

St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, and St. Edward's

Fourth Week of Eastertide – Psalter Week 4

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Saturday 20th April – Easter Feria

10am – 2pm St. John Bosco Hall, Indoor Car Boot Sale

5pm **St. Edward's**, Choir Practice

6pm **St. John Bosco**, **Holy Mass** All Parishioners

Sunday 21st April – Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday

9am **St. Edwards**, **Holy Mass** Maeve Campbell-Brown – Well Being

11am **St. Mary's**, **Holy Mass** John, Margaret and Peter Reilly RIP

Tea, Coffee, and Biscuits after both morning Masses in the Halls

Monday 22nd April – Easter Feria

10am Countesthorpe Crematorium **Funeral Service** Caroline Aquilina RIP

6pm **St. Edwards**, Ladies Prayer and Share

6:15pm **St. Mary's**, Choir Practice

Tuesday 23rd April – St. George, Martyr, Patron of England

3:20pm Holy Cross School, First Holy Communion Preparation

6pm St. Mary's Hall, 9+ Post-Holy Communion Teaching

6:30pm – 8:15pm St. John Bosco Hall, Youth Club

7:00pm **St. Mary's Holy Mass** Fr Stephan Foster RIP

Wednesday 24th April – Easter Feria

10am **St. Edward's**, **Holy Mass** Holy Souls in Purgatory

7:30pm St. Mary's Hall, Confirmation Preparation

Thursday 25th April – St. Mark, Evangelist

6pm St. John Bosco Hall, First Holy Communion Preparation

Friday 26th April – Easter Feria

1pm-4pm **St. Edward's**, Chat, Craft & Games

Saturday 27th April – Easter Feria

9:30am HMP Fosse **Holy Mass** Prisoners Intentions

5pm **St. Edward's**, Choir Practice

5:20pm – 5:50pm **St. John Bosco**, **Confessions**

6pm **St. John Bosco**, **Holy Mass** Minnie Steel RIP

Sunday 28th April – Fifth Sunday of Easter

9am **St. Edwards**, **Holy Mass** All Parishioners

11am **St. Mary's**, **Holy Mass** Arthur Hankey RIP

Tea, Coffee, and Biscuits after both morning Masses in the Halls

Confessions after 11am Mass

Question 21 of the Compendium of the Catechism

What is the importance of the Old Testament for Christians?

Christians venerate the Old Testament as the true word of God. All of the books of the Old Testament are divinely inspired and retain a permanent value. They bear witness to the divine pedagogy of God's saving love. They are written, above all, to prepare for the coming of Christ the Savior of the universe.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Fourth Sunday of Easter:

All our thoughts and activities should be a part of our daily conversation with the Lord. There is no aspect of our everyday lives, however mundane, that cannot be offered in prayer to God and become an occasion of deeper union with him. In our fragility, prayer is a mark of our supreme grandeur, for prayer can work miracles in our world, transform lives and history, and serve the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace. To read the full reflection and find more resources see <https://dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer>.

Second Collection on Sunday 21st April for the Clergy Formation Fund

Fr. Kevin Clark will be saying Mass on the weekend of 20th and 21st April and on **Tuesday 23rd April at 7pm at St. Mary's - St George's Day.**

Mass Intentions: Do offer Masses for your loved ones to help their souls. Dated intentions are offered as near to the requested date as possible if the exact date is not available. Undated intentions are offered as soon as possible.

Please Pray for Our Departed

Funeral Service for **Caroline Aquilina RIP**, Countesthorpe Crematorium, Monday 22nd April at 10am.

Funeral Mass for **Helen Bray RIP**, St. Edward's, Wednesday 29th May at 10am.

Tuesday 23rd April: Youth Club – Our Parish Youth Club meets every Tuesday evening in term time at St John Bosco Hall - 6:30 to 8:15pm. Young people in school year 5 or over are always welcome. Join us this Tuesday for 'Hoverboard Skills'.

St. John Bosco Fire Door: Quotes Received: 1st £16,920, 2nd £11,400, 3rd £12,240. **Current Donations:** £2,739. Please put further donations in an envelope clearly marked **St. John Bosco Fire Door** and put into the collection alongside your normal offering. Thank you so much for your generosity towards the Parish as a whole.

Name the United Parish: As I am sure you are all aware, St Edward's Parish is in the process of being amalgamated with St. Mary & St. John Bosco Parish. Using all three church names is quite a mouthful so what many parishes have done is adopted an overarching name for the whole Parish such as: All Saints; Mary Immaculate etc. **EACH CHURCH WILL RETAIN ITS OWN NAME AND IDENTITY!** If you have any suggestions for an overarching name for our Parish, please email it to Fr. John or mention it to a PPC member over the next 2 weeks, with any reasons you might have for your choice. After the amalgamation is complete, suggestions will be sent to the bishop who has the final choice.

The Diocesan Youth Service is looking for volunteers to help with the moderating process of the Faith in Action Award; a national scheme to encourage young people in their faith and service. Moderators could be anyone with or without experience of running the award. All training, guidance and support during the moderating process will be given beforehand. Moderation will take place during June. If you're interested, please contact Elise at eliserichardson@ndcys.com before the end of April.

Talking Philosophy & Theology: A Carmelite Perspective Zoom meetings are on the first and third Wednesday evenings monthly, 8-10pm, from Wednesday 1st May until Wednesday 17th July; and on second and fourth Thursday afternoons, 1-3pm, from Thursday 23rd May until Thursday 25th July. Contact Deacon James Hunter at james.hunter200@btinternet.com for more information.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Melwood: All are warmly invited to join this, in honour of Saint Augustine Webster, on **Saturday 4th May**. Meet before 12 noon at Low Melwood Farm on the road between Epworth and Owston Ferry (DN9 1AD; parking is available on site) for the Rosary Procession, and Mass. Bring a chair, optional picnic, and appropriate footwear for walking.

Rethink Abortion: Would you like to learn how to have a meaningful and productive conversation on abortion with those around you? In our secular society most people think abortion is okay, because it is legal. So how can we discuss our views with others on this sensitive but important issue? Come to the **Rethink Abortion Interactive Training Day on Saturday 11th May** and meet other like-minded people and so become confident in sharing our beliefs in the most effective way. The day is held at Trinity School, Aspley (NG8 3EP), from 10am until 4:30pm, and the cost is £25 per person, including a sandwich lunch and drinks. Further details and bookings via: <https://TimetoRethinkAbortionNottingham.eventbrite.com>

St Edwards Parish are organizing a coach trip to **Walsingham on Saturday 6th July** departing from St Edwards at **8am** and returning from Walsingham at **4pm**. The price of the trip will be **£10.00 per person return**. It would be wonderful to see all Parishes on this lovely occasion and be able to participate in celebrating the different activities held at the Shrine and grounds. If you would like to come, please let Marysia (who stands in the Porch at St Edwards or in the Parish Hall for coffee afterwards) know your name, telephone number and £10.00 per person to secure your seat. Contact details for St. Mary's and St. John Bosco to follow.

The Diocesan Education Service is seeking to appoint a highly professional, motivated Governance, Admissions, and Appeals Officer to join their small and friendly team. The post will start on 1st September, at a salary between £38k and £42k, and applications should be received by Tuesday 7th May. More details can be found at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers

Easy Fundraising: Please support St. Mary's and St. John Bosco RCP on #easyfundraising today and raise much needed donations for them with your everyday online shopping at 8,000 brands including Tesco, eBay, Amazon, John Lewis, TUI and many more! It's completely free and would really make a difference to the Parish. Once you go on to raise your first £5, easyfundraising will double it! Sign up here: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/st-marys-and-st-john-bosco-rcp/dzdc01/s2s/vrTjdbBK/R23040/facebook/>
Please also share the link with your friends and family.

Our Website: Did you know if you **subscribe** to the <https://cathparishmje.co.uk> website you will automatically receive notification of updates? There is so much on the website that is a blessing for those who read it.

With every blessing for the joyful season of Eastertide, Newsletter Team.

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Diocesan Future Events: dioceseofnottingham.uk/events