



St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, and St. Edward's
Second Week of Ordinary Time 2025, Lectionary Year C

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Liturgies in our Churches

Saturday 18th January – Anticipation of The Second Sunday of the Year

12pm St. Edward's, **Holy Mass of the Dead** Anthony Liggins RIP

5:30pm St. John Bosco, **Confessions**

6pm St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** Anita Dickinson RIP 1st Anniversary

Sunday 19th January – Second Sunday of the Year

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

11am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Rosemary Fallows RIP

Monday 20th January – Feria

12:30pm St. John Bosco **Funeral Service**, Maureen Harrison RIP

Tuesday 21st January – St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

9:40am St. John Bosco, **Confessions**

10am St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** Paul Astill RIP

7pm St. Mary's, **Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction**

Confessions after homily during adoration

Wednesday 22nd January – Feria

9:40am St. Edward's, **Confessions**

10am St. Edward's, **Holy Mass** Young People in our Sacramental Courses

Thursday 23rd January – Feria

10am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass for the Unity of Christians** Paul Mason RIP

Confessions after Holy Mass

6:30pm St. Mary's, **Meeting for all those wanting to join Christ's Church**

Saturday 25th January – Solemnity of St. John Bosco

5:30pm St. John Bosco, **Confessions**

6pm St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** Stefan Robey RIP

Sunday 26th January – Third Sunday of the Year

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

11am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** P. Hickey and Family intentions

Retiring Collection for Diocesan Quota on 26 January

Other Events in the Life of our Parish

Monday 20th 6:15pm St. Mary's, **Choir Practice**

Tuesday 21st 12pm St. John Bosco Hall, **Friendship Club**

Wed. 22nd 7:30pm St. Mary's Hall, **Confirmation Programme**

Wed. 22nd 3:30pm Great Glen Crem, **Funeral Service**, Ann Buxton RIP

Thursday 23rd 7:30pm St Mary's Hall, **PPC Meeting in the year of Jubilee**

Friday 24th 1pm-4pm St. Edward's Hall, **Chat, Craft & Games**

Saturday 25th 9:30am HMP Fosse Way, **Holy Mass Prisoners' Intentions**

Saturday 25th 7:30pm St. Mary's Hall, **Jubilee Quiz Night**

Teaching

Questions 130-134 of the Penny Catechism

130. What is the twelfth article of the Creed?

The twelfth article of the Creed is, 'life everlasting'.

131. What does 'life everlasting' mean?

'Life everlasting' means that the good shall live for ever in the glory and happiness of heaven.

132. What is the glory and happiness of heaven?

The glory and happiness of heaven is to see, love, and enjoy God for ever.

133. What does the Scripture say of the happiness of heaven?

The Scripture says of the happiness of heaven: 'No eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.' (1 Cor. 2:9)

134. Shall not the wicked also live for ever?

The wicked also shall live and be punished for ever in the fire of hell.

Eucharistic Adoration by Msgr. Joseph A. Pellegrino

Having an experience of the Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist is a blessing to be treasured, whether this blessing is experience at Mass or at Eucharistic Adoration, or at both. Is the grace received at Eucharistic Adoration of the same dimension as that received at Mass? Of course not. At Mass we join the Lord in renewing the Sacrifice of the Cross. Jesus is once more offered up for us to the Father "for our sins and the sins of the whole world." At Mass we take the Savior within us and are mystically united to Him before the Father, offering Himself for us. Our union with Him as the Head of the Living Body of worshipers, our union with the community, our communion, is the great gift that Catholicism has jealously preserved even in the face of persecution.

In the history of the Church, including the present times, those who attack Catholicism first attack the Mass. Priests were tortured to death, hung drawn and quartered for saying Mass in sixteenth and seventeenth century England. There are still many places in the world where it is illegal for a priest to say Mass. There are many places in our country where anti-Catholic bigotry is expressed in a mocking of the Blessed Sacrament. Magicians used to use the term *hocus pocus* on the stage. That was a mockery of the word of consecration in Latin, “Hoc est enim corpus meum,” For, this is my Body.” The mockery of the Blessed Sacrament infuriates us because we treasure the Mass. And, yes, it is and should be the highlight of our lives.

Eucharistic Adoration leads us to a deeper understanding and appreciation of what we are doing at Mass and Whom we are receiving at communion. Should Eucharistic Adoration ever replace Mass? Of course not. Nor could it. Should it be disparaged in any way? What a pity that would be. At the same time, care needs to be taken that Adoration services don’t become merely an emotional experience. Nor should they be cold, dry experiences devoid of human expression.

He is present in our tabernacles. What a pity it is that so many of our churches have become social halls before Mass. Some people even ignore the people next to them trying to pray before the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. Perhaps a good reminder for us all, of what a Catholic Church is, would come if we return to the fundamentals: genuflecting when we enter the pew, right knee, and kneeling to speak to the Presence of the Lord before us. We should also genuflect or at least bow any time that we cross in front of the tabernacle. By the way, we should be sure that there is as little movement around the Church as possible during the Eucharistic Prayer.

Ask yourselves: What am I doing here when I come to Mass, when I receive communion, when I go to Eucharistic Adoration. What are we doing? We are experiencing the Presence of Jesus Christ in the Great Gift of the Eucharist.

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Robert Toner RIP, St. Mary’s Funeral Service, 27 Jan at 10am.

Alfred Bryan RIP, St. Mary’s Funeral Service, 27 Jan at 12pm.

Frank Hartley RIP, St. Mary’s – Reception into church on 3 Feb at 6pm.
Funeral Mass on 4 Feb at 9:30am.

Also, James Donnelly RIP, Elaine Clooney RIP, Ken Harrison, Laurence and Margaret Toner, Rosemary Hartley, Keith Moore, John McDonagh, Annie McGloin

Sick and Housebound Parishioners: If you know of any sick or housebound parishioners who would desire a visit from someone from the Church, please do let us know so that they do not feel left out of parish life.

Notices

Jubilee Quiz Night: St. Mary’s Hall, **Saturday 25 January at 7:30pm** with a simple supper. Do come and join us for good fun, food and company. Come as a team or join a team there. Recommended donations of £5 each on the night or pay now. Please let Ann or Julie (SE), Rita or Grace (SJB) or Lynn or Jo (SM) know as soon as possible if you are coming so we can buy enough potatoes and other food. Bring your own drinks. All welcome.

Life Charity Shop: Donations can be left in the Life boxes in the porches of each church. Thank you for your support.

Young Adult (18-35) Retreat Day from 3pm on **Saturday 25th January** at Holy Trinity Church, Newark. Info charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Jubilee of Marriage Mass with Bishop Patrick on **Sunday 16th February** at St. Barnabas Cathedral (NG1 5AE). See Poster.

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