



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF  
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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT &  
FIRST WEEK OF LENT: 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week I)

<b><u>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February:</u> <i>First Sunday of Lent: A</i></b>	<b><i>PARISH FINANCES</i></b>
5:30pm: Confessions 6:00 pm: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	
<b><u>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March:</u> <i>First Sunday of Lent: A</i></b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> / 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2020
9:00 am: Mass; Bob Solloway RIP (Walton) 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Cyprie Hillier RIP (Halliday) 8:30 pm: Beeston Men: Adoration (Blessed Sacrament Chapel) & Ales	Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: <b>TOTAL:</b> Chad: Intercare: SVP:
<b><u>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March:</u> <i>Lenten Feria</i></b>	Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.
9:00 am: Mass; Nancy Burrows RIP (Wilson) 9:30 am: (St Francis); Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
<b><u>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:</u> <i>Lenten Feria</i></b>	
9:30 am: Mass (St Francis); Special Intention 1:00 pm: Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
<b><u>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March:</u> <i>Lenten Feria</i></b>	
7:00 pm: Mass; Holy Souls	
<b><u>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March:</u> <i>Lenten Feria</i></b>	
9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion 9:30 am: Mass (St Francis); Intention of Fr John Cairns	
<b><u>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March:</u> <i>Lenten Feria</i></b>	
1:00 pm: Service of the Word and Holy Communion 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross	
<b><u>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March:</u> <i>Lenten Feria</i></b>	Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick: Isobel Alana Barnes, Marica Borsos, Jessie Breame, Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim & Margaret Dougan, Fr Theodore Gomes, Ann Harrison, Fr Peter Harvey, Andrea Hoffman, Breeda Keaney, Elizabeth Reilly, Alan Roberts, Maria Sawicki, Simpson Family and Evelyn Venning.
10:45 am: Confessions	
<b><u>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March:</u> <i>Second Sunday of Lent: A</i></b>	
5:30 pm: Confessions 6:00 pm: Mass; Felix Gildea RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) (Gildea Family)	
<b><u>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March:</u> <i>Second Sunday of Lent: A</i></b>	<b><u>WALK WITH ME</u></b> A Lenten Journey of Prayer for 2020 booklets available at the back of Church £ 1.00 each.
9:00 am: Mass; Dina & John Whitfield RIP	
11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Pro Populo; People of the Parish 4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross & Benediction	

**Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to [frcathomas@live.com](mailto:frcathomas@live.com) by Thursday of each week for inclusion in the next issue.**

<b>ROTAS:</b>	<i>6:00 pm</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>
<b>Welcomers:</b>		M Simpson & L Newbold
<b>Next Week:</b>		M Neale & M Castor
<b>Readers:</b>	P Hubberstey	S O'Brien
<b>Next Week:</b>	M Sully	S Hodgkinson
<b>Offertory:</b>	A Simmons & Volunteer	M Ferrara & N Iacovotti
<b>Next Week:</b>	J Brennan & J Fox	R & N Wilson
<b>Coffee:</b>	R Marlow & V Loffreda	<b>Next Week:</b> M Castor & M Neale
<b>Cashiers:</b>	J Walton	<b>Next Week:</b> A Simmons
	<b>THIS WEEK</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK</b>
<b>Flowers:</b>	NO FLOWERS IN LENT	<b>Next Week:</b> NO FLOWERS IN LENT
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Team Newbold	<b>Next Week:</b> Team Shalloe
<b>Hall Cleaning:</b>	Maggie, Maria & Adriane	<b>Next Week:</b> Arnd, Nuala & Alessia
<b>Brasses:</b>	-	<b>Next Week:</b> M Castor

**POOR CLARES:** The Sisters send their grateful thanks for the food donations and gifts which they received from our Parish. They want you all to know that you are remembered in their daily prayers and what a huge help your gifts are now that there are so many more sisters at Bulwell. The next visit will be *Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020* and I will also be visiting them in Holy week to ensure they have our gifts and donations in time for their Easter celebrations. – *Diane Wilson*.

