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Times of Masses and other Services: Fourth Sunday of the Year: A.

Fourth Week of Ordinary Time: 1st – 7th February 2026 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week IV)

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| <p>G <u>Saturday 31st January:</u> <i>Fourth Sunday of the Year: A</i> 5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; <i>Richard Findlay RIP (Sue)</i></p> <p>G <u>Sunday 1st February:</u> <i>Fourth Sunday of the Year: A</i> 9:00 am: Mass; <i>Gabriel Klco RIP (Gabriela)</i> 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); <i>Mother Frances O'Connor (OSC Bulwell & Arundel) RIP (Fogg)</i> 8:30 pm: Adoration & Ales; <i>The Assumption Adoration Chapel</i></p> <p>W <u>Monday 2nd February:</u> <i>The Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas (Feast)</i> 10:00 am: Mass; <i>June Dark RIP (Solloway)</i></p> <p>R <u>Tuesday 3rd February:</u> <i>St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr (mem)</i> 10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); <i>Pro Populo; People of the Parish</i></p> <p>W <u>Wednesday 4th February:</u> <i>St Gilbert of Sempringham, Religious (memoria)</i> 10:00 am: Mass; <i>Holy Souls</i></p> <p>R <u>Thursday 5th February:</u> <i>St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr (mem)</i> NO MORNING MASS</p> <p>G <u>Friday 6th February:</u> <i>SS Paul Miki & Comps. Martyrs of Japan (memoria)</i> 10:00 am: Mass; <i>Clair Gavagan (Evans)</i></p> <p>G <u>Saturday 7th February:</u> <i>Fifth Sunday of the Year: A</i> 5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; <i>Rafael Febres RIP (Power)</i></p> <p>G <u>Sunday 8th February:</u> <i>Fifth Sunday of the Year: A</i> 9:00 am: Mass; <i>Anastazia Hnilicova RIP (Gabriela)</i> 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); <i>Paul Gibson RIP (Halliday)</i></p> | <p>PARISH FINANCES</p> <p>24th / 25th January 2026</p> <p>Envelopes: £ 288. 00 Loose Plate: £ 238. 20 S / Orders: £ 475. 70</p> <p>TOTAL: £ 1001. 90</p> <p>White Flower Appeal: £ 251. 35</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>Kathleen Anderson, Isobel Alana Barnes, Marica Borsos, Mary Evans, Kathleen Fisher, Andrea Hoffman, Breda Keaney, Margaret King, Brenda Lowe, Michael Morrissey, Julie Mortimer, Anne – Marie Reid, Simpson Family, Kay Twomey, Evelyn Venning and John Wilcox.</p> |
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SUNDAY MISSALS (Proper Prayers & Readings Sunday pages 702 ff)

CATHOLIC MEN OF THE PARISH: Join us at The Assumption, Beeston **THIS Sunday, 1st February 2026 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/>*).

RCIA PROGRAMME: Our RCIA Course will continue on **Monday 9th February 2026 at 7:30 pm** in the Assumption Church Hall. The subject for this Session will be *The Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation*. All welcome. If you have any questions or would like any further information please speak to me. – *Fr Christopher*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026: We will begin our Parish preparations for the 2026 First Confession and First Holy Communion Programme in early February. Could I ask that the parents of any children in the Parish who are in School Year 3 and above and who have not made their First Holy Communion please return their Completed Enrolment Form for their child (ren) to me by **THIS Sunday, 1st February 2026**.

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY: has received a glowing Ofsted report after being inspected under the Education Watchdog's new framework. The School, in Long Eaton, achieved a 'strong standard' in six areas including attendance and behaviour, curriculum and teaching, early years, inclusion, leadership and governance and personal development and wellbeing. Achievement was said to be of '*Expected Standard*.' Under the new framework for Ofsted inspections, a five – point scale: Exceptional, Strong Standard, Expected Standard, Needs Attention, Urgent Improvement, is used to grade different areas of a provider's work. An overall effectiveness grade is no longer given. Expected Standard means the School is fulfilling the standard of education and or / care while strong standard means that leaders are working above the standards expected of them.

NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN YEARBOOK 2026: now available priced £ 6.00.

PASTORAL PLAN: Bishop Patrick's Pastoral Letter and a copy of the Five Year Mission Plan for the Diocese of Nottingham 2026 – 2030, "*Go Make Disciples*" are now available on the Parish Website. Printed copies of the Mission Plan and Parish Summary Copies are also available from the back of Church.

PRO – LIFE RENEWAL DAY: **Saturday 14th February 2026 (10:00 am until 4:00 pm)**, at Good Shepherd Church, Arnold, and led by Father Bernard Murphy CFR. All are welcome to this day of spiritual renewal, focussed on prayer for the sanctity of life at all stages. How do we as Christians keep fighting for the dignity of life when so many around us do not value it? Father Bernard will help us renew our motivation by opening scripture and Church teaching. There is no charge for the day (donations welcomed); a light lunch and refreshments are provided. To book a place or for more information contact John: pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk

NOTTINGHAM 40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Praying for an end to abortion, between **Wednesday 18th February and Sunday 29th March 2026**. During these 40 days of Lent Pro – Lifers will be: praying for an end to abortion in our community near the main abortion clinic in Nottinghamshire; offering peaceful witness to God's love and the possibility of healing; offering practical, non – judgemental help to women who may want to consider an alternative to abortion and offering support for post – abortive women. More information is at www.40daysforlife.com/nottingham or contact 40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com

DIOCESAN YOUTