

The Cappella Lacensis presents Bach and Mendelssohn: The eternal legacy, being sung at St Mary's Church in the Lace Market, Nottingham, NG1 1HN, at 7.00pm on Thursday 23rd July. All are very welcome! There is no cost, but a donation of £10 is suggested.

A Thought from St Alban

This week the Church honours St Alban, the first martyr of Britain. Alban gave shelter to a Christian priest and, through that witness, came to faith himself. His courage reminds us that holiness often begins with simple acts of welcome, kindness, and fidelity. In a world where faith can easily become private or hidden, St Alban encourages us to be steady witnesses to Christ in ordinary life. We may not be asked to shed our blood for the faith, but we are all called to live it with courage, charity, and perseverance.

St Alban, pray for us.

Keeping Our Parish Family Connected

Across St Mary's, St John Bosco, and St Edward's, we want to strengthen communication so that parishioners in all three churches feel informed and included. Please make regular use of the newsletter, website, and parish notices for Mass times, sacramental information, parish events, school news, diocesan notices, and opportunities for prayer and formation. Items for the wider parish community should be sent to Fr. John in good time. May our two parishes and three churches continue to grow together in faith, charity, and shared mission.

If You Desire a Sacrament

If you or your child is seeking Baptism, Confession, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Holy Orders, or Anointing of the Sick, please speak to Fr. John in the first instance.

You do not need to have everything worked out before beginning.

The parish is here to accompany you with patience, prayer, and care.

If you desire a sacrament, do not hesitate to ask.

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Donations via Bank Transfer

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St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, and St. Edward's
Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time, Lectionary Year A, 2026
Website: cathparishmje.co.uk Phone: 07354 832195
Email: cathparishmje@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Saturday 13th June - Memorial Immaculate Heart, Blessed Virgin Mary

5:20pm Confession St. John Bosco's
6pm Vigil Mass St. John Bosco's, Harry Callaghan RIP

Sunday 14th June - Eleventh Sunday of the Year

9am Holy Mass St. Edward's, David & Mary Ellen Hudson RIP
10:30am Rosary St. Mary's
11am Holy Mass St. Mary's, Macklan (for health and grace)
5:30pm Confession St. Mary's
6pm Holy Mass St. Mary's, All Parishioners

Tuesday 16th June - St. Richard of Chichester

1pm Funeral Service St. Mary's, Michael Jones RIP

Wednesday 17th June

10am Holy Mass St. Edward's, Dean Moore (Well-Being)

Thursday 18th June

10am Holy Mass St. Mary's, Laurence Toner RIP

Friday 19th June (No Meat Today) - Memorial of St. Romuald, abbot

10am Holy Mass St. John Bosco, Bishop John Hayes RIP

Saturday 20th June - Memorial of St. Alban

5:20pm Confession St. John Bosco's
6pm Vigil Mass St. John Bosco's, Ellen Hickey RIP

Sunday 21st June - Twelfth Sunday of the Year

9am Holy Mass St. Edward's, Allegra and Caelum (Health)
10:30am Rosary St. Mary's
11am Holy Mass St. Mary's, Britney & Bleslie Intentions
5:30pm Confession St. Mary's
6pm Holy Mass St. Mary's, All Parishioners

Parish Prayer Intention

This week we pray especially for all who are seeking the sacraments, returning to the Church, preparing for Baptism, or desiring to grow again in

faith. May the Lord guide them gently, strengthen their families, and lead them deeper into His grace. We also keep all those who celebrated their first communions in our prayers and they continue to walk with Jesus.

St John Fisher School: Words of the Week

This week, the words of the week at St. John Fisher Catholic School are missionary discipleship. A disciple is someone who follows Jesus, listens to His word, learns from Him, and tries to live as He teaches. Discipleship is not only for adults; it begins in small daily choices — kindness, honesty, prayer, forgiveness, courage, and love. We pray for all the children, families, staff, and governors of St John Fisher School, that they may grow as faithful disciples of Christ. St John Fisher, pray for us.

A Sacramental Vision for Our Parish

At St Mary's, St John Bosco, and St Edward's, the sacraments are not simply ceremonies to complete, but encounters with Christ and journeys of grace.

Our parish preparation now begins with a personal conversation. We want to meet individuals and families where they are, listen carefully, encourage growth in Sunday Mass and prayer, and walk together at the pace of grace.

If you or your child is seeking Baptism, Confession, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Holy Orders, or Anointing of the Sick, please speak to Fr John in the first instance. He will help you begin the right preparation pathway. Further information about each sacrament can also be found on the parish website under The Sacraments: cathparishmje.co.uk

Our Parish Website is continuing to grow as a place of prayer, teaching, and practical help for parish life and is now being used for content for other parishes in the Diocese.

Under **The Sacraments**, you will now find information about Baptism, Confession, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Vocations, and Anointing of the Sick. These pages explain not only what to arrange, but what the sacraments are: real encounters with Jesus Christ, through which He gives grace, forgiveness, healing, strength, and new life. Families returning to the Church after time away are especially welcome.

The website also includes **daily homilies**, which can be found under Grow in Faith → Homilies. These are offered to help parishioners continue reflecting on the Word of God during the week, especially if they wish to return prayerfully to the message of the Mass.

There is also a growing **Bible Studies** section. Under Grow in Faith → Bible Studies → Bible Books, you will find material on the Gospel according to St Matthew, beginning with Matthew Chapter 1. These reflections are intended to help adults, parents, catechists, and families read Scripture with the mind of the Church and see how the Bible leads us to Christ, the sacraments, the liturgy, and daily Catholic life. Please do make use of the website regularly: **cathparishmje.co.uk** It is there to support parishioners, families, enquirers, and anyone wishing to grow more deeply in the Catholic faith.

Earlier Confessions at St John Bosco

Confessions at St John Bosco will be available this Saturday from 5:20pm, before the 6pm Vigil Mass. Please make use of this opportunity to receive the Lord's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Diocesan Walsingham Pilgrimage is taking place on Saturday 20th June. The itinerary is: 12 noon – arrivals at the Anglican Shrine in Walsingham village (coaches please park at the village coach park); 12.45 pm – opening liturgy and procession of Our Lady to the Catholic shrine; 3pm – divine mercy chaplet at the Catholic shrine; 3.30pm Holy Mass in the Catholic shrine. All are very welcome!

Parishioners from across our diocese are welcome to attend the **Diocesan Rodsley pilgrimage Mass** in honour of saint ralph sherwin at 1.00pm on tuesday 30th june. Mass will be celebrated by bishop patrick at saint marys church, derby. If you have any questions please contact jamie agius at jagius@srsrmat.co.uk

The inter-diocesan Padley pilgrimage will be celebrated on Sunday 12th July: gather at Grindleford train station for the rosary procession at 3.00pm; followed by Mass at Padley at 3.30pm celebrated by Bishop Patrick. All are very welcome.

Respond to Our Lady's invitation and join Bishop Patrick in the **Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage 2026**. Places are still available, departing from east midlands airport on Monday 13th July, to enjoy five days in Lourdes with over 200 people from across our diocese. Those with additional needs will be cared for by our health team and helpers' team. Mary invites us all to come to this holy place. More details from the tour operator: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-nottingham/>