spuc.org.uk/abortion-decriminalisation or contact pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

15th March 2026

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.
I am the light of the world, says the Lord:
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

GOSPEL (Shorter form)

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

'He went and washed and received his sight.' 9:1-41
At that time: As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' Having said these things, *he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'It is he.' Others said, 'No, but he is like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' * So they said to him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." So I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

*They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?' And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?' He said, 'He is a prophet.' The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.' So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, 'Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' And they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshipper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.'

They answered him, 'You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?' And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.' He said, 'Lord, I believe', and he worshipped him.

Jesus said, 'For judgement I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, 'Are we also blind?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, "We see", your guilt remains.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

COLLECT

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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 First Book of Samuel.
David is anointed king of Israel. 16:16, 6-7, 10-13a
In those days: The LORD said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.'

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen these.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.' And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, 'Arise, anoint him, for this is he.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul. R.

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. R.

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. R.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. R.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.
'Arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.' 5:8-14
Brothers and sisters: At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true, and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.