



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.

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.

Involved?? It will be useful for our new parish secretary to have an up-to-date contact list of everyone who is involved in any way. If you are a reader, catechist, musician, sacristan, member of the PPC There is a sheet at the back of church for you to record your details so we can build up one single register of people who do things. If you are not sure if this applies to you, put yourself down anyway!

Parish Newsletter

**First Sunday of Lent
18th 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 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
Wednesday 21st	9.30	OLSP	Margaret Scott RIP	Fr John McCay
Thursday 22 nd	1.30	CC	Requiem Mass for Paul Dickens RIP	Fr Joe Wheat
Saturday 24 th	6.00	CC	People of the Parish	Fr John McCay
Sunday 25 th	9.30	OLSP	Andrew Cullinane RIP	Fr John McCay
	11.00	CC	Jane & Horace Lynes	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>	

Please note; Fr Joe's mobile phone number as listed on the front of the parish bulletin is for emergencies only, such as someone nearing the end of life and needing Sacrament of the Sick. Enquiries about school admissions are NOT emergencies and should be dealt with via the Sacred Heart landline or email address.

School admissions; it is not a good idea to wait until the week of the deadline for school admissions applications to suddenly try and get hold of baptism certificates or letters confirming enrolment on baptism preparation. These requests cannot be dealt with instantly and admission to school is not in itself sufficient reason to request baptism.

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.

Half term – we wish all our pupils and staff a good week for their half term break.

The governors of St Thomas More Catholic Voluntary Academy, Leicester are seeking to appoint a new headteacher. For further details call Mrs C O'Halloran on 0116 2706365 or visit www.thomasmoreprimary.org.uk Closing date: Monday 12th March 2018

Welcome! Janis Richmond, our new parish secretary starts this week. She will be based in the parish office at Corpus Christi Presbytery and her hours are 10 – 3, Monday and Thursday. She will take a couple of weeks to settle in and find her way around things, but all routine enquiries can be directed to her. She will have a new email address for the parish which will be advertised in the bulletin next weekend.

Prayer – Fasting – Almsgiving.

Prayer. Pope Francis says; *In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could lead to a hardness of heart, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of the boundless love of God, in order to experience his tenderness. Our prayer cannot be reduced to an hour on Sundays. It is important to have a daily relationship with the Lord.* See this Lent if you can have that daily relationship with the Lord. Maybe take one of the Walk with Me prayer books and use it every day just for 5 minutes,

Fasting; Pope Francis says that *the purpose of fasting isn't just to follow the rules for Lenten fasting and abstinence. This could lead to self-satisfaction. Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our security and, as a consequence, benefits someone else, if it helps us cultivate the style of the good Samaritan, who bent down to his brother in need and took care of him. Fasting should "exercise the heart" in order to recognize what is absolutely essential and to teach one how to share with others. It is a sign of becoming aware of and taking responsibility for injustice and oppression, especially of the poor and the least, and is a sign of the trust we place in God and his providence.* So as well as giving something u- just as important is that we link our fasting in the almsgiving of Lent – maybe set aside the cost of a pint of beer or takeaway coffee or packet of crisps each week and use that money to help the poor.

Almsgiving. Pope Francis once said 'You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That's how prayer works.' Our Lenten season is supposed to be marked by prayer and charity. How about making Cafod Lenten Fast Day a focus for you and the family?

Lenten Services of Reconciliation

Wednesday 7th March– Corpus Christi, Clifton. 7pm

Saturday 10th – Our Lady & St Patrick's, The Meadows. 9.30am

Tuesday 13th – Our Lady & St Edwards, St Ann's. 7pm

Wednesday 14th – Sacred Heart, Carlton. 7pm

Saturday 17th – Good Shepherd, Arnold. 10.00am

Monday 26th – Holy Spirit, West Bridgford. 7.30pm

Tuesday 27th – St Anne's, Radcliffe on Trent. 7.30pm

Several priests available for Confession

