



**St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, and St. Edward's**  
**Third Week of Lent 2025, Lectionary Year C**  
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**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Anticipation of the Third Sunday of Lent**

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

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Third Sunday of Lent**

**9am** St. Edwards, **Sung Holy Mass** Private Intention

**11am** St. Mary's, **Sung Holy Mass** John, Margaret and Peter Reilly RIP

**6pm** St. Mary's, **Sung Holy Mass** (No incense) Rosemary Fallows RIP

**Retiring Collection for the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham**  
**On the Third Sunday of Lent – 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March.**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – The Annunciation of the Lord, Solemnity**

**7pm** St. Mary's **Sung Holy Mass** Michael McDonagh RIP

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

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Lenten Feria**

**9:30am** St. Edward's, **Confession**

**10am** St. Edward's **Holy Mass** Des Brennan RIP

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Lenten Feria**

**9:30am** St. Mary's, **Confession**

**10am** St. Mary's **Holy Mass**, Margaret Shryane

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

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Lenten Feria – No Meat Today**

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

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

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Anticipation of Laetare Sunday**

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

**29/30 March – Clocks go forward one hour.**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Laetare Sunday**

**9am** St. Edwards, **Sung Holy Mass** Andrew Brennan RIP

**11am** St. Mary's, **Sung Holy Mass** Kathleen and David Balme RIP

**6pm** St. Mary's, **Sung Holy Mass** (No incense) James Donnelly RIP

**Confessions available after every Mass and by request**

**Retiring Collection for the Diocesan Quota on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March**

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

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:30pm** HMP Fosse Way, **Holy Mass** Prisoners' Intentions

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 6:15pm** St. Mary's, **Choir Practice**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 1pm-4pm** St. Edward's Hall, **Chat, Craft, Games & Gardening Club**

**Questions 162-165 of the Penny Catechism**

162. Who made the first part of the Hail Mary?

**The Angel Gabriel and St. Elizabeth, inspired by the Holy Spirit, made the first part of the Hail Mary.**

163. Who made the second part of the Hail Mary?

**The Church of God, guided by the Holy Spirit, made the second part of the Hail Mary.**

164. Why should we frequently say the Hail Mary?

**We should frequently say the Hail Mary to put us in mind of the Incarnation of the Son of God: and to honour our Blessed Lady, the Mother of God.**

165. Have we another reason for often saying the Hail Mary?

**We have another reason for often saying the Hail Mary - to ask our Blessed Lady to pray for us sinners at all times, but especially at the hour of our death.**

**Note from Liturgy Meeting:** One of the most common phrases from Vatican II regarding the Liturgy is that there must be a “conscious, active, and fruitful participation” of everyone. This means that the Liturgy is not just something people attend, it’s something they do. It’s an action of the whole Church, with each person exercising his or her unique role. And, above all, the role common to every person is an authentic interior participation (not just exterior) in the worship.

After Vatican II, the phrase “conscious, active, and fruitful participation” was commonly misunderstood to mean that everyone had to have an official role in the Liturgy. So if you didn’t have an official role, were you participating less? Certainly not. Participation is first and foremost interior. Active and fruitful participation is achieved when your heart is engaged, and you participate with faith. If you haven’t got used to, or don’t favour, some of the sung parts or choice of eucharistic prayer, continue your inward prayer, your interior participation, don’t let your preferences or unfamiliarity distract you from your participation, from liturgical unity.

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

Our Holy Father Pope Francis, Peter Taylor RIP, Michael O'Rourke RIP  
Joan Pratt RIP, **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 10am** St. Thomas More **Requiem Mass**

**Sick and Housebound Parishioners:** If you know of any sick or housebound parishioners or their carers, 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.

### **Candidates and Catechumens**

Please pray for the five people who are seeking reception into the Church at Easter. Tulupi, Tyler, Jasmine, Rayden and Jayden.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March is the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Michael Jordan** God give you Michael a very happy and blessed birthday from us all, and especially Caroline. May God grant you all the graces you need this year.

**Easter Lilies:** Envelopes are available in the porches of St. Mary's & St. John Bosco to enable you to dedicate Easter lilies for your deceased loved ones. Please include the number of lilies required and names of dedications @ £3 per lily and return to Lynne or Bernadette at St Marys' or Rita or Genny at St John Bosco. The list of dedications will be displayed in both churches.  
**All dedications MUST be received by Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April, Palm Sunday.**

### **Easter Triduum Music**

All are welcome from St. John Bosco and St. Edward's to join with us at St. Mary's to create a combined choir for these holy three days. Practices take place every week in St. Mary's on Monday evenings from 6.15pm.

### **Easter Triduum and Sunday Times**

Holy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April **7:30pm** St. Mary's  
Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April **3pm** St. Mary's  
Easter Vigil 19<sup>th</sup> April **9pm** St. Mary's  
Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April **9am** St. Edward's  
Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April **11am** St. John Bosco  
Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April **6pm** St. Mary's

**Table-Top Sale: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:hilari.chetwood@hotmail.co.uk) or Keith at [kanab09@btinternet.com](mailto:kanab09@btinternet.com).

**LACY** encourage you to walk for Cancer Research UK on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 from St Mary's church at 1.30pm. There will be a Nature trail on route. Refreshments afterwards and youth Stations of the Cross at 3.30pm. For further information contact Pauline. Sponsor Forms in porches. See Poster.

### **Robbery at St. Mary's**

Between the two Sunday Masses at St. Mary's the first collection was stolen from the safe. The sacristy was not broken into which means they either knew the code, had watched someone enter it, or guessed it. They then found the safe key and took the £305 collection and emptied the repository box. We are having to change security procedures so please be patient as key safes and new locks and codes are installed. Whoever did this, for the good of your immortal soul, which will be judged one day before Almighty God, bring it back so that all can be forgiven. No consequences will occur if you do.

### **Finances at St. Mary's, St. John Bosco and St. Edward's**

At St. Mary's and St. John Bosco we are short of Last Year's Expenditure by £2390.92. This is £1330.66 closer than last week and that is with paying £950 for part of the decorating at St. John Bosco and with not having the £305 which was stolen. With your help we are so much closer to financial security. St. Edward's finances are healthy.

### **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 blessings as we pray, fast and give alms during the Holy season of Lent,  
Fr. John

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