



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

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**Liturgies in our Churches**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March – St. David's Day**

**1pm** St Mary's **Convalidation Mass** Martin and Lucy **Baptism** Hester

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

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Eighth Sunday of the Year**

**9am** St. Edward's, **Holy Mass** Michelle Brennan (Well-Being)

**11am** St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Damien Sweeney RIP

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Feria**

**10am** St. John Bosco **Holy Mass** Mr. Joseph RIP

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

**After Benediction** St. Mary's Hall, **Adult Faith Formation**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Ash Wednesday - Day of Fasting and abstinence**

**No meat, 1 full meal and 2 smaller meals that do not add up to the full meal.**

**9am** St. John Fisher School **Holy Mass** Rosemary Fallows RIP

**11am** St. Edward's, **Holy Mass** Private Intention

**7pm** St. Mary's **Holy Mass** Mr Hilary Gomes RIP

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Lenten Feria**

**10am** St. Mary's **Holy Mass**, Jenny and Teresa Allen

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

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Lenten Feria – No Meat Today**

**7pm** St. Mary's **Stations of the Cross**

**7pm** St. Edward's **Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Anticipation of the First Sunday of Lent**

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

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March – First Sunday of Lent**

**9am** St. Edwards, **Holy Mass** Kevin Brennan (Well-Being)

**11am** St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Muriel Shryane RIP (Anniversary)

**6pm** St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** David Tucker RIP

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

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

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

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 12pm** St John Bosco Hall, **Friendship Club**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 3:20pm** Holy Cross School, **First Holy Communion Prep.**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 6pm** St. John Bosco Hall, **First Holy Communion Prep.**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 2pm** St. Mary's, **World Day of Prayer**

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

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 9:30am** HMP Fosse Way, **Holy Mass Prisoners' Intentions**

**Teaching**

**Questions 155-157 of the Penny Catechism**

155. When we say 'forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us', what do we pray for?

**When we say, 'forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us', we pray that God may forgive us our sins, as we forgive others the injuries they do to us.**

156. When we say, 'lead us not into temptation', what do we pray for?

**When we say, 'lead us not into temptation' we pray that God may give us grace not to yield to temptation.**

157. When we say, 'deliver us from evil', what do we pray for?

**When we say, 'deliver us from evil', we pray that God may free us from all evil, both of soul and body.**

**Adult Faith Formation:** In our adult faith formation meeting on Tuesday evening after adoration we are going through the General Instruction of the Roman Missal. This document is on our website under Liturgical Documents.

**Please Remember in Your Prayers:**

Our Holy Father Pope Francis

Mick Greasley RIP, **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm**, Funeral Service at Countesthorpe Crematorium.

Laurence Toner RIP, **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 1pm**, St. Mary's Requiem Mass

Geraldine McGlynn RIP. Joan Pratt RIP, John Murphy RIP

**Stations of the Cross:** Leaflets are available with details of times and places or see our website under Welcome / Church Year / Lent tab.

**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

**PPC: Nominations must be received by the 2<sup>nd</sup> March.**

**Help Required:** We are seeking some strong persons (2-3) to join us on Monday morning (3<sup>rd</sup> March) to help with moving a very heavy fireproof cabinet, from St John Bosco to St Edwards. If you are able to help or need further information, please contact Ian Wesley on 07849 296873, or via Fr John or Genny Hickey. Many thanks. Ian Wesley & Trevor Curry.

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion:** The First Holy Communion preparation group will recommence their meetings next week, with the Tuesday meeting in Holy Cross School on the 4<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 3.20pm, and the Thursday meeting in St John Bosco hall on the 6<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you all again then.

**Sunday Evening Non-Incensed Masses at St. Mary's:** These will take place during **Lent at 6pm**. If this Mass is well attended, it will continue after Lent as a regular Mass of the parish. If not, it will end on Palm Sunday.

**Lenten Resources:** The Message of Pope Francis, We Dare to Hope Booklet, 24 Hours for the Lord Handbook and an Ash Wednesday Colouring Sheet can be found on our website under the Welcome / Church Year / Lent tab.

**Rite of Election:** We have three people who are preparing to be received into the Church at Easter. They will be attending the Rite of Election at the cathedral next Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> March. This is a big step for them as they will meet the Bishop and sign the Book of the Elect with all those across the Diocese who will be received at the same time. Please keep them in your prayers on Sunday and over the next few weeks.

**Enabling Our Mission Campaign, and The Story So Far - Background to an Emerging Pastoral Plan:** There are copies in each Porch. Both of these informative documents are on our website under the Parish and Diocesan Information tab.

**The Diocesan Education Service** is hosting a Network Day for families who home-educate their children, on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March, from 10am, in Our Lady of Lincoln parish centre, Lincoln, LN2 2HE. Bring a packed lunch, and something to share with others.

**Schools' Word of the Week:** Prayer

**Curry Night** A brilliant evening was had by all who attended the Curry Night last Saturday. The food was amazing - the best onion bhajis ever - excellent music and fun games for everyone to participate in - and really good company. We would all like to express a huge thank you to Peter and Anacia Fernandes and Maria Elvina for hosting the evening and paying for all the food, as well as cooking and serving it so attractively, and to Peter's friend and colleague, Boudet Gomes who is also a chef and provided the drinks, and their children who were the DJs and the MCs for the evening. It was amazing. The evening raised just over £1000 towards the bills being faced by the Parish. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the event.

**The Lenten 40 Days for Life Pro-Life Prayer Vigil:** 8am - 8pm Monday to Saturday. To learn more, get involved and sign up for prayer times contact: [leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com) or [www.40daysforlife.com/en/leicester](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/leicester)

**Table-Top Sale: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May at St. John Bosco hall 10am - 2pm.** This event is to raise money towards the costs of preparing St John Bosco presbytery for being rented out. It is like a car-boot sale, only indoors - and without the cars! You rent a table and sell whatever you want. You then keep any profits you make. If you wish to give the profits to the parish, the hire fee is waived. There will be a big raffle, as at the Christmas Fayre, a cafe and a cake stall. Do consider how you could support this event - especially consider running a table for us - and let any of us know how you could help. Thank you.

### **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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With prayers and blessings, Fr. John

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