



# The Catholic Community Newsletter of ST MARY'S, GRANTHAM

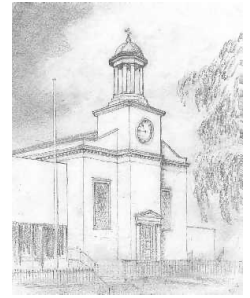
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4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent			Lectionary Year A1: Psalter Week 4	March
Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	M.I. Frances Rutland - Private Intentions Fr J
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Fourth Sunday of Lent- LAETARE SUNDAY	M.I. Philip Bec RIP - Clare Bec
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>	N.P.S.		
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	6pm	Exposition	
		6.30pm	Benediction	
		7pm	Holy Mass Lenten Feria	M.I. Joffre Sparkes Intentions- S Fanshawe
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30am-9.15am	Exposition & Silent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament	
		9.30am	Holy Mass Lenten Feria	M.I. Phil & Hazel Fanshawe RIP
			Confessions to follow Mass for half an hour	
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10am-10.45am	Exposition & Silent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament	
		11.00am	Holy Mass Lenten Feria	M.I. David & Josie Till RIP
			Confessions to follow Mass for half an hour	
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am-9.15am	Exposition & Silent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament	
		9.30am	Holy Mass Lenten Feria	M.I. November Dead List RIP
		6pm-6.45pm	Confessions	
		7.00pm	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass at HMP Whatton	
			<b>Confessions – UP TO 15 minutes before Mass (please arrive early) or by appointment</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent			Lectionary Year A1: Psalter Week 1	March
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	M.I. Thanksgiving new grandson -Teresa & Richard
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Fifth Sunday of Lent- PASSION SUNDAY	M.I. Eleanor Mgliaccio - Angeline Perkins
N.P.S. – No Public Services			M.I. – Mass Intention	

## Dear Parishioners

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent is traditionally called *Laetare Sunday*. *Laetare* is the Latin word which means “rejoice.” Today before we enter the darker days of Holy Week, we rejoice as our Lenten observance is lifted slightly, we see this in the rose-coloured vestments worn by the clergy at Mass this weekend, and as we remember that this Sunday marks the midway point in our Lenten journey.

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IN AN EMERGENCY, if no answer from the Parish phone number, please ring: Father Stephen Dye OAKHAM (01572 722308).

We also keep this Sunday as **Mothering Sunday**. The celebration of Mothering Sunday in England can be traced back to around the time of the Norman Conquest when the custom developed of visiting the “mother” church where one was baptised, the local parish church or cathedral, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent. In more recent times people working in domestic service and often living far away from their homes and families, were given the day off to go and visit their families and their “mother” church on this day. This was usually something that people did as a whole family and was often one of the only chances for the family to get together. This then became part of the tradition for people to go and see their mothers on this day as well which eventually evolved into the current tradition of giving our mothers gifts on Mothering Sunday, taking them out for lunch, and giving thanks on this day for all they do for us throughout the year.

The ancient traditions of Mothering Sunday allow us to celebrate our mothers in a special way today and their important role in our lives, but today on *Laetare Sunday* we should also remember Mary, the Mother of Christ, who plays an important role in the plan of our salvation. Mary looks out for us her children all year round and whenever we say a Hail Mary, we are asking her to pray for us. Today on *Laetare Sunday* we give praise and honour to Our Blessed Lady, our heavenly Mother as we pray for all our mothers, living and dead.

*Laetare Sunday* is an opportunity on many different levels for us to rejoice, as give thanks for the presence of Jesus in our hearts and lives. Jesus is the light of our world, and we give thanks today for the light of his love and the gift of faith we have received from him. Both the **First Reading** and the Psalm speak of the shepherd caring for his flock. Despite David’s youth and outward appearance, the Lord sees the strength of his heart, which will enable him to lead God’s people. The **Psalm** speaks of the certainty that we can rely on the Lord as *our* shepherd, keeping us safe from harm whatever happens in our lives. In the **Second Reading**, St Paul reminds the Ephesians (and us too) that God’s light in us shines out for others to see when we live in *goodness and right living and truth*. In the **Gospel**, the blind man’s sight is restored, and he comes into the light. Not only is he physically able to see for the first time, but he also recognises Jesus as the Son of Man. In contrast, those around him remain in the darkness of un-belief, trapped by their unwillingness to see Jesus as he really is. This week, we pray for those who have yet to allow the light of Christ into their lives. We pray that we may carry Christ’s light to others as we walk beside them, sharing in their hardships, sorrows and pain.

