



The Catholic Community Newsletter of ST MARY'S, GRANTHAM

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3 rd Week of Eastertide			Lectionary Year A1: Psalter Week 3	April
Saturday	22 nd	8.00pm	Vigil Mass	M.I. Thanksgiving - Ewa & Piotr Nosek
Sunday	23 rd	9.30am	Third Sunday of Easter	M.I. Douglas White RIP – V. Whiting
Monday	24 th	N.P.S.		
Tuesday	25 th	6.00pm	Exposition	
		6.30pm	Benediction	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST (FEAST)	M.I. Felipe Lopez de la Cerda -Private Intentions-Fr J
Wednesday	26 th	9.30am	Holy Mass Easter Feria	M.I. Pauline Harding Williams RIP - Clare
Thursday	27 th	11.00am	Holy Mass Easter Feria	M.I. Dana & Richard WYSZECKI- sickness - Teresa & Richard
Friday	28 th	9.30am	Holy Mass Easter Feria	M.I. November Dead List RIP
Saturday	29 th	9.30am	Mass at HMP Whatton	
			Confessions – UP TO 15 minutes <u>before</u> Mass (please arrive early) or by appointment	
4 th Week of Eastertide			Lectionary Year A1: Psalter Week 4	April
Saturday	29 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	M.I. Frances Rutland Private Intentions - Fr J
Sunday	30 th	9.30am	Fourth Sunday of Easter- GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY	M.I. Thanksgiving Mass- Anton Jayalcody & Family
N.P.S. – No Public Services			M.I. – Mass Intention	

Dear Parishioners

In the Gospel set for this Sunday the 3rd Sunday of Easter we hear how the Apostles eyes were opened and they recognised Jesus, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?" This produced a unique blessing. Jesus opened the minds of the Apostles to the Scriptures in a new way. These were ordinary men who were given an extraordinary gift of understanding. It didn't come to them as a result of long study and hard work. Rather, it came to them as a result of their openness to Christ's powerful action in their lives. Jesus unlocked the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven to them. As a result, they suddenly understood truths that could never be learned on their own. So, it is with us. The mysteries of God are vast and wide. They are deep and transforming. But so often we fail to understand. We often even fail to want to understand. We need a special gift of the Holy Spirit to make sense of them. And we need this gift to make sense of the many good things of God found in the Scriptures also.

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

This is the Gift of Understanding. It's a spiritual gift that unlocks the many mysteries of life for us. Without the Gift of Understanding, we are left on our own to try to make sense of life. This is especially true when we are faced with hardship and suffering. How is it, for example, that an all-powerful and all-loving God can allow the good and the innocent to suffer? How is it that God can seem absent at times from human tragedy? The truth is that He is not absent. He is centrally involved in all things. What we need to receive is an understanding of the profound and mysterious ways of God. We need to understand the Scriptures, human suffering, human relationships, and divine action in our lives. But this will never happen unless we allow Jesus to open our minds.

Allowing Jesus to open our minds takes faith and surrender. It means we believe first and understand later. It means we trust Him even though we do not see the whole outcome. St. Augustine once said, "Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe." Today's Gospel asks us to reflect upon some important questions: Am I willing to believe without seeing? Am I willing to believe in the goodness and love of God even though life, or a particular situation in my own life does not make sense to me right now? On this Sunday we reflect upon the Gift of Understanding. Believing in God means we believe in a person. We believe in God even though we find ourselves often confused about circumstances. But this gift of believing, the gift of faith, opens the door to a depth of understanding that we could never arrive at on our own. And so, we should pray:

"God of all Truth, give me the Gift of Understanding. Help me to know You and to understand Your actions in my life. Help me to especially turn to You in the most troubling moments of life. Jesus, I trust in You."

As we look towards the week ahead let us put all that concerns us in our lives and in the world around us into the merciful and loving hands of God. As we put all our hope and trust in the one who knows our past, present and our future.

With my prayers for you and your families this coming week,

Your parish priest and friend,

Fr Jonathan



Coronation of King Charles III

Following the recent meeting of the Bishops' Conference for England and Wales Standing Committee it was decided that our Catholic communities should mark the Coronation of the King by praying for his intentions as he is crowned on Saturday 6th May.

In our parish we shall offer:

-A Triduum of Prayer from Wednesday 3rd May to Friday 5th May.

-A special Mass for His Majesty King Charles III on the eve of his Coronation, will be celebrated by me on **Friday 5th May at 11 am**, for the Kings Intentions, and using the Liturgical Texts and Readings prescribed for this historical event.

-At the Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday 6th May at 6 pm and on the Sunday Mass 7th May at 9.30 am we shall offer a special **Prayer of Intercession for the King**. On **Sunday 7th May the National Anthem will be sung** after the Post Communion Collect and before the Recessional Hymn.

