



**St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, and St. Edward's**  
**Twenty-First Week of Ordinary Time, Year C**

**Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:30pm** *St John Bosco*, **Confession**

**Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> 6pm** *St John Bosco*, **Solemn Mass**, Witold (Victor) Pruchniak RIP and Alma Robinson RIP (B'day).

**Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> 9am** *St Edward's*, **Solemn Mass**, Holy Souls

**Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> 11am** *St. Mary's*, **Solemn Mass**, Bridget O'Connell RIP and for all the living and dead Carson and O'Connell family members

**Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm** *St Mary's*, **Confession**

**Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> 6pm (no incense)** *St. Mary's*, **Solemn Mass**, Ellen Hickey RIP

**Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> 6:15pm** *St. Mary's*, **Choir Practice**

**Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> 10am** *St. John Bosco*, **Mass** Claude Mesias RIP

**Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> 6:40pm** *St Mary's*, **Confession**

**Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> 7:10pm** *St. Mary's*, **Benediction**

**Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> 7:45pm** *St. Mary's Hall*, **Liturgy Discussion (All Welcome)**

**Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> 10am** *St Edward's*, **Mass of St. Monica** Holy Souls

**Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> 10am** *St. Mary's*, **Mass of St. Augustine** Ellen Hickey RIP

**Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm** *St. Mary's* **Mass of St Augustine** All Parishioners

**Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> 7:15pm** *St. Mary's*, **Journey of Faith (RCIA) Join Anytime**

**Fri. 29<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm** *St Edwards Hall* **Chat and Craft Group. All Welcome**

**Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm** *St John Bosco*, **Confession**

**Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> 6pm** *St John Bosco*, **Solemn Mass**, Holy Souls

**Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> 6pm** Countesthorpe Crematorium, **Interment** of Mary Grant RIP

**Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> 9am** *St Edward's*, **Solemn Mass**, Holy Souls

**Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> 11am** *St. Mary's*, **Solemn Mass**, Maureen McCay RIP

**Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> 2pm** *St. Mary's*, **Baptism** Sonny

**Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> 5:30pm** *St Mary's*, **Confession**

**Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> 6pm (no incense)** *St. Mary's*, **Solemn Mass**, Jayne and Robert Pryce Well Being

**Sick and Housebound Parishioners:** inform Fr. John to arrange a visit.

**Church Office email:** There is a new email address for the parish office. It is [mjeoffice@proton.me](mailto:mjeoffice@proton.me) This covers all three churches.

**On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm at St Mary's, Fr. John will be inducted as our Parish Priest by Vicar General, Fr. Eddy. All Welcome.**

**St. Mary's Camping Club Rally:** The next SMCC rally will take place over the August Bank Holiday weekend 22 – 25 August at Monk's Barn Caravan Site, Shipton Road, Stratford upon Avon CV37 8NA. New members are always welcome. For more details, please contact Paul Turner 07759 902214

**Mt. St. Bernard Abbey Jubilee of Hope Pilgrimage:** 31<sup>st</sup> August at 2pm. Outdoor Mass, Family Picnic (Please bring your own picnic), Marian Procession and Adoration. Contact [jnoakes@englishmartyrs.org](mailto:jnoakes@englishmartyrs.org)

**Awakening Catholic Evangelisation & Healing Service:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 9am – 4pm, Bethel Convention Centre, West Bromwich, B70 7JW. For coach arrangements contact Arun on 07392928576 or see [www.afcmuk.org](http://www.afcmuk.org)

**St Mary's Patronal Feast 7<sup>th</sup> September:** After the 11am Mass to celebrate our Lady's birthday, there will be a **BBQ in the hall and car park**. We do ask everyone to contribute something towards the BBQ, either in skills, eg: cooking (very important), or bringing meat, vegetarian substitutes, bread rolls, crisps, drinks, desserts etc. This year Peter and his family (of Curry night fame) have offered to put on a salad bar, so we won't need any extra salads! There will be people hanging around before and after Mass at St Mary's over the next few weeks with lists. Please jot down what you could bring so we can attempt to achieve a balance. We also need an extra BBQ if anyone has one they can transport to and from St Mary's? **Parishioners who attend the other Masses across the parishes are warmly invited to join us at 12.15pm for the BBQ.**

