



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

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Liturgies in our Churches

Saturday 1st February – Anticipation of the Presentation of the Lord

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

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

Blessing of Throats after Mass

Sunday 2nd 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

Monday 3rd February – Feria

5pm St. Mary's, **Reception into the church** of Frank Hartley RIP

Tuesday 4th February – St. Gilbert of Sempringham, Religious

9:30am St. Mary's, **Funeral Mass** of Frank Hartley RIP

7:10pm St. Mary's **Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**

Wednesday 5th February – St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

10am St. Edward's **Holy Mass**, Claude Mesias RIP

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

Thursday 6th February – Sts. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs of Japan

10am St. Mary's **Holy Mass**, Frank Hartley RIP

6:30pm St. Mary's, **Encountering Christ in His Church/RCIA**

Saturday 8th February – Anticipation of the Fifth Sunday of the Year

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

6pm St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** Holy Souls

Sunday 9th February – Fifth Sunday of the Year

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

11am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Mary and John Lee RIP and Patrick Lee RIP

Confessions 5:30pm on Saturday at St. John Bosco & after all Masses

Other Events in the Life of our Parish

Sunday 2nd 1:30pm Leicester City Centre, **Rosary Rally**

Monday 3rd 6:15pm St. Mary's, **Choir Practice**

Tuesday 4th 12pm St. John Bosco Hall, **Friendship Club**

Tuesday 4th 7:45pm St. Mary's Hall, **Adult Faith Formation**

Wednesday 5th 7:30pm St. Mary's Hall, **Confirmation Programme**

Friday 7th 1pm-4pm St. Edward's Hall, **Chat, Craft & Games**

Saturday 8th 9:30am HMP Fosse Way **Holy Mass** Prisoners' Intentions

Teaching

Questions 141-143 of the Penny Catechism

141. What is prayer?

Prayer is the raising up of the mind and heart to God.

142. How do we raise up our mind and heart to God?

We raise up our mind and heart to God by thinking of God; by adoring, praising, and thanking him; and by begging of him all blessings for soul and body.

143. Do those pray well who, at their prayers, think neither of God nor of what they say?

Those who, at their prayers, think neither of God nor of what they say, do not pray well; but they offend God, if their distractions are wilful.

Sunday 2nd 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:

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

Also, 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

Next Fundraising: A Family Dinner at St. John Bosco Hall on Saturday 22nd February at 7.30pm. £15 a head. Please see last week's newsletter for further details. Book your seat, with payment, with Keith or Lynne at St Mary's, Rita or Grace at St John Bosco or Chizor at St Edward's.

The Building Group is in need of volunteers to assist with tasks around the Parish Estate. If willing - please contact John Connolly or Ian Wesley. Thank You. **The heating is currently being fixed at St. Mary's.**

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.

Antiqua Et Nova: Note on the Relationship Between Artificial Intelligence and Human Intelligence. This 28 page document from the Holy Father is on our website under the Teaching Tab.

Diocesan Newsletter Inserts: These are on the notice board due to lack of space in this newsletter. They will be updated weekly where necessary.

Donations via Bank Transfer

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

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By order of the Bishop, the following statement is to be published on a weekend in February and October each year

Marriage is a lifelong vocation of a man and a woman to a community of life and love open to children, and, between the baptized, it is a Sacrament. Aware of the many pressures today which can endanger family life, the Church is constantly concerned to make sure that those of you planning to marry are prepared as well as possible. We would like to remind those who wish to marry of the following:

1. It is important that a couple go to see their priest in good time before their wedding. Normally, at least six months' notice should be given.
2. Marriage preparation is carried out by the priest, often assisted by a group from the parish. Courses arranged on a Deanery basis are recommended.
3. Catholics are reminded of their obligation to preserve their faith and to do all they can within the unity of their partnership to have all their children baptized and brought up in the faith and practice of the Catholic Church.
4. Non-Catholic partners will be informed of this promise, but they are not asked to make this or any similar promise.
5. Dispensation for a marriage between a Catholic and a non-Catholic to take place in a non-Catholic church can only be granted for a serious reason. Couples who wish to marry in a non-Catholic church should discuss the matter with their priest in good time before their wedding day to see whether a dispensation could be granted.

All couples marrying these days need the support of the local Church. In this way they will be strengthened in their preparation for marriage, in celebrating their marriage, and in living out their covenant with one another.

We wish to thank all those married people who show such constancy and fidelity to their vocation of marriage. May their example inspire those planning to marry in the Church.

Right Reverend Patrick McKinney
Bishop of Nottingham

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