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and

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Times of Masses and other Services: First Sunday of Lent: C.

First Week of Lent: 9th – 15th March 2025 (Weekday Cycle Year I / Psalter Week I)

PARISH FINANCES	
V	<p><u>Saturday 8th March:</u> <i>First Sunday of Lent: Year C</i></p> <p>5:00pm: Confessions</p> <p>5:30pm: Vigil Mass; Holy Souls</p>
V	<p><u>Sunday 9th March:</u> <i>First Sunday of Lent: Year C</i></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Deceased Members of the Whitfield Family</p> <p>11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Pro Populo: People of the Parish</p> <p>3:00 pm: Rite of Election St Barnabas Cathedral</p>
V	<p><u>Monday 10th March:</u> <i>Lenten Feria</i></p> <p>10:30 am: Requiem Mass; Oscar Harrison RIP</p>
V	<p><u>Tuesday 11th March:</u> <i>Lenten Feria</i></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Kevin Rigley RIP (Annivers) (Hearson)</p> <p>11:45 am: Funeral Service (St Francis); Cornelius Hanrahan RIP</p>
V	<p><u>Wednesday 12th March:</u> <i>Lenten Feria</i></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls</p>
V	<p><u>Thursday 13th March:</u> <i>Lenten Feria</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO MORNING MASS</p>
V	<p><u>Friday 14th March:</u> <i>Lenten Feria (CAFOD Lent Fast Day)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Confessions before Mass</p> <p>12:00 pm: Mass; Margaret Simmons RIP (Birthday) (Alan)</p> <p>7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross (Assumption & St Francis)</p>
V	<p><u>Saturday 15th March:</u> <i>Lenten Feria</i></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Private Intention</p>
V	<p><u>Saturday 15th March:</u> <i>Second Sunday of Lent: Year C</i></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions</p> <p>5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish</p>
V	<p><u>Sunday 16th March:</u> <i>Second Sunday of Lent: Year C</i></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Special Intention</p> <p>11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Jim Willis RIP (Kathleen)</p> <p>4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross & Benediction</p>
<p><i>1st / 2nd March</i></p> <p><i>2025</i></p>	
<p>Envelopes: £ 211. 00</p> <p>Loose Plate: £ 386. 13</p> <p>S / Orders: £ 475. 70</p> <p><u>TOTAL: £ 1072. 83</u></p>	
<p><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i></p>	
<p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></p> <p>Louise Aldred, Kathleen Anderson, Isobel Alana Barnes, Marica Borsos, Mary Evans, Ann Harrison, Andrea Hoffman, Breda Keaney, Francis Kildear, Brenda Lowe, Jim Lowe, Michael Morrissey, Julie Mortimer, Anne – Marie Reid, Simpson Family, Eileen Thompson Kay Twomey, Evelyn Venning and John Wilcox.</p>	

SUNDAY MISSALS (Proper Prayers & Readings pages 207ff / Order of the Mass pages 522ff).
REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Oscar Harrison*, formerly of Greenland Crescent, Beeston who died on Monday 13th January 2025. Oscar's Requiem Mass will take place on **Monday 10th March 2025 at 10:30 am**, followed by burial at Beeston Cemetery. Also, *Maureen Stratford*, formerly of Ireton Grove, who died on Friday 10th January 2025 and Maureen's Funeral arrangements will appear in the Newsletter when known. Also *Cornelius Hanrahan* formerly of Sandwell Close, Long Eaton who died on Friday 7th February 2025. Cornelius' Funeral Service will take place on **Tuesday 11th March 2025 at 11:45 am** St Francis of Assisi Church followed by burial at Longmoor Cemetery. We remember them and their families in our prayers. May they rest in peace.

MISSIO: Please can you hand in all your Red Boxes. This Jubilee Year, let us bring hope to those in need around the world and to those who continue to spread the Good News. There are plenty of spare boxes for anyone that would like one. – *Kerry Garton*

CAFOD LENT APPEAL – FAMILY FAST DAY (FRIDAY 14th MARCH 2025): Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You will be supporting communities suffering the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope at the back of Church, donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

RCIA PROGRAMME: Our Parishes RCIA Course will continue **THIS Monday, 10th March 2025 at 7:30 pm** in the Assumption Church Hall. The subject for this Session will be *Grace and the Beatitudes*. All welcome. If you have any questions or would like any further information please speak to me. – *Fr Christopher*.

FRIDAY LENTEN SOUP: Every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday). Come along to the Church Hall after the Midday Mass and enjoy a wholesome homemade soup and a roll. A minimum donation of £ 3. 00 with all proceeds going to Mary's Meals.

ENGLISH MARTYRS' SCHOOL STAFF: are taking part once again in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk. Many of them will be walking 200 km during Lent to stand in solidarity with our world – wide family and help fight poverty globally. As part of the challenge we will be undertaking (for the second year) a "**Big Walk**" from Attenborough Nature Reserve to The Assumption in Beeston (and back again) and we are inviting our Parish Community to get involved. The circular route is approximately 10 km. You are welcome to join us for all or part of the walk, the route is suitable for pushchairs / wheelchairs and it would be wonderful to increase the number of people walking from the 50 who took part last year. The walk will be held on **Saturday 22nd March 2025**, starting at **10:00 am** from Attenborough Nature Reserve visitors car park (NG9 6DY) Please come prepared, we had four seasons in one day last year!! If you are unable to join us but would like to support the work of CAFOD then please do consider a donation via the link: [English Martyrs' School and Friends Big Lent Walk 2025 is fundraising for CAFOD](#) Further details will be coming to soon on the school notice board in church or speak with the parish ambassadors. Thank you for your continued support.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: First Holy Communion Classes continue on **Sunday 23rd March 2025** before Mass at St Francis of Assisi. **First Confessions** will take place on **Saturday 15th March 2025** at the Assumption Beeston. Please speak to the catechists to confirm the times.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2025: Classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation will continue in The Assumption Parish Hall on **Saturday 22nd March 2025** with a *Retreat Day*.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: is an internationally coordinated 40 day campaign that seeks to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach and a peaceful all – day vigil close to places where abortions are carried out. There has been a campaign in Nottingham since 2016. Abortion hurts women as well as ending the lives of innocent unborn children, and since the introduction of 'pills by post' the number of abortions in our communities has risen to record levels. If you would like to do something to end this terrible injustice, join in prayer and witness during Lent 2025. To learn more email pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to frcathomas@outlook.com by WEDNESDAY (before 6:00 pm) of each week for inclusion in the next issue.