



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

### **Fifth Week of Lent 2025, Lectionary Year C**

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#### **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Anticipation of**

##### **Passion Sunday - Statues Covered**

**9:30pm** HMP Fosse Way, **Holy Mass**

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

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

All Parishioners

#### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Passion Sunday**

**9am** St. Edward's, **Holy Mass**

Helen Todd Bray RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**11am** St. Mary's, **Holy Mass**

Frank Hartley RIP and Keith Bates RIP

**1:30pm** Leicester City Centre **Rosary Rally**

**1:30pm** St. Mary's Hall, **LACY Walk**

**3:30pm** St. Mary's, **LACY Youth Stations**

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

Michael Hirrell RIP (60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

#### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Lenten Feria**

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

**Practice for the Easter Triduum**

#### **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Lenten Feria**

**10am** St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass**

Vera Fitzgerald

**6pm** St. Mary's, **Altar Server Training for**

**Good Friday**

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

**7:45 - 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.**

**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 do let Fr. John know.

**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 in the prayer list, but please remember that you must have permission from the person or next of kin to do so.

**Table-Top Sale:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May. St. John Bosco. See Poster.

**Life is always a Good:** from the Dicastery for the Laity, Family, and Life, is on our website.

**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. See the back of the church for St. Edward's Lily donations. All dedications MUST be received by NEXT Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

**Candidates and Catechumens:** Please pray for those who are preparing for their reception into the Church at Easter. Let us be examples to them of holy Catholic lives, loving and defending the faith of our fathers, the Holy Roman Catholic and Apostolic Faith established by Christ the King.

#### **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Lenten Feria**

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

Deacon John Parker RIP

#### **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Lenten Feria**

**10am** St. Mary's **Holy Mass** Peter Taylor RIP

**10am** St. Thomas More **Requiem Mass**

Joan Pratt RIP

**6:30pm** St. Mary's, **Becoming Catholic**

#### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Lenten Feria**

##### **No Meat Today**

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

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

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

#### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Anticipation of Palm**

##### **Sunday**

**10am** St. John Bosco, **Convalidation Mass**

Daniel and Kate

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

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

All Parishioners

#### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Palm Sunday**

**9am** St. Edward's, **Holy Mass** Holy Souls

**11am** St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** John Ryan RIP

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

Laurence Toner RIP

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

### Questions 168a – 168b of the Penny Catechism

#### 168a. **What do we mean by the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin?**

By the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin we mean that by the power of God, Mary, at the completion of her life, was taken body and soul into everlasting glory to reign as Queen of heaven and earth.

#### 168b. **Is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin an article of Faith?**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is an article of Faith because it has been solemnly defined by the infallible authority of the Church.

**On the Evils of Gossip:** St. Padre Pio said, “When you gossip about a person it means that you have removed the person from your heart. But be aware, when you remove someone from your heart, Jesus also goes away from your heart with them.”

Pope Francis said: “Gossip is “criminal” as it destroys, rather than exalts the image of God present in others.” “Gossiping is terrorism because the person who gossips is like a terrorist who throws a bomb and walks away, destroying; they destroy with their tongue, they don’t make peace.” “I am convinced that if each one of us would purposely avoid gossip, at the end, we would become a saint! It’s a beautiful path!” **Let the evil of gossip never be found among us!**

**LACY (Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth):** THIS WEEKEND! We would love to see as many young people, families and friends at our Sponsored Walk and Nature Hunt - for Cancer Research - on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April commencing from St. Mary’s at 1:30pm. See poster for full information. Light refreshments will be available followed by Youth Stations of the Cross at 3:30pm. We look forward to seeing you all! Let’s put our Faith into action this Lent! Contact: [paulinepayne@hotmail.com](mailto:paulinepayne@hotmail.com). Fundraising link: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/lacys-walk-for-cancer-research-uk>.

**Easter Triduum Music:** All are welcome to join a combined choir and musicians for these holy three days. Practices take place every week in St. Mary’s on Monday evenings from 6.15pm.

#### Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday Liturgy 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

The important vote on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, is likely to take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April. You can contact your Member of Parliament at <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote>. Postcards from [Notdeadyetuk.org](http://Notdeadyetuk.org) were distributed last weekend. Please ensure you have posted them to your MP. A range of further resources opposing assisted suicide is available at the Catholic Bishop’s Website: [www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/)

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

At St. Mary’s and St. John Bosco we are now **below** Last Year’s Expenditure by £4,691.21. This is due to the £3,000 for the decorating at St. John Bosco, and all the utility bills going out. St. Edward’s finances are healthy.

With blessings as you do your penances during this Holy season of Lent, Fr. John

#### **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

**Easy Fundraising:** [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-marys-and-st-john-bosco-rcp/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=rm-en-nl](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-marys-and-st-john-bosco-rcp/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-en-nl)

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