**Coffee Morning** for **MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT** on **Friday September 12<sup>th</sup>** at 29 Wellhouse Close, Wigston, LE18 2RQ. 10.30am - 1.30pm then 7.30pm until the cakes run out! Everyone is welcome, please do come along and join lots of friends and / or meet new ones as we raise money for this worthy cause. See Margaret Shryane for more information.

**Quiz night Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September - St Mary's hall 7.30pm:** Create your own team, or just come and join a team on the night to win the prizes. A simple supper will be provided for a £5+ donation: jacket potatoes with choice of fillings and salad. Bring your own drinks and a small raffle prize. Tickets will be on sale and it will be drawn at the end of the evening. Come

and get to know your fellow parishioners in a fun and relaxed environment. Please let us know if you are coming.

**St. Edwards BBQ: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm.** £5pp. Contact Julie for more info and how you can help. All Welcome.

**Craft Fayre Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October St John Bosco Hall 10am – 3pm:**

Do you or someone you know do any type of craft? There are still a few tables available. See Rita, Keith or Pat for more information. Even more importantly, put it in your diaries and make the effort to pop in to see what is available. Grab the chance to pick up some early, and unique, Christmas presents. Please bring it to the attention of your friends and family.

**St. Edward's Christmas Fayre Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November:** 12-3pm. Contact Julie if you can help in anyway. This replaces the Autumn Fayre.

### **Catechesis of the Week**

“If God is good, why is there evil and sin in the world?”

The Catholic Church teaches that God did not create evil. He created us free, because love cannot be forced. Sin entered the world when our first parents misused that freedom (Genesis 3). The Fall wounded human nature, but did not destroy it. CCC 386: “Sin is present in human history; any attempt to ignore it or to give this dark reality other names would be futile.”

So where is the Good News? God did not abandon us. From the very moment of the Fall, He promised a Saviour (Gen 3:15). Evil is real, but Christ has conquered it by His Cross and Resurrection. Our part is to turn away from sin and receive God's mercy in the sacraments, especially Reconciliation. The problem is not that God is absent, but that He loves us enough to let us choose — and merciful enough to save us when we fall, if we'll let Him.

### **Thinking About a Sacrament?**

Many people reach a moment when they feel drawn to one of the Church's sacraments:

- Parents seeking Baptism for their child
- Children longing for their First Holy Communion
- Young people desiring the graces of Confirmation
- Couples hoping to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage
- Adults thinking of returning to Confession or even being received into the Catholic Church

If this is you, or someone in your family, the first step is very simple: speak to Fr. John. The sacraments are not just ceremonies or milestones — they are real encounters with Jesus Christ, where He gives us His grace, forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, and draws us deeper into His life. They are treasures of the Church, given to help us on the journey to heaven.

How it works:

- A conversation with Fr. John begins the process.
- Together we discern what is needed: sometimes that means preparation sessions, sometimes it means simply being ready.
- Preparation is personal — one-to-one or as a family, so it fits where you are in faith and life.

A word about readiness:

The sacraments are celebrations of faith. For example, First Holy Communion or Confirmation cannot be received apart from a life of faith that is lived — especially by being present at Sunday Mass. If you or your child are not yet there, don't worry — you are still very welcome to come and talk. We will walk with you, answer questions, and help you grow in faith at your own pace. This means:

If you are ready, we will prepare you for the sacrament itself.

If you are not yet ready, we will help you begin the journey of faith — through simple steps like prayer, conversations, and coming to Mass.

Either way, the door is always open.

Interested? Speak to Fr. John directly after Mass, or email [frowens@pm.me](mailto:frowens@pm.me)

Don't wait — if God is prompting you, take the next step today.

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