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**TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: FIFTH (PASSION) SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR: B**

**Fifth Week of Lent: 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week I)**

<b>V</b>	<b><u>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March:</u></b> <i><u>Fifth (Passion) Sunday of Lent</u></i>	<u>PARISH FINANCES</u>
	5:00 pm; Confessions 5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Brian Evans RIP (Twomey)	
<b>V</b>	<b><u>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March:</u></b> <i><u>Fifth (Passion) Sunday of Lent</u></i>	9 <sup>th</sup> / 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
	9:00 am: Mass; Lally & Costello Family 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Nora T Morgans RIP (15 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) (Harvey) 4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross & Benediction	Envelopes: £ 174. 50 Loose Plate: £ 378. 75 S / Orders: £ 403. 50
<b>V</b>	<b><u>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March:</u></b> <i><u>Lenten Feria</u></i>	<u>TOTAL: £ 956. 75</u>
	10:00 am: Mass; Intentions of the Poor Clares (Hereford) (O'Connor)	
<b>W</b>	<b><u>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March:</u></b> <i><u>St Joseph, Spouse of the BVM (Solemnity)</u></i>	Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.
	10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Mary Goodhind RIP (Anniv) (David)	
<b>V</b>	<b><u>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March:</u></b> <i><u>Lenten Feria</u></i>	Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick: Kathleen Anderson, Isobel Alana Barnes, Marica Borsos, Jessie Breame, Margaret Brown, Des Burrows Ann Harrison, Fr Peter Harvey, Andrea Hoffman, Breda Keaney, Brenda Lowe, Julie Mortimer, Anne – Marie Reid, Simpson Family, Kay Twomey, Evelyn Venning and John Wilcox.
	10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	
<b>V</b>	<b><u>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March:</u></b> <i><u>Lenten Feria</u></i>	
	NO MORNING MASS	
<b>V</b>	<b><u>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:</u></b> <i><u>Lenten Feria</u></i>	
	10:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls 5:30 pm: Stations of the Cross (St Francis) 7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross	
<b>R</b>	<b><u>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:</u></b> <i><u>Palm Sunday</u></i>	
	5:00 pm Confessions 5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Brian Evans RIP (Curtis)	
<b>R</b>	<b><u>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March:</u></b> <i><u>Palm Sunday</u></i>	
	9:00 am: Mass; Jack Edwards RIP (Gabriela) 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); James Willis RIP (O' Hara) 4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross & Benediction	

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

**PARISH PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION:** To mark 70 years of our Parish Church and 40 years of our Parish Hall we will be celebrating with a Mass and a Hog Roast on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024** at **6:30 pm**. Tickets will be on sale for this event priced at £15 per Adult – Children (5 – 16 year-olds) £10. Ticket price includes Hog Roast, various salads, cake, soft drinks and wine and will be on sale from **6<sup>th</sup> /7<sup>th</sup> April 2024**, so please put this date in your diary and save for your ticket, to come and enjoy a great evening celebrating our Parish Community. (**NB:** There will be Vegan/Vegetarian options available).

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR EASTER FLOWERS NEXT WEEKEND**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The next Class for the First Holy Communion course for the Children and their Parents, “*Glory to God in the Highest,*” will be on **Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024 before Mass at 10:00 am** in St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall. “*The Word of the Lord,*” will be on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024, after Mass** in The Assumption Parish Hall. If for any reason you are unable to attend these classes, please contact me as soon as possible to let me know.

**LENTEN SOUP:** Continues on **Fridays during Lent**, there will be homemade soup and a bread roll served in the Parish Hall at **1:00 pm**. The cost is £ 3.00 and proceeds will go to Mary’s Meals. Everyone is welcome.

**EASTER CHOCOLATE RAFFLE:** Tickets will be on sale from THIS **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024** for an Easter Chocolate Hamper. £1 per strip and all proceeds for Church Funds. The winning ticket will be drawn on Easter Sunday.

**REPOSITORY:** There is a further improved selection of new cards for sale at the back of Church.

**HOW DO I KNOW IF GOD IS CALLING ME TO BE A PRIEST?:** Want to speak to someone about whether God might be calling you to the priesthood? Contact Fr Neil Peoples, Vocations Director, at [vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or call 01283564814.



**CAFOD’S BIG LENT WALK!** This Lent English Martyrs’ is supporting CAFOD and joining other schools around the country to help fight poverty around the world. To raise money, we’re going to have a **Big Community Walk** on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**. Starting at **11:00 am** and Walking from **Attenborough Visitor Centre** to **The Assumption, Beeston (stop for a cup of tea and snack)** and back again. The walk will be about 10 km and you can choose if you want to complete the circuit or just walk one way! More details to follow. Additionally, some members of staff are walking 5km each day in Lent to total 200km. **Join as a family!** We have set up a school community fundraising page for you to join if you would like to take part or to share so we can build the funds as a community. Visit [www.Justgiving.com](http://www.Justgiving.com) and search for English Martyrs’ Big Lent Walk or scan the QR code below to join or donate. We really appreciate your support and hope that everyone has fun helping us raise money for CAFOD. For more information about CAFOD please visit [cafod.org.uk/families](http://cafod.org.uk/families) – *The English Martyrs’ Parish Ambassadors*.



**A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT:** Prayer is not always easy; often it demands of us a struggle with God and a recognition of our weakness and frailty before Him and His will. Yet it is precisely in that struggle and in our woundedness that we experience the healing power of grace and grow in faith. Let us pray for the gift always to be open to this encounter with God, to the conversion of our hearts, and to the many blessings the Lord wishes to pour upon us. (Full reflection at [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer))