



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

Sixth Week of Eastertide Year C

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THURSDAY IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Saturday 24th May – Anticipation of the Sixth Sunday of Easter

1pm St. Mary's **Baptism** Enola Whayman

6pm St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** Margaret Una Botten RIP

Sunday 25th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

9am St. Edwards, **Holy Mass** Jozefa Ples RIP (10th Ann)

11am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Joan Curtis RIP

6pm St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** (No Incense) All Parishioners

Tuesday 27th May – St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop (Feast)

10am St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** Martin Silk RIP

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

7:45pm – 8:30pm St Mary's Hall, **Church Teaching** All welcome

Wednesday 28th May – Easter Feria

10am St. Edward's, **Holy Mass** Edward Hope RIP

10am St. John Bosco, **Funeral Service** Lauren Callaghan RIP

Holy Day Vigil of The Ascension of our Lord

7pm St. Edward's, **Obligation Mass** Personal Intention

Thursday 29th May – The Ascension of the Lord Holy Day

10am St. John Bosco, **Obligation Mass**, Tom & Josie Silk, and Martin RIP

7pm St. Mary's, **Obligation Mass** Laurence Toner RIP

Friday 30th May – Easter Feria

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

Saturday 31st May – Anticipation of the Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:30am HMP Fosse Way, **Holy Mass** Prisoners' Intention

12pm St. Mary's **Baptism** Erica Jolly

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

Sunday 1st June – Seventh Sunday of Easter

9am St. Edwards, **Holy Mass with Baptism** of Chidubem Kenechukwu

11am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Peter Taylor RIP

6pm St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** (No Incense) Simon Diaz RIP

Confessions available after all Masses and by request

The Rosary will be said before each morning Mass during May at both St. Mary's and St Edward's

Retiring Collection at all weekend Masses for National Catholic Communications

Questions 184 -187 of the Penny Catechism

184. Is it forbidden to give divine honour or worship to the Angels and Saints?

It is forbidden to give divine honour or worship to the Angels and Saints, for this belongs to God alone.

185. What kind of honour or worship should we pay to the Angels and Saints?

We should pay to the Angels and Saints an inferior honour or worship, for this is due to them as the servants and special friends of God.

186. What honour should we give to relics, crucifixes, and holy pictures?

We should give relics, crucifixes, and holy pictures a relative honour, as they relate to Christ and his Saints, and are memorials of them.

187. Do we pray to relics or images?

We do not pray to relics or images, for they can neither see, nor hear, nor help us.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Claudette Turner RIP and Veronica Hopewell RIP, **Funeral Service** at Countesthorpe 10am, 10th June.

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 inform Fr. John.

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

First Holy Communion: Over the weekend of **7th/8th June**, 25 children will receive our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time. We welcome them all as they share the Body of Christ with us for the first time. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Fr. John is meeting with a diocesan representative on Thursday to see if we can begin SVP work again in the parish. Please volunteer for this noble and necessary work.

Enabling Mission Campaign

Fr. John is meeting this week with the fundraising team employed by the Diocese to discuss our contribution to the diocesan wide Enabling our Mission campaign.

Flower Bouquets: Anyone is welcome to donate a bouquet of flowers for Our Lady Chapel or to beautify the church at **St. Edwards**. There are plenty of vases in the Flower Room. See Julie for further information.

Table Top Sale: This raised a total of **£1,202.45**. Grateful thanks to everyone who donated or helped in any way.

St. Mary's Camping Club will hold its next rally over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend 23 - 26 May. Our venue will be: Poachers Patch Campsite, Long Meadow, High Street, Brant Broughton, LN5 0SL. www.poacherspatch.com New members are always welcome. Please contact Paul Turner 07759 902 214 for more details.

This weekend contains Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday. This year's focus is on the theme of "The Empty Chair". Many of us are saddened by reducing numbers in our churches. This is happening for a wide variety of reasons, but our thoughts are on those who are not there because they have suffered abuse in a church setting and cannot face being here. They may be the families or friends of survivors. They may be former members of a community affected by allegations or convictions for abuse. They may be people who are simply so disgusted or ashamed by what they have heard about abuse within the Church that they no longer want to be part of it. All these groups and others are represented by "The Empty Chair".

What is Safeguarding? Safeguarding is about protecting ourselves and others from harm. We all get things wrong, and sometimes the things we do and say can hurt others, or we can get hurt by them. This can happen anywhere - at church, school, home, or with friends – and makes us feel sad, worried, or confused. Just like an umbrella that keeps us safe from the rain, safeguarding protects us from being hurt by others. It's important because each of us is special to God and deserves to feel, and be, safe. In our country we have rules and laws to help keep people safe. Just like a lollipop person helps us cross the road safely, we have people in our church who make sure we follow these rules to make it a safe place. Everyone has a job to do.

If you ever feel worried, upset, or unsure about something that happened to you or someone else, tell someone you trust. By speaking up, we can help keep everyone safe. Remember, safeguarding is all about protecting ourselves and others from harm.

Calling Foundation Governors: A virtual information session about being a foundation governor in one of our Catholic schools is taking place on **Wednesday 18th June from 7pm – 8pm**. Contact Gill.burns@nottingham-des.org.uk to register or See poster for further information.

The Diocesan Archives service is looking to acquire any old books, letters, photographs, etc pertaining to Catholic life in the diocese, that parishes or individuals are preparing to get rid of. Please note that anything we cannot ourselves use will be disposed of appropriately. Please contact us at archives@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Finances

St. Mary's and St. John Bosco made a loss of around £13,000 for tax year 24-25. This was to be expected due to the work done in that year and the wonderful news is that even though we made a loss the income was over £97,000 which is the largest income at these two parishes for many a year. If we got near that this year we should be moving towards full financial health. St. Edward's made a wonderful surplus of nearly £6,000. May God bless you all in your giving and for your generosity.

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 continued Eastertide prayers for you all, Fr. John

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