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**Times of Masses and other Services: Fifth (Passion Sunday) of Lent: C.**  
**Fifth Week of Lent: 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (Weekday Cycle Year I / Psalter Week IV)**

V <u>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April: <i>Fifth (Passion Sunday) of Lent: C</i></u>	<b>PARISH FINANCES</b>
5:00pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Vigil Mass; Breda & Eamon Keaney RIP (Morrissey)	29 <sup>th</sup> / 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
V <u>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April: <i>Fifth (Passion Sunday) of Lent: C</i></u> 9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Nora T Morgans RIP (16 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) (Harvey) 4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross & Benediction 8:30 pm: Adoration & Ales; The Assumption Adoration Chapel	Envelopes: £ 208. 00 Loose Plate: £ 354. 46 S / Orders: £ 475. 70 <b>TOTAL: £ 1038. 16</b>
V <u>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April: <i>Lenten Feria</i></u> 10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Eric Taylor RIP (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) (Margaret & Family)	<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, Brenda Lowe, Michael Morrissey, Julie Mortimer, Anne – Marie Reid, Simpson Family, Eileen Thompson Kay Twomey, Evelyn Venning and John Wilcox.</p>
V <u>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April: <i>Lenten Feria</i></u> 10:30 am: Requiem Mass; Damian Whittaker RIP	
V <u>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April: <i>Lenten Feria</i></u> 10:00 am: Mass; Ann Armitage RIP (Marie & Diane)	
V <u>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April: <i>Lenten Feria</i></u> <b>NO MORNING MASS</b>	
V <u>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April: <i>Lenten Feria</i></u> 12:00 pm: Mass; Eric Taylor RIP (Birthday) (Margaret) 7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross (Assumption & St Francis)	
V <u>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April: <i>Lenten Feria</i></u> 10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	
R <u>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April: <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord</i></u> 5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Sylvia O'Brien 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday (SVP)	
R <u>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April: <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord</i></u> 9:00 am: Mass; Francis & Damian Kildear RIP (Butler) 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Mary J Keane RIP (15 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) (Harvey) 4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross & Benediction	

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR THE EASTER FLOWERS

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE:** Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Damian Oliver Whittaker*, who died on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Damian's Requiem Mass will take place on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 10:30 am**, followed by a Cremation Service at Bramcote Crematorium. We remember him and his family in our prayers. May he rest in peace.

**RCIA PROGRAMME:** Our Parishes RCIA Course will continue **NEXT Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7:30 pm** in the Assumption Church Hall. The subject for this Session will be *Scripture and Tradition*. All welcome. If you have any questions or would like any further information please speak to me. – *Fr Christopher*.

**THE LADIES 89 CLUB:** are holding a Charity Coffee Morning in the Church Hall on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025** from 10:30 – 12: 00. Everyone is very welcome. Entrance fee will be £3.00 to include tea / coffee and biscuits.

**CATHOLIC MEN OF THE PARISH:** Join us at The Assumption, Beeston next **Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 8:30 pm** for an hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a drink at one of our local pubs. Hope to see you there! Any questions ask David Aldred or Fr Christopher. (*In association with Catholic Man UK. For more information see: <https://catholicman.uk/>*).

**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.

**EASTER CHOCOLATE HAMPER:** Raffle tickets will be available from THIS weekend for the Easter chocolate hamper. Tickets cost £1 each and the winner will be drawn after the Easter Sunday Morning Mass.

**THE EASTER BUNNY BEETLE DRIVE:** is back by popular demand on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025** from **6:45 pm** in The Assumption Church Hall. All ages welcome, no experience needed – just come along and have some fun. Please bring items for a shared table and something to drink. Look forward to seeing you there. – *The Parish Social Committee*.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** First Holy Communion Classes continue on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025** before Mass at St Francis of Assisi.

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2025:** Classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation will continue in The Assumption Parish Hall on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025**.

**NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE (NDCYS):** invites young people aged 16 – 18 in full time education, who are unable to join the *Diocesan Jubilee Lourdes Pilgrimage* as part of a school or parish group, to join them in taking part in the Pilgrimage. Meet like-minded young people from across the Diocese, be encouraged in your faith and serve others. You will be accompanied by our experienced staff and join with the youth contingent of the Lourdes pilgrimage with young people from across the diocese. For more information contact [events@ndcys.com](mailto:events@ndcys.com) Bookings close on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025.

**ANNUAL PRO – LIFE CHAIN:** Each year, close to the anniversary of the implementation of the Abortion Act, SPUC holds public acts of witness around the UK to remind people of the reality and injustice of abortion. The witness is in the form of a chain of pro – lifers, standing by a road and holding posters which indicate the reasons why we believe abortion to be unjust. The witness is silent, peaceful and legal. This year's Nottingham Chain will be on Gregory Boulevard, Forest Fields, on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025 from 10:00 am until Midday**. Please join us if you are able to. For more information contact [spucnottingham@gmail.com](mailto:spucnottingham@gmail.com) or call 07757 815 625. Unborn children are without a voice. Let's stand up and be a voice for them.

**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](mailto:pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**ASSISTED SUICIDE:** The important vote for all MPs on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, is likely to take place on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025**. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to allow people to contact their Member of Parliament and it only takes a few moments to submit a message to ask an MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. It can be accessed at <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote> Right to Life is also distributing postcards to parishes for the lay faithful to send to their MPs on this subject. A range of further resources on opposing assisted suicide is available at [www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/)

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