**FAIR TRADE: THIS WEEKEND** Many thanks to everyone who supported the Fair Trade sale. Details of the takings and profits made are on the Fair Trade board at the back of the Church and as before we are continuing to support Mary's Meals with all profit made. The next sale will be the weekend *28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020*.

**CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY:** This Lent, CAFOD's Family Fast Day is an opportunity to reach out to some of the poorest, most marginalised of our sisters and brothers. Your donations go to highly-trained, highly-skilled local experts around the world who save and support the health of the world's poorest families. Sister Consilia is one of these people. She is a nun in an out-of-town health centre in Zimbabwe. Sister Consilia is a trained pharmacist who saves lives each and every day. Without support like yours, her brilliant work just couldn't continue as there wouldn't be enough funding to support it. But we urgently need your help to fund more local experts like Sister Consilia to reach out to even more people who need treatment, care and love. **THIS Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020**, will you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Sister Consilia to continue her life-saving work – helping the health of the world's poorest people? Through CAFOD's global Church family – one of the largest aid networks in the world – your support can reach to the ends of the earth. Please collect your Family Fast Day envelope from Church this week and give whatever you can.

**FRIDAY LENTEN SOUP:** Continues *THIS Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020, after the 1:00 pm Service*. Homemade soup and a roll will be served in the Hall on the Fridays of Lent. There will be a choice of two different soups each week for a donation of £ 2.50 per person with all donations going to CAFOD. All welcome.

**PARISH PANCAKE SOCIAL:** Thank to all who attended – £ 40.00 was raised which will be donated to The Canaan Trust.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** the next Holy Communion Classes will be after Mass *THIS Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020*.

**PARISH TRIP TO ST MARY'S SEMINARY, OSCOTT, SUTTON COLDFIELD – WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2020:** Leaving Beeston at 10:00 am approx. This Trip includes a Tour of the Seminary and Tea and Cake. The cost of the tour is £10 each which needs to be paid to Marie Calladine by *29<sup>th</sup> February / 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020* there will also be an additional cost of transport. Please note that the Seminary does not have a lift and there are quite a few stairs (for further information please speak to Fr Christopher). If you wish to go please put your name on the list at the back of Church, please note there are limited places available.

**RCIA PROGRAMME:** Our Parishes RCIA Course continues *THIS Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7:30 pm* in the Parish Hall. The subject for this week: *"Liturgy and The Sacraments."* All welcome.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** is a peaceful and prayerful way to work for an end to abortion. In Nottingham, with the support of Bishop Patrick, we have prayed outside the abortion facility at the QMC during Lent over the last few years: routine abortions no longer take place there. This year we will be at the Stapleford Care Centre, which contains a BPAS abortion clinic. You're invited to stand and peacefully pray for an hour or two during a 40 – Day Vigil running for 12 hours daily during Lent. Please **sign up now** to pray with us at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/Nottingham> or contact us at [40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com).

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020:** Praying with Zimbabwe *Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March* at The Parish Church of St John the Baptist Beeston at 10:30 am. A Service for everyone. For more information see: [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk)

**THE NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH:** will take place from *10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020* at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and at Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and / or to request a Novena Booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena Prayer. Please write to the Novena Director, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT or e – mail: [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com).

**PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI:** *21<sup>st</sup> June 2020 for 5 nights*, leaving Birmingham airport on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June, returning Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Staying the Hotel Frate Sole in Santa Maria degli Angeli on a half-board basis, for £649 based on two sharing. A wonderful itinerary visiting the holy city of Assisi with its Basilicas and a special visit to La Verna, the place where St Francis received the stigmata. Join Fr Joe Wheat and Fr Paul Newman on this Pilgrimage. For further information or booking forms contact the parish office on 0115 950 1064 or email [office@ourladyandstedward.org](mailto:office@ourladyandstedward.org)