



Lenten Devotions

Stations of the Cross at Corpus Christi
each Friday
at 7.00 pm in Lent starting on
16th February.

Easter egg raffle will take place again this year.

Raffle tickets will be on sale for three weekends, March 3rd/4th, 10th/11th 17th/18th, price £1 strip. The draw will take place on Thursday 22nd March and all lucky winners can collect their Easter eggs the weekend of Palm Sunday. Please place all your donated Easter eggs on the table at the back of church.

St Patrick's Day Mass – Saturday 17th March, 9.30am at St Patrick's Church. We will be joined by invited civic guests and many people from the Irish community in Nottingham. It would be lovely if we could make this a real parish occasion – whether we are Irish or not – as this is the patronal feast of one of our churches.

The Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018 Monday 16th - Friday 20th July 2018 flying from East Midlands with a full complement of medical staff and an army of young people from diocesan universities and schools. The atmosphere is electric as you can imagine and the opportunity is there for a pilgrimage that is both memorable and full of grace. Why not fill in a form today or ring 0161 8208790 for more details. Fr Gregory Tobin.

J.S. Bach ~ Mass in B Minor takes place at the Cathedral on 10th March 7.45pm. Tickets range from £10-£18 and can be obtained online or call 9539839

Know any young people struggling with exam pressure? Pr-exam Destresser! A retreat for Yr. 11-Yr.13's at The Briars Catholic Youth Retreat Centre. Join other young people on this weekend retreat aimed at helping you to stay balanced through the exam season. Learn relaxation techniques, stress management strategies and have a bit of fun along the way! 13th-15th April, cost £45. Contact bookings@ndcys.com If a young person from the parish wants to go but the cost is putting you off – speak to Fr Joe as the parish can help out.

Parish Newsletter

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B
11th February 2018

Corpus Christi, Southchurch Drive, Clifton. NG11 9BP
Our Lady & St Patrick's, Laundry Street, The Meadows. NG2 1JQ

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Masses and Services

Date	Time	Church	Intention	Priest
Saturday 10 th	6.00	CC	Lillian Lester RIP	Fr Jonathan Rose
Sunday 11 th	9.30	OLSP	Dave Castle RIP	Fr John st John
	11.00	CC	Willie Greeney RIP	Fr John st John
Wednesday 14 th Ash Wednesday	9.00	St Patrick's School	Bernie O'Sullivan RIP	Fr Joe Wheat
	9.30	CC - church	Harrison Lewis RIP	Fr Michael Gallagher
	7.00	CC - church	Service with Ashes	
Thursday 15 th	9.30	CC	Thomas Farrelly RIP	Fr Joe Wheat
Saturday 17 th	6.00	CC	Jac O'Brien RIP	Fr Jonathan Rose
Sunday 18 th	9.30	OLSP	People of the Parish	Fr Michael Gallagher
	11.00	CC	Isabella Fanning	Fr Michael Gallagher

Our parish schools

<p>St Patrick's Catholic Primary School and Nursery Coronation Avenue, Wilford Village, Nottingham. NG11 7AB Headteacher; Mrs Lane. Tel; 0115 9152963. Email; admin@st-patricks.nottingham.sch.uk Website; www.st-patricks.nottingham.sch.uk</p>	<p>The Becket Catholic Secondary School The Becket Way, Nottingham NG2 7QY Headteacher; Mr McGeachie Tel; 0115 9824281 Email; mail@becketonline.co.uk Website www.becketonline.co.uk Family of schools Chaplains; Mr Baptist and Mrs Kemple</p>
<p>Blessed Robert Widmerpool Catholic Primary School Listowel Crescent, Clifton, Nottingham. NG11 9BH Headteacher; Mrs Maylard-Mason. Tel; 0115 9152392 Email; admin@brw.nottingham.sch.uk Website; www.brwacademy.com/welcome</p>	

Ash Wednesday – 14th Feb.

Arrangements for Masses are

9.00 – St Patrick’s School.

9.30 – Corpus Christi

7.00 – Corpus Christi – service with the distribution of ashes.

