



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

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**Liturgies in our Churches**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Solemnity of St. John Bosco**

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

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

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> January**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Feria**

**10am** St. Mary's, **Funeral Service**, Robert Toner RIP

**12pm** St. Mary's, **Funeral Service** Alfred Bryan RIP

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Feria**

**10am** St. Edward's **Extraordinary service of the Eucharist**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Feria**

**10am** St. Mary's **Extraordinary service of the Eucharist**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Anticipation of the Presentation of the Lord**

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

**6pm** St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** Teresa Tierney RIP, Mary Martin RIP and George Martin RIP

**Blessing of Throats after Mass**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Presentation of the Lord – Candlemas Feast**

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

**11am** St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Ellen Adams RIP

**Blessing of Throats – after both Masses**

**Other Events in the Life of our Parish**

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

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

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 6:15pm** St. Mary's, **Choir Practice**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm** St. Mary's **Folk group Workshop**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm** St. Mary's Hall, **Confirmation Programme**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 1pm-4pm** St. Edward's Hall, **Chat, Craft & Games**

**Teaching**

**Questions 135-140 of the Penny Catechism**

135. Will Faith alone save us?

**Faith alone will not save us without good works; we must also have Hope and Charity.**

136. What is Hope?

**Hope is a supernatural gift of God, by which we firmly trust that God will give us eternal life and all means necessary to obtain it, if we do what he requires of us.**

137. Why must we hope in God?

**We must hope in God because he is infinitely good, infinitely powerful, and faithful to his promises.**

138. Can we do any good work of ourselves towards our salvation?

**We can do no good work of ourselves towards our salvation; we need the help of God's grace.**

139. What is Grace?

**Grace is a supernatural gift of God, freely bestowed upon us for our sanctification and salvation.**

140. How must we obtain God's grace?

**We must obtain God's grace chiefly by prayer and the holy Sacraments.**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January** is **Sunday of the Word of God**. Bring your **Bibles** to church for the Blessing of Bible readers. Church lectors will also be Blessed. All Readers are encouraged to visit our website and read the **Refresher Training for Readers**, under the Teaching tab, and also to view the training videos "**A Refresher for Readers**" that can be found at [leedscathedrallive.org.uk](http://leedscathedrallive.org.uk).

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February is Candlemas**

Bring any candles you want to be blessed to church. The traditional blessing of throats for St. Blaise will follow the weekend Masses to allow those who cannot make daily Masses to receive this blessing.

**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.

### **Please Remember in Your Prayers:**

**Frank Hartley RIP**, St. Mary's – Reception into church on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb** at 6pm. Funeral Mass on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb** at 9:30am.

**James Donnelly RIP**, Gilrose Crematorium, Funeral Service on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb** at 9am.

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

### **Healing Mass with Anointing Tuesday 11 February 7pm at St. Mary's**

If your health is seriously impaired by sickness, old age or upcoming surgery, do utilise this opportunity to receive the anointing of the sick to seek healing of body and soul.

### **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. 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.

**The next Social Fundraising Event will be a Family Dinner** cooked by professional chefs from our Goan community. It will take place in St. John Bosco Hall on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February starting at 7.30pm**. As much as you can eat for **£15 a head**. It will be a maximum of 80 people, so gather your group as soon as possible, places are filling up! Please be ready to pay when you book your seats. There will be a raffle on the night, please bring a prize. Raffle tickets will be sold on the night. **There will also be games with prizes for the children** and a game of Bingo for £1 a card. Bring your own drinks. Jugs of water will be provided. It should be a brilliant family evening, so do join us and invite your friends. For more information, speak to Keith or Lynne at St Mary's, Rita or Grace at St John Bosco or to Chizor at St Edward's.

**The Building Group** is in need of volunteers to assist with tasks around the Parish Estate. Anyone with specific skills such as electrician (especially PAT Testing), carpenter, decorator would be welcome, but equally other tasks requiring enthusiasm more than specific skills, such as painting the fences at SJB and railings at St Mary's, gardening, or offering to help with the

inevitable big clean at SJB Presbytery. If willing - please contact John Connolly or Ian Wesley to discuss your participation. Thank You.

**A Big Thank You** to the three groups who have been counting the collection at St. Mary's for many years and are now stepping down from this role at the end of this month. Your service to the church has been vital and much appreciated.

**Another Big Thank You** to those who built and set up our cribs and decorated our Churches with flowers over Christmastide. As the cribs go away after Candlemas, we will remember your service to the King born at Bethlehem.

### **Lent and Easter Liturgies**

Lenten and Easter liturgies will be publicised soon including devotions such as the Stations of the Cross. The Triduum will remain at St. Mary's with St. Edward's and St. John Bosco each having an Easter Day Mass, at 9am and 11am respectively.

### **Sunday Evening Mass at St. Mary's**

Fr. John proposes in Lent to begin a Sunday evening Mass at 6pm at St. Mary's. This gives a final chance to fulfil the obligation if you can't make Saturday night or Sunday morning.

### **Donations via Bank Transfer**

**Acc. Name: St Mary and St J B S Wigston RCP**  
**Sort Code: 30-15-97, Account Number: 00346385**

**Acc. Name: St Edward Conf Leicester RCP**  
**Sort Code: 30-15-97, Account Number: 00554352**

With prayers and blessings, Fr. John

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