



The Catholic Community Newsletter of ST MARY'S, GRANTHAM

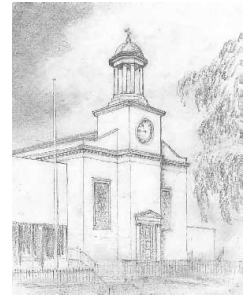
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2 nd Week of Lent			Lectionary Year A1: Psalter Week 2	March
Saturday	4 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	M.I. Maureen Robertson & Family - Her Friends
Sunday	5 th	9.30am	Second Sunday of Lent	M.I. Beata Nosek RIP - Nosek Family
Monday	6 th	N.P.S.	Lenten Feria	
Tuesday	7 th	6pm	Exposition	
		6.30pm	Benediction	
		7pm	Holy Mass Lenten Feria	M.I. DCI John Caldwell for his recovery- Terri Collighan
Wednesday	8 th	8.30am-9.15am	Exposition & Silent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament	
		9.30am	Holy Mass Lenten Feria	M.I. Phil and Hazel Fanshawe RIP- S. Fanshawe
			Confessions to follow Mass for half an hour	
Thursday	9 th	10am-10.45am	Exposition & Silent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament	
		11.00am	Holy Mass Lenten Feria	M.I. Mollie McGuire - family
			Confessions to follow Mass for half an hour	
Friday	10 th	8.30am-9.15am	Exposition & Silent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament	
		9.30am	Holy Mass Lenten Feria	M.I. November Dead List
		6pm-6.45pm	Confessions	
		7.00pm	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	11 th	9.30am	Mass at HMP Whatton	
			Confessions – UP TO 15 minutes before Mass (please arrive early) or by appointment	
3 rd Week of Lent			Lectionary Year A1: Psalter Week 3	March
Saturday	11 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	M.I. Stephen Hewardine RIP - The Passage
Sunday	12 th	9.30am	Third Sunday of Lent	M.I. Jozef Sybirski RIP - Ewa/Piotr & family
N.P.S. – No Public Services				M.I. – Mass Intention

Dear Parishioners

Today's readings on this the 2nd Sunday of Lent encourage each of us to think about our journey of faith in the company of the transfigured Lord, and the importance of trusting in the call and grace of God our Father.

The First Reading tells of God's astonishing call to Abram to abandon his land, his family and his nation, and Abram's generous response. With divine blessing and guidance, Abram (who becomes Abraham) finds a new home and a new life, serving as an example to us all. In

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

his letter to Timothy, St Paul makes it clear that we are called to holiness: a holiness not of our own making, but of God. Like Timothy, we are reminded that we are not alone. We are invited to rely on the divine power and grace revealed by the life and death of Christ Jesus. Like Abraham, we, too, must learn to live by trusting in God's grace and His call to us to witness to him and to follow him day by day. In the Second Reading we are encouraged to trust in God the Father as revealed to us in the life of Jesus. Today's **Gospel** shows him transfigured on the mountain top, radiant with divine light. The Father proclaims Jesus as his Beloved Son and adds the all-important invitation: '*Listen to him*'. The Responsorial **Psalm** meditates on the creative power of God encouraging us to put all our trust in the One who fills the earth with His love.

This week, we may like to pray for a deeper personal relationship with Christ as we ask for the grace from God to listen more attentively to His still small voice, which summons us to deepen our relationship with God and with each other through out Christian witness and discipleship in the world in which we live, in all the many different situations of our lives.

Andrew Wakley - Ministry of Lector: This Sunday during the evening Mass at St Barnabas Cathedral at 6 pm, Andrew alongside two other men training for the permanent diaconate within our diocese, will receive the ministry of lector from bishop Patrick. We keep Andrew in our prayers as he makes this new commitment as part of his vocation journey.

Weekdays in Lent: You will see in the Bulletin the times of the scheduled extra periods of **Confession, Exposition and Stations of the Cross** taking place in the parish during Lent. **The Holy Week Liturgies** can also be found in this week's Bulletin.

Walk With Me: A Journey of Prayer for Lent 2023: The copies we purchased for this year HAVE NOW ALL BEEN TAKEN. I hope you will find them of help to you during Lent.

CAFOD – Family Fast Day – 3rd March: Envelopes for making donations to the Family Fast Day are still available as you come into church. Donations can be put into the envelopes provided and placed in the Mass collection plate at all Sunday Masses celebrated during Lent. We shall send in your donations to CAFOD at Easter. The theme for this year is: Growing in Strength rooted in Love.

With prayer for you and for your families as we journey together through Lent,

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.

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.

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!!!

[Your Prayers are asked for those who have recently died](#)

Barbara Cooper died in Lincoln hospital on Tuesday 24th January 2023. Her funeral took place last Thursday.

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.

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

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 24th 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.



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.

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.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday 1st April Vigil Mass at 6pm
Sunday 2nd April Mass at 9.30am

Monday of Holy Week- 3rd April – NPW

Tuesday of Holy Week- 4th April

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

Wednesday of Holy Week- 5th April

Chrism 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 6th 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 7th April

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

HOLY SATURDAY- Saturday 8th 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 9th April
Mass at 11am

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey.

Give today using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

Parishioner **Pete Hutchinson** is taking part in the **CAFOD Lent Walk** this year, having completed the Walk for Water in 2021 and the Walk Against Hunger in 2022. 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!!!

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 or pick up a Gift Aid pack from church.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Loose Plate	£ 256.12
Envelopes	£ 73
Votive Candles	-
Digital Collection Plate	£ 54.08
Repository	-
Standing orders	£ 800
Total	£ 1183.20

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 12 and 26th
April 23rd
May 14th and 21st
June 11 and 25th
July 9th and 16th



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



Pope Francis Intention for March:
For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Faith and Footprint: Caring for Creation: Caritas is hosting an online workshop on Tuesday 7th March, 7.00–8.30pm to support parishes in developing environmental initiatives. Will Cruddace from CAFOD will be joining to introduce the Livesimply scheme, and we'll share inspiration and ideas for those already on the journey. Caritas will also explore how to save energy bills in church and at home and reduce our carbon footprint. To find out more and receive the Zoom link visit bit.ly/FaithandFootprint

Many thanks to everyone who took pasta and porridge last week and to those of you who donated to Passage. The main aim was to clear space in our store cupboard and to ensure that food that had so kindly been donated did not go to waste. That said, your donations amounted to £82.00 which is absolutely fantastic. To put that into context it costs roughly £1 to produce a cooked breakfast for Passage clients so your wonderful generosity will finance 82 breakfasts for those in need of food and welcome. Thank you all for your great kindness (and to Father Jonathan for his excellent salesmanship!) God bless you all.

GOD SAVE THE KING

A MUSICAL CELEBRATION OF THE CORONATION OF HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III

PRESENTED BY THE DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM
IN **NOTTINGHAM CATHEDRAL, NG1 5AE** ON
FRIDAY 5TH MAY 7:00PM - 9:00PM

Nottingham Cathedral Choirs

Eternal Source of Light Divine

Nottingham Cathedral International Choir

Handel's Coronation Anthems

Mansfield Children's Choir

Stanford's Coronation Gloria in Bb

St Andrew's with Castlegate

Helix Ensemble

With more to be announced!



Book now: dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/coronation or by calling the Cathedral Office on 0115 953 9839