**Living Stations of the Cross – St Marys Catholic Primary School – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 9.30 am.** Last year St Mary’s School organised some very imaginative Stations of the Cross. We called them “Living Stations of the Cross” because they involved the creative skills and imagination and active participation of all the children. Each class has been given again this year one Station to interpret and bring to life in their own way, through the medium of art, drama, music and such like. Parishioners and parents are invited to come to join us and to pray the Stations of the Cross with our young people. Weather permitting, we shall meet in the playground at St Mary’s School at 9.30 am that day. If the weather is inclement, we shall meet in the school Hall. I personally found last year that this devotion led by our young people was very powerful, moving, prayerful and creative.

**Stations of the Cross – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** – A reminder that Stations of the Cross this week will be at 6 pm and they will be led by our First Holy Communion Candidates and their Catechists.

**CAFOD - Lent 2022** – We still have some CAFOD Lent envelopes in a basket in the entrance of the church for you to make donations to their work throughout Lent. These envelopes can be placed in the collection plate at all Sunday Masses celebrated throughout Lent.

**Heating- On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March** British Summer Time begins and the clocks will go forward by an hour, sadly this means an hour less in bed that Sunday morning! But it will also be the day on which we **turn off the heating in the Church, Halls and Presbytery this year**. If we have a cold snap after this date, you will need please to ensure you come wrapped up warmly for Mass or if you are using the hall.

**Giving** – As your parish priest it is difficult for me to ask you to consider giving more financially at a time when so many of you are facing real financial hardship yourselves and you have so many extra calls upon your hard earned incomes, but as your parish priest I have a responsibility to ensure we continue to pay our bills and maintain our parish and church plant and work for the building up of Christ’s kingdom in this place and at this time and ensure too that we can continue to do so for the future.

What financial help we receive to maintain our parish comes in the main from your generosity and stewardship in your giving each week or month. We are not a wealthy parish with large reserves to draw upon in hard times like these and so the responsibility for maintaining the parish rests firmly in your hands and upon your generosity and financial support. Many of you already give a great deal I know both financially and of your time and commitment to support our parish community and for this I sincerely thank you. I am not entirely comfortable myself in asking you to think of increasing your giving, as it rather goes against the grain for me, I have always believed what we give in monetary terms should be left up to the conscience and openhanded generosity of the individual, and I am aware that every person’s financial circumstances are very different from another, but it remains an important fact that I need now to ask you to consider increasing the amount you may be able to give regularly to our parish if we are to maintain a sound financial footing for the future.

There are a few simple but significant things that you may like to consider:

1. If you are a taxpayer, please consider gift aiding what you already give, this gives us quite a lot of extra income on top of the money we receive from you, as we can reclaim on every donation the tax from the government. However, if you have

stopped paying tax it's very important that the parish is informed of this otherwise, we must pay back what was wrongly claimed!

2. In addition, please do consider setting up regular giving through a standing order with your Bank directly into the parish account, this helps us to budget more effectively each month, as we know we have a guaranteed regular income coming in each month.
3. Thirdly if you have not reviewed your stewardship and regular giving to the parish community in recent years, please do consider reviewing this and seeing if it might be possible to make a small increase in what you already are giving. Every little bit helps!

With my prayers and best wishes for each of you as we continue to journey through Lent towards Holy Week and as we look forward to the great joy of the coming of Easter,

Your parish priest and friend,

Fr Jonathan

**Your Prayers are asked for those who are sick and housebound.**

*Werby McHugh, Eileen Scanlon, Brian Martin, Heather Mascott, John & Rosemary Ames, Bridie Tomlin, Ann McLarnon, Claire Johnson, Paul Lincoln, Helen Smith, George White, Dolores O'Keiffe, Marlene Bean, Graham Smith, Mary Walsh, Lesley Sanchez, Sadie Caplin, Edward Balys.*

**If you cannot see your loved one's name on the sick list above, please provide their name and consent in writing or by email to be published in the newsletter online.**

**Your Prayers are asked for those who have recently died.**

Anthony Gaughan died peacefully earlier this month. His Funeral will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 11.00am followed by burial. Please keep Anthony's family in your prayers at this sad time as we pray now for the gentle repose of his soul.

