



St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, and St. Edward's
First Week of Lent 2025, Lectionary Year C

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Liturgies in our Churches

Saturday 8th March – Anticipation of the First Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday 9th 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

Tuesday 11th March – Lenten Feria

10am St. John Bosco **Holy Mass** Allan Kennedy RIP

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

After Benediction St. Mary's Hall, **Church Document Study** (The Missal)

Wednesday 12th March – Lenten Feria

10am St. Edward's **Holy Mass** Private Intention

Thursday 13th March – Lenten Feria

10am St. Mary's **Holy Mass**, Joan Pratt RIP

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

Friday 14th March – Lenten Feria – No Meat Today

12pm St. John Bosco **Stations of the Cross**

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

Saturday 15th March – Anticipation of the Second Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday 16th March – Second Sunday of Lent

9am St. Edwards, **Holy Mass** Fr Sean Carroll RIP

11am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Patrick Hunt RIP

6pm St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Frank Hartley RIP

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

Other Events in the Life of our Parish

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

Monday 10th 6:15pm St. Mary's, **Choir Practice**

Tuesday 11th 3:20pm Holy Cross School, **First Holy Communion Prep.**

Wednesday 12th 7:30pm St. Mary's Hall, **Confirmation Programme**

Thursday 13th 6pm St. John Bosco Hall, **First Holy Communion Prep.**

Thursday 13th 7pm Holy Cross Priory, **Deanery Station Mass** with

Bishop Patrick

Friday 14th 1pm-4pm St. Edward's Hall, **Chat, Craft, Games &**

Gardening Club

Teaching

Questions 158-159 of the Penny Catechism

158. Should we ask the Angels and Saints to pray for us?

We should ask the Angels and Saints to pray for us, because they are our friends and brethren, and because their prayers have great power with God.

159. How can we show that the Angels and Saints know what passes on earth?

We can show that the Angels and Saints know what passes on earth from the words of Christ: 'There shall be joy before the Angels of God upon one sinner doing penance'. (Luke 15:10)

Church Document Study: On Tuesday evening after adoration, at present we are going through the General Instruction of the Roman Missal. This document is on our website under Liturgical Documents. This is your chance to learn about what we do at Holy Mass and why and to ask any questions about the liturgy and Church teaching.

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Our Holy Father Pope Francis

Geraldine McGlynn RIP, Requiem Mass, **Wednesday 19th March**, 10:15am, St Thomas More

Laurence Toner RIP, Requiem Mass, **Friday 21st March, 12pm**, St. Mary's Joan Pratt RIP, John Murphy RIP

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.

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.

Notices

PPC Members from May 2025: Theresa Wheeliker, Okiemute Ekwevugbe, Hilari Chetwood, Melissa Furtado, Keith Betteridge, Chris Mason, Ann Clarke, Helen Ladkin, Lynne Ryan and Genny Hickey.

Strong Persons Respond: Many thanks to Tony, Longinus and Clayton, for turning out on Monday morning to help move some heavy furniture from SJB to St Edwards. With the extra help it all went very smoothly and helps toward our objective of getting the Presbytery ready for letting. Trevor

CAFOD Lent Appeal - Family Fast Day Friday 14th March: Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection on Sunday 17th March to be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.

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 on **Sunday, 9th March at 3pm**. 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.

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 or www.40daysforlife.com/en/leicester

Table-Top Sale: Saturday 17th May at St. John Bosco hall 10am - 2pm. Rent a table at our Pre-loved and Gift Sale. **£12 per table**. Contact Hilari at hilari.chetwood@hotmail.co.uk or Keith at kanab09@btinternet.com. There will be a raffle, tombola, a cafe and a cake stall. Do consider how you could support this event - especially consider running a table for us to raise money for parish building works etc.

Saying the Rosary: Several people across the three churches have expressed an interest in saying the Rosary together on a regular basis. This could be in any of the churches, depending on which is most convenient - or even rotating. It has been suggested that we start this, initially, as a Lenten observance. **If anyone is interested in joining a group, please message me (Hilari) over the next week** starting your preferred day, time and place - preferably with some different options so that I can facilitate it!! I look forward to hearing from you. My phone number is: 07734690611.

LACY (Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth) are doing a sponsored walk on Sunday 6th April 2025 to raise money for Cancer Research UK who provide lifesaving research, treatment and support to those suffering with cancer and their families. We want to welcome any Parishioners to join us. We will be setting off from St Mary's church in South Wigston at 1.30pm and there will be a Nature trail on route. On return to the church there will be refreshments in the hall and there will be youth Stations of the cross at 3.30pm. If you are unable to make the walk but would still like to support us raising money for Cancer Research UK donations can be made by clicking on the link below. <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/lacys-walk-for-cancer-research-uk> For further information contact Pauline. Sponsor Forms are in each porch. See Poster.

Retreats: See Posters for the male and female Lenten Retreats.

Finances at St. Mary's and St. John Bosco

As stated last week, going on last year's expenditure, we are only £4,000 short of having a year's expenditure in our account to cover any emergencies and to run efficiently. However, our expenditure has exceeded our income so far this year by £16,000 due to the necessary building work. This is still an amazing figure as our building costs have been £24,000. These costs will rise by roughly another £10,000 in order to complete the work at St. John Bosco Presbytery. Thank you all so much for what you have done, are doing and will do for the places that house our eucharistic King.

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 as we enter the Holy season of Lent, Fr. John

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