You may also like to consider attending the special Concert **God Save the King** – a musical celebration of His Majesty's Coronation - to be held in the **Cathedral of St Barnabas at 7pm on Friday 5th May**. Tickets can be purchased through the Cathedral Office (see information on the Poster above).

We continue to pray for our King as he prepares for his Coronation in May,

Father Jonathan D. F. Rose
Parish Priest

A poster for a musical celebration of the coronation of King Charles III. The title "GOD SAVE THE KING" is prominently displayed in large, gold, serif capital letters. Above the title is a small crown icon. Below the title, the text reads: "A MUSICAL CELEBRATION OF THE CORONATION OF HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III". Further down, it says: "PRESENTED BY THE DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM IN NOTTINGHAM CATHEDRAL, NG1 5AE ON FRIDAY 5TH MAY 7:00PM - 9:00PM". The poster lists the performers: Nottingham Cathedral Choirs, Nottingham Cathedral International Choir, Mansfield Children's Choir, St Andrew's with Castlegate, Helix Ensemble, Eternal Source of Light Divine, Handel's Coronation Anthems, and Stanford's Coronation Gloria in Bb. It also mentions "With more to be announced!". At the bottom, there is a QR code and contact information: "Book now: dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/coronation or by calling the Cathedral Office on 0115 953 9839". The poster is framed with a gold border.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION:

CLERGY FORMATION FUND
29th and 30th April

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.

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

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/ Second Collection"

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.

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:

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

CAFOD

"Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Lent. Your generous donations, rooted in love, will support families around the world grow in strength to fight the climate crisis."

Our Parish raised £495.63 this Lent for CAFOD!!!

MISSIO

In 2022, our Parish raised £423 through Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries.

Thank you!!!

Our missionary community here at St Mary's is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance.

Come to Lourdes!

Bishop Patrick invites everyone in our diocese to join him in coming to this beautiful Marian Shrine between Saturday 15th and Thursday 20th July.

Travel will be by air from East Midlands Airport, and the five-night all-inclusive prices (full board) start at £709.

See the poster at the back of church for more details or visit <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/diocese-of-nottingham>

Neophytes' Mass 2023

Bishop Patrick is inviting all those who have been baptised or received (known as Neophytes) into the Catholic Church this Easter, or in the last year or so, to a special celebration of Mass with him on **Sunday 21st May**. This will be celebrated at 3pm at Saint Mary's Church, Countesthorpe Road, South Wigston, LE18 4PG. The Mass will be followed by some light refreshments., and it is a great way to celebrate together.

VOLUNTEERING AT THE BRIARS

Applications are now open for the **Gap Year Programme with NDCYS**. Applicants should be aged 18-25 with a willingness to share the Catholic faith with young people. Applicants should be able to commit a full academic year (August-July), and no previous experience necessary as full training and support will be provided. In exchange successful candidates can experience the beauty of the Derbyshire countryside; live, work and grow with other young people, making memories that will last a lifetime; gain confidence, skills and experience which will enhance a CV and help individuals stand out from the crowd; become a volunteer worker, receiving a bursary worth over £3,000, plus meals and accommodation included. Applications can be made via

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UAY4YkeM3dO_WQEbwUZHGEdP8QpDuxdR/view or by emailing beth@ndcys.com for more information. A recruitment video is available at: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UAY4YkeM3dO_WQEbwUZHGEdP8QpDuxdR/view

'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



We are **CISTERCIAN NUNS** at
HOLY CROSS ABBEY,

Whitland, Pembrokeshire, SA34 0QX,

inviting single Catholic Women ages 25 – 45

who are discerning a vocation, to experience our monastic life during one of the above weekends.

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Any enquiries and registration, please email us at comeandsee@hcawhitland.co.uk



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BUILDING CATHOLIC CULTURE IN EDUCATION

FRIDAY 12TH - SUNDAY 14TH MAY 2023

THE WEEKEND FEATURES

KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY MGR MICHAEL NAZIR-ALI
*Contemporary Cultural Challenges
to Catholic Education*



Presentations on:

- The Catholic difference in a pluralist world
- Made in the image of God, not man
- What makes a Catholic education, Catholic?
- Catholic ethos in today's legal framework

Speakers include: Rev. Stephen Morgan,
Ryan Christopher, Katherine Bennett

Discussion Networking

Prayer

Q&A with each speaker

A concluding plenary session

Cost:

- £220 (single room)
- £180 (shared twin room)
- £130 (non-residential)

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The Future of the People of God: The Synodal Church and Ecclesial Ethics

is the title of Living Theology's study weekend, being held between Friday 16th and Sunday 18th June at the Ammerdown Centre, near Bath.

Talks will be given by Dr Liam Hayes and Dr Anna Abram (both of the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, Cambridge), and more details are available from ltammerdown@gmail.com