**Please remember in your prayers all who grieve the loss of a loved one. May they be kept close to Christ in his most Sacred Heart and know his loving presence in their midst at this sad time.**



**EASTER FLOWERS:**

If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving, to help towards the extra costs of all our flowers for Easter, please put your donation in a marked envelop **Easter Flowers** and either drop it through the letterbox at the Rectory or put it in the Sunday collection.

Thank you.

**The new rotas (Readers and Collection) are available in the Parish Exchange.**

Thank you!!!

**EASTER ROTAS**

Please sign up for the Easter rotas. We know many of you are away, so we are asking for extra volunteers.

***Lists are available within the front of the Church.***

Thank you!!!

**EASTER OFFERING:**

Easter Offering is traditionally your personal gift to the Parish Priest in thanks for his ministry in the Parish.

Please find Easter Offering Envelopes in the Church entrance.



Parishioner Pete Hutchinson is taking part in the CAFOD Lent Walk this year. **After 2 weeks he has walked 213km and has revised his target to 400km.** If you'd like to support CAFOD in the unconditional help it brings to people throughout the world, here's his sponsorship link :

<https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/peter-hutchinson>

Thank you for your support!!!

### LENT SCHEDULE

#### Tuesday in Lent

Exposition 6pm  
Benediction 6.30pm  
Mass 7pm

#### Wednesday in Lent

Exposition & Silent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament  
8.30am - 9.15am  
Mass 9.30am  
Confessions to follow Mass for half an hour

#### Thursday in Lent

Exposition & Silent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament  
10am- 10.45am  
Mass 11am  
Confessions to follow Mass for half an hour

#### Friday in Lent

Exposition & Silent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament  
8.30am - 9.15am  
Mass 9.30am

Confessions 6pm- 6.45 pm  
Stations of the Cross 7pm

**N.B. When a Requiem Funeral Mass replaces the normal Parish Mass that day there will be no Period of Exposition nor Confessions after Mass**

**N.B. Friday March 24<sup>th</sup> the First Holy Communion Candidates will lead Stations of the Cross for the parish at 6 pm. There will be no confessions before Stations of the Cross that day.**

### **Gift Aid**

Thank you to the many parishioners who gift aid their donations to the church. This brings in an extra amount of money for the parish without any extra cost to the donor.

However, if you cease to pay tax at any time, please let the gift aid co-ordinator know. If we claim gift aid on donations and subsequently learn that the donor is no longer a tax payer, we have to re-pay HMRC the amounts claimed.

If you would like any information on becoming a gift aider please contact Jennie on [jennie.watson@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:jennie.watson@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or pick up a Gift Aid pack from church.

**Planned Giving Envelopes** - new sets are now available for collection in the narthex.

If you are a taxpayer and would like to gift aid your donation, please contact Jennie on 01476 567866 or email her at [jennie.watson@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:jennie.watson@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### **PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April Vigil Mass at 6pm  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Mass at 9.30am

#### **Monday of Holy Week- 3<sup>rd</sup> April – NPW**

#### **Tuesday of Holy Week- 4<sup>th</sup> April**

Exposition from 6pm  
Benediction at 6.30pm  
Mass at 7pm

#### **Wednesday of Holy Week- 5<sup>th</sup> April**

Christm Mass at the Cathedral of St Barnabas at 11.30am  
(All Parishioners welcome)

There will be **no Mass** in St Mary's that morning.

Confessions 6-6.45pm (in our Church)  
Stations of the Cross 7pm (in our Church)

### PASCHAL TRIDUUM

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

Mass of the Lords Supper, Washing of Feet,  
Watch at the Altar of Repose at 7pm  
Night Prayer at 9.45pm  
Watch finishes at 10pm

#### **GOOD FRIDAY- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3pm  
Stations of the Cross at 6pm

#### **HOLY SATURDAY- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

Easter Liturgies at HMP Whatton at 9.30am  
Blessing of Polish Easter Food at 1pm  
Easter Vigil at 8pm

#### **EASTER DAY of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April**  
Mass at 11am

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

Loose Plate	£ 383.64
Envelopes	£ 118
Votive Candles	£ 23.04
Digital Collection Plate	£ 55.07
Repository	-
Standing orders	£ 800
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 1379.75</b>

Please consider switching your weekly offerings to Standing Order and adding Gift- Aid if possible.