Women’s Retreat at The Briars: Taste and See. Following on from the huge success of last year’s retreat, The Briars is once again offering this weekend from **Friday 2nd-Sunday 4th March.** Women of all ages are welcome to take part in this relaxed, inspiring and welcoming retreat. Cost £70. Please note that early booking is advised as places are on a first come first served basis. Contact bookings@ndcys.com

Search for the Light: Easter Retreat for young people Yr. 10-Yr.13. Young people are invited to journey through the Easter story at The Briars Youth Retreat Centre. 29th March-1st April. £60 all inclusive. Contact bookings@ndcys.com . If a young person from the parish wants to go but the cost is putting you off – speak to Fr Joe as the parish can help out.

Parish Finances

Bishop Patrick has asked that in every parish in the diocese this weekend, we think about how we support the work of our parish and the church financially.

The money you give each week is used for many purposes

- Maintenance of buildings and energy and utility costs
- Expenses of the ministry and work of both priests and others parishes – travel costs, buying resources for catechesis, even down to the candles we see burning on the altar.

All of these cost money so the support you give to the parish is very important and greatly appreciated.

As you know, the cost of all of these things goes up and rarely goes down, so it is a sensible time to ask you if you would be kind enough to consider the amount which you give to the parish. It might be that you have given the same amount for several years so you could ask yourself if you are able to increase that amount.

To help with this appeal, on your seat you will find a leaflet. It includes a Gift Aid Declaration Form, as well as a Standing Order form.

Why Gift Aid and how does it work?

Quite simply it increases the value of your gift by 25p for each £1 you give.

These are the simple steps:

- A giver must be a tax payer. Therefore, if a husband is a tax payer and not a wife, or vice versa, it is better that the donation is made by the tax payer.

- All you need to do is to complete and sign a Gift Aid Declaration, included in this leaflet. It requires your name, home address, signature and the date. And it is as simple as that.

The only catch in all of this is that you have to be a UK tax payer and remember to cancel your Gift Aid Declaration if you stop paying tax.

A few commonly asked questions are:

- If I sign a Gift Aid Declaration can I cancel it? *Yes, at any time.*
- Can I alter the amount I give per week or per month? *Yes, at any time.*
- Some people worry that the Gift Aid scheme might cause complications with their tax. *It doesn’t. Ask someone in the Gift Aid scheme and they will tell you it is not a problem.*
- What is the benefit for the parish? *For every pound you give for the Gift Aid scheme, the parish can claim back another 25p on top of the pound you give. This is a huge benefit to the parish.*

The amount you give is confidential, known only to the parish Gift Aid organiser and to the Diocesan Gift Aid office. It is not used for any other purpose other than to claim Gift Aid.

The leaflet also includes a Standing Order mandate. Some people are happy to give an amount of cash each week. Many people, these days, prefer to pay the amount to the parish by Standing Order, usually monthly which is easier for them. This also avoids the cost of cash handling to us and is in any case more secure. The leaflet provides a form for this purpose.

If you already give to the parish by Standing Order, you may want to review the amount you give. The form provides an opportunity for doing this. And if it bothers you not putting anything into the collection basket as it comes round then please feel free to put in an empty envelope or chuck in a few bits of loose change!

The leaflet also refers to legacies.

We can’t take the money we have earned in our life with us, but we can leave a legacy to the parish and the leaflet gives details of this.

If you are likely to pay Inheritance Tax, a charitable legacy, such as one to the parish, can reduce the amount of tax payable by your estate.

So, to summarise, there are 3 ways in which we can increase our offertory income:

- one is to increase the amount we give – if you have given the same amount for a number of years, maybe consider increasing it
- the second is to increase the number of givers
- the third, the most painless way, if you are a taxpayer, is to sign a Gift Aid form and let the Government increase the parish income instead!

If you can help in any way. Then complete the relevant section of the leaflet and return it to the presbytery or simply put it in the collection basket this or next week.

On behalf of everyone in the parish, thank you for your generosity.