

ST. MARY'S • ST. JOHN BOSCO • ST. EDWARD'S

Third Week of Eastertide, Lectionary Year A, 2026

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Christ is risen, and in Him all things are made new

Saturday 18th April

5.30pm: **Confession** - **St. John Bosco's**
6pm: **Holy Mass** - **St. John Bosco's**, Belinda

Sunday 19th April - Third Sunday of Easter

9am: **Holy Mass** - **St. Edward's**, Caelum
11am: **Holy Mass** - **St. Mary's**, John Ryan RIP
5.30pm: **Confession** - **St. Mary's**
6pm: **Holy Mass** - **St. Mary's**, All Parishioners

Monday 20th April

7pm: **Pause and Reflect** - **St. Edward's**, All Welcome

Wednesday 22nd April

10am: **Holy Mass** - **St. Edward's**, Claude & Maria Mesias RIP

Thursday 23rd April - St. George, Martyr, Patron of England

10am: **Holy Mass** - **St. Mary's**, Molly Bailey RIP
6pm: **Confession** - **St. Mary's**
6.30pm: *Exploring Faith* - **St. Mary's**, For those exploring the Catholic faith, those considering reception into full communion, and Catholics who would like a deeper grounding in the faith.

Friday 24th April (No Meat Today)

10am: **Holy Mass** - **St. John Bosco's**, Shanu Shaji (Thanks.)
1-3pm: **Chat and Craft Group** - **St. Edward's**

Saturday 25th April

5.30pm: **Confession** - **St. John Bosco's**
6pm: **Holy Mass** - **St. John Bosco's** Harold & Gerardo Mesias

Sunday 26th April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

9am: **Holy Mass** - **St. Edward's**, James & Kathleen McCay
11am: **Holy Mass** - **St. Mary's**, Hugh Tuckerman RIP
5.30pm: **Confession** - **St. Mary's**
6pm: **Holy Mass** - **St. Mary's**, All Parishioners

Parish Prayer Booklet

I have prepared a Parish Prayer Booklet for our group of parishes, with a simple cycle of morning and evening prayer for each day of the week. Rooted in the life of St Mary's, St John Bosco's, and St Edward's, it is intended to help us grow in regular prayer at home and to deepen the spiritual life of our parish families. Please pick one up from Church or see it on our website at: <https://cathparishmje.co.uk/parish-prayer-book/>

For Your Prayers

Please pray for the sick of the parish and for those recently deceased
Please pray for those preparing for Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, or reception into the Church.
Please pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

From the Parish Priest:

As we continue through the Third Week of Eastertide, it is good to remember that Easter is not only a feast to be celebrated, but a life to be lived. The joy of the Resurrection must gradually pass into our ordinary habits, our prayer, our speech, our homes, and our daily decisions. It is easy to keep Easter well when the church is full, the ceremonies are solemn, and the great feast is fresh in our minds. It is harder, and often more fruitful, to keep Easter well in the quieter weeks that follow, when Christian life returns to its ordinary rhythm.

For that reason, I encourage you this week to do some simple and definite things. Be faithful to your morning and evening prayers, even if only for a few minutes. Read one of the Resurrection Gospel passages at home and sit with it quietly. Make a real thanksgiving after Mass instead of rushing away the moment Mass ends. If you need to go to confession, do not keep putting it off. If you have fallen out of good habits, Eastertide is a very good time to begin again.

The risen Lord is not honoured only by our words, but by a life that shows signs of conversion. That may mean greater patience at home, more charity in speech, more seriousness about Sunday Mass, more attention in prayer, or a more generous care for those around us. The grace of Easter is not meant to remain in church alone; it is meant to reshape the way we live each day.

So during this week, choose one thing and do it well. Pray with more attention. Come to Mass with greater recollection. Make a better confession. Put aside some time for silence. Read the Scriptures. Make an act of charity that costs you something. If we are faithful in such ordinary things, then the joy of Easter will not fade, but will take deeper root in our souls. Let us ask the risen Lord for the grace not only to celebrate His Resurrection, but to live as those who truly believe that He is alive.

Notices

Daily Homilies/Sermons are to be found at <https://cathparishmje.co.uk/homilies/>

Bible Studies on a growing list of the books of the Bible are to be found at <https://cathparishmje.co.uk/bible-studies/>

RCIA Resources are on our website to help those who want to study the Catholic Faith but who maybe are not ready to join with us yet. They can be found at <https://cathparishmje.co.uk/an-introduction-to-the-catholic-faith-rcia-resources/> Scroll down the page to access the topics.

Exploring Faith - Every Thursday 6:30pm at St. Mary's

Exploring Faith is for those who are curious about the Catholic faith, those considering becoming Catholic or being received into full communion with the Church, and also for Catholics who would like a deeper grounding in what the Church teaches. It offers a space in which to ask questions, learn more about prayer, Scripture, the sacraments, and the Christian life, and to reflect seriously on the truth and beauty of the faith. There is no pressure that anyone must take a further step; it is simply an invitation to come, listen, ask, and explore.

Parish Social

Saturday 2nd May 7.15pm - St. John Bosco's Hall - Curry, DJ, Bingo Night hosted by members of the Goan community.

Day out to Crich Tramway Museum

Saturday 23rd May leaving St Edwards at 8am. If there are 10 or more people for the trip the Crich Tramway Museum will be giving us a discount instead of £25.00 it is the price of £18.00 adults/seniors and children £13.00. If you wish to visit please see Marysia at St. Edwards Church with your payment. It is always a lovely day out, so it would be good to see people from St. Edward's, St. Mary's and St. John Bosco's, as we sure know how to have a good time together. Mass at the Briars Catholic Youth Centre will be on the programme.

Safeguarding Rep. and Rotas: Hilari Chetwood: [07734 690611](tel:07734690611)

Appeal for Essential Building Works at St. Mary's and St. John Bosco

We are currently facing £14,876.20 of necessary building costs for two gates and two rooftops, and we are still £5000 short of the amount needed to cover the fire door at St. John Bosco's. Without further support, these expenses would leave the parish around £30,000 below the level needed to keep one year's running costs in reserve. Any help, large or small, would be greatly appreciated so that we can keep all our buildings open and fit for purpose.

Easy Fundraising

Shop online and help the parish, with no cost to you. 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

Donations to your Parish via Bank Transfer

Acc: St Mary and St J B S Wigston RCP, SC: 30-15-97, AN: 00346385
Acc: St Edward Conf Leicester RCP, SC: 30-15-97, AN: 00554352

Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the life and mission of the parishes.