



**St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, and St. Edward's**  
**First Week of Eastertide – EASTER WEEK Year C**

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**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April – The Easter Vigil**

**9:30am** HMP Fosse Way **Holy Mass** (by permission of the Bishop)

**9:30am** St. Mary's, **Morning Prayer**

**2pm** St. Mary's, **Preparation for the Easter Vigil**

**9pm** St. Mary's **The Easter Vigil** All Parishioners

**Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Day of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**9am** St. Edwards, **Holy Mass** Holy Souls in Purgatory

**11am** St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** Genny Hickey

**6pm** St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** (No incense) Frank Hartley RIP

**Easter Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

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

**Easter Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**10am** St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** Diana Canning RIP

**7.10pm** St. Mary's **Eucharistic Adoration**

**7:45pm – 8:30pm** St. Mary's Hall, **What the Church teaches about the Holy Mass. All welcome to hear and ask questions about what is done at the Mass and why.**

**Easter Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**10am** St. Edward's **Holy Mass** Roevic John Decierdo - Healing

**Easter Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April – No Friday Abstinence Today**

**1pm-4pm** St. Edward's Hall, **Chat, Craft, Games & Gardening Club**

**Easter Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

**6pm** St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** Dave Martin – 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Divine Mercy Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Second Sunday of Easter**

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

**11am** St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Aborted Babies and their Mothers

**No 6pm Mass until the 11<sup>th</sup> of May**

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

**Retiring Collection for the Monthly Diocesan Quota 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> April**

**Questions 172-174 of the Penny Catechism**

172. How many Commandments are there?

**There are ten Commandments.**

173. Say the ten Commandments.

**1. I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no gods except me. You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven, or on the earth beneath or in the waters under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them.**

**2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.**

**3. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

**4. Honour your father and your mother.**

**5. You shall not kill.**

**6. You shall not commit adultery.**

**7. You shall not steal.**

**8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.**

**9. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife.**

**10. You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.**

174. Who gave the ten Commandments?

**God gave the ten Commandments to Moses in the Old Law, and Christ confirmed them in the New.**

**The US Bishops and others write on Easter:**

The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. The Paschal Candle used during the Easter Vigil is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time and lit for all liturgical celebrations.

The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils" and Easter Sunday is the greatest of all Sundays. The season of Easter is the most important of all liturgical times, which Catholics celebrate as the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. The octave of Easter comprises the eight days which stretch from the first to the second Sunday. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day.

There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14)

"The joyful news that He is Risen does not change the contemporary world. Still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice. But the fact of Easter gives us the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline and make the sacrifice."

"The resurrection of Jesus changes the face of death for all His people. Death is no longer a prison, but a passage into God's presence. "Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there. You can nail it to a cross, wrap it in winding sheets and shut it up in a tomb, but it will rise!"

On the truth of Easter: "Why would the apostles lie? Liars always lie for selfish reasons. If they lied, what was their motive, what did they get out of it? What they got out of it was misunderstanding, rejection, persecution, torture, and martyrdom. Hardly a list of perks!"

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April:** The solemnity of St George, martyr, Patron of England, is transferred to Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

**Sick and Housebound Parishioners:** If you know of any sick or housebound parishioners or of their carers who would desire a visit from the Church, please let Fr. John know.

**Easter Offerings, Mass intention stipends and Stole Fees** are banked for the parish. **If you wish to give a gift directly to Fr. John at Easter, please ensure it is in an envelope marked 'Fr. John' and NOT in an Easter Offering envelope as these will be banked as per the weekly collection.**

**Mass Intentions:** Do offer Masses for your loved ones. Dated intentions are offered as near to the requested date as possible.

**GDPR:** Due to Data Protection Regulations, we need written permission for any names to be published in this newsletter or on the website. Contact [newslettermje@gmail.com](mailto:newslettermje@gmail.com) if you would like a name mentioned for prayer.

**Candidates and Catechumens:** Please pray for those who were baptised and/or received into the Church at Easter.

**Annual SPUC Pro-Life Chain: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April.** Nottingham. See Poster. **27<sup>th</sup> April is the 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** from when the Abortions began in the UK. Over **10.5 million babies** have died since in the UK alone.

**The Assisted Suicide Legislation Report** has been put back from **24<sup>th</sup> April to the 16<sup>th</sup> May. The vote may take place then, or on 13<sup>th</sup> June.** This gives us more time to contact our MPs and request they vote against this evil Bill, and to pray that it will not be passed.

**Confirmation Candidates:** The next monthly meeting for our confirmation candidates will take place on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May** from 7:30-9pm in St. Mary's Hall. All are welcome.

**Table-Top Sale: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May.** See Keith or Hilari if you wish to hire a table at **£12**. Donations for the Raffle and Tombola are gratefully requested. Raffle tickets are on sale. Cakes will be requested for the day. See Poster.

**A Huge Thank You** to all those that helped in any way during the Sacred Triduum, especially all of the Altar Servers. It is always truly wonderful for all three churches to be represented as one.

**Finances at St. Mary's, St. John Bosco**

At St. Mary's and St. John Bosco, you are below having one year's expenditure in your accounts by £4,484.66.

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**Sort Code: 30-15-97, Account Number: 00554352**

With blessings for Easter Week, Fr. John

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