**Account Name:** St Mary's Immac Grantham RCP  
**Sort Code:** 30-93-58  
**Account Number:** 00208613

You can also use DONATE button available on our website.  
Thank you for your generosity.

## LITTLE CHURCH

Children up to 7 years old have the chance to leave the church for the first part of the Sunday Mass for a short session prepared specially for them by our Catechists. Through gentle catechesis, creative input and simple prayer little children are helped to understand the message of the day's Gospel.

### Little Church takes place on the following dates:

March 26<sup>th</sup>  
April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
May 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>  
June 11 and 25<sup>th</sup>  
July 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

## Now Accepting Contactless Donations



You will find our **DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE**, contactless terminal in the church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation, there are options for other church funds such as "General donation to the Parish / Repository/ Easter Offering

Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader.

You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%.

If you are a UK taxpayer, then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.

Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.

## Calling Catholic Teachers

If you are a Catholic teacher currently working outside of Catholic education and would like to find out more about the joys of working in a Catholic school within the Diocese of Nottingham, a virtual information session will take place on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** from 7.00pm – 8.30pm. See the poster on the parish notice board for further information, and to book contact: Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan Education Service ([julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk](mailto:julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk))

## MASS INTENTIONS

We have spaces in our diary for anyone who wishes to have a Mass offered for a loved one, living or deceased. Please find Mass Intention envelopes in the entrance of the Church or speak to Fr Jonathan.

## REPOSITORY

Dear Parishioners

The Repository has a wonderful selection of gifts, prayer books and many religious items. We are constantly trying to source new keepsakes. First Holy Communion choice is very varied: numerous cards, missals, Mass books, rosettes, pocket tokens, rosaries, rosary bracelets to name but a few.

If you have any order requests, please contact us on 01476 562517.

Weekdays please pay using the new card system or the wall safe for cash.

Weekends stewards on duty will help you with your purchases.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Teresa & Richard

A group of people, including children and adults, holding sheet music and looking at a conductor. The background shows a brick wall and a ladder. The text 'The Catholic Diocese of Nottingham' is visible in the top right corner.

**Diocesan Music Events**  
[www.nottinghamcathedralmusic.com](http://www.nottinghamcathedralmusic.com)

## Diocesan Choir Rehearsals

Nottingham Cathedral  
Derby Rd, NG1 5AE

Join Singers from across the Diocese to sing for the Chrism Mass

<b>Diocesan Choir Rehearsal</b> Sunday 26th March 2-5pm Rehearsal	<b>Chrism Mass</b> Wednesday 5th April 10am Rehearsal 11:30am Mass
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*To rehearse Music for the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral Hall, followed by the opportunity to sing at 6:30pm Mass.*

*Chrism Mass for the Diocese celebrated by Bishop Patrick*

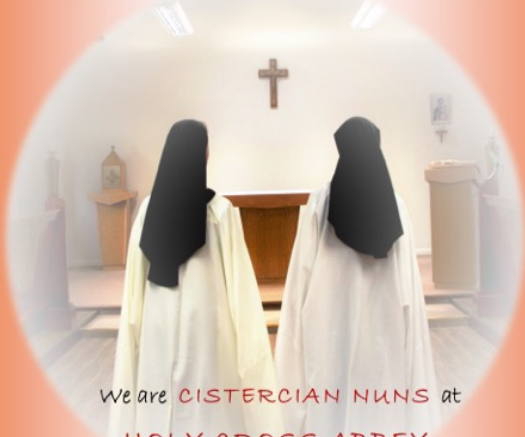
**To sign up contact:**  
[cathedralmusic@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:cathedralmusic@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

'Where are you staying?'

John 1:38

## COME AND SEE WEEKENDS 2023

Friday 28th April to Monday 1st May  
Friday 11th August to Monday 14th August  
Friday 20th October to Monday 23rd October



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24<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024
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The Lourdes Theme for 2023 is  
"Go and tell the priests  
to build a chapel here"  
We look forward to welcoming you on pilgrimage!

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
By air for 5 nights, from £709

For more details, please contact  
[www.tangney-tours.com/nottingham](http://www.tangney-tours.com/nottingham) - 01732 886666

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Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage July 2022



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