



The Catholic Community Newsletter of ST MARY'S, GRANTHAM

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4 th Week of Eastertide			Lectionary Year A1: Psalter Week 4	April / May
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
Monday	1 st	N.P.S.		
Tuesday	2 nd	6.00pm	Exposition	
		6.30pm	Benediction	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass Saint Athanasius	M.I. George Francis Aquino Thackray - Thackray Family
Wednesday	3 rd	9.30am	Holy Mass SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES (FEAST)	M.I. Paul Banks Thanksgiving - Fr J
		11.30am	Funeral Service Maria Orlinska Skrzyniarz at Grantham Crematorium	
Thursday	4 th	11.00am	Holy Mass THE ENGLISH MARTYRS (FEAST)	M.I. Frances Rutland Private Intentions Fr J
Friday	5 th	11.00am	Holy Mass Easter Feria	M.I. HM King Charles III - Fr J
Saturday	6 th	9.30am	Mass at HMP Whatton	
			Confessions – UP TO 15 minutes before Mass (please arrive early) or by appointment	
5 th Week of Eastertide			Lectionary Year A1: Psalter Week 1	May
Saturday	6 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	M.I. HM King Charles III - Fr J
Sunday	7 th	9.30am	Fifth Sunday of Easter	M.I. HM King Charles III - Fr J

N.P.S. – No Public Services	M.I. – Mass Intention
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Dear Parishioners

The Coronation of His Majesty 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** at all our weekday Masses from **Wednesday 3rd May to Friday 5th May** using the following themes: Wednesday 3rd May – called to Service; Thursday 4th May – called to Dedication; Friday 5th May - called to Constancy.
- 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 special intentions, using the Liturgical Texts and Readings prescribed for this historical event. **This Mass will replace the normal weekday Mass that day at 9.30 am.**

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

- 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 at all our Masses praying that he may be a symbol of the nation. On **Sunday 7th May the National Anthem will be sung** after the Post Communion Collect and before the Recessional Hymn at the 9.30 am Mass.

This Sunday is known as **Good Shepherd Sunday** because, in each year of the liturgical cycle, on the **4th Sunday of Easter**, the Gospel is always taken from the tenth chapter of John where Jesus speaks of himself as the "Good Shepherd." Today at Mass we contemplate Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Deep within each one of us is the great capacity to love and be loved, a well of real compassion. As human beings we are all made for love, for generosity, and for kindness. Jesus is the one who can teach us how to really love. When we are living closely to Christ, so we learn more fully how to receive love graciously, give generously, forgive compassionately and care especially for the lost and most vulnerable in our midst. Such radical kindness is of the Kingdom of God. It is the very heart of the sheepfold into which Jesus the Good Shepherd gathers each of us. Such love and compassion will bring us peace and animate our lives with a new found joy.

This theme is closely linked with the second theme for this Sunday: **World Day of Prayer for Vocations (Vocations Sunday)**. We pray this weekend that the Church may be provided with good and compassionate leaders needed to do her work of spreading the Gospel. We know that at the present time there is a critical shortage of such leaders, at least in the traditional sense – ordained ministers (priests and deacons) and religious. The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfil the Lord's instruction to: "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention on this Sunday towards specifically praying for vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

Let us pray this Sunday that Christ the Good Shepherd will guide and strengthen each of us in our own vocation in life, and that he will raise up from amongst us more vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Let us pray too that Christ will continue to strengthen each of us in the pathway of constant kindness and that he will restore in us a deep sense of our vocation to be with him, to live in him and to work through him each and every day of our lives.

With prayer and best wishes,

Your parish priest and friend,

Fr Jonathan



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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.

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	With more to be announced!
Helix Ensemble	

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

A message from Bishop Patrick regarding Sudan

As the situation worsens, the Church in Sudan asks for our prayers. I invite you to join me in praying for the horrendous situation in Sudan, and especially for all God's children who are affected most deeply by it.

Lord, that there might be, in the short term, a ceasefire and in the long term, a complete end to this divisive fighting which is tearing the country and children apart. Bring justice and healing to this divided land, we pray.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us
Saint Josephine Bakhita, pray for us
Saint Michael the Archangel, pray for us

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil;
may God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.
Amen.

On 21st April Kinga von Schierstaedt, Project Co-ordinator for ACN (Aid to the Church in Need) in Africa and Head of Projects in Sudan, gave an interview detailing the dangers and uncertainties facing our brothers and sisters in Sudan. Let it inform and guide our heartfelt prayers. It is available to view on the diocesan website:

www.dioceseofnottigham.uk/news/sudan

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 THIS WEEKEND:

CLERGY FORMATION FUND

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Loose Plate	£ 342.08
Envelopes	£ 124.50
Votive Candles	£ 48.36
Digital Collection Plate	£ 29.50
Repository	-
Standing orders	£ 800
Total	£ 1344.44

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.



Pope Francis has appointed His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía as Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain.

Archbishop Maury Buendía, who has spent most of his working life in the diplomatic service of the Holy See, was made titular Archbishop of Italica in 2008 and has been Apostolic Nuncio to several countries, most recently to Romania and Moldova.

He was appointed the Apostolic Nuncio to the Court of St. James's on 13 April 2023, filling a post vacant since the previous Nuncio to Great Britain, Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, was named prefect of the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches on 21 November 2022.

He was born on 19 November 1955.

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.

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.

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.

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:

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

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

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>

GAP YEAR OPEN EVENING

Friday 5th May 2023

6:00pm-8:00pm

THE BRIARS CATHOLIC YOUTH RETREAT CENTRE, BRIARS LANE, CRICH, DERBYSHIRE, DE4 5BW
01773 852044/ INFO@NDCYS.COM

You are invited to an open evening for you to come and see what it's like to become a part of The Briars team!



OPEN TO:

Year 13's
Post Grads
All those 18-25
(as of August 2023)
Plus Parents and guardians
Year 12 also welcome



COME AND JOIN US FOR SOME PIZZA,
ASK US ALL YOUR QUESTIONS, HAVE A
GOOD LOOK AROUND AND SEE IF THIS
IS THE PLACE FOR YOU!

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Apply now for your place on the team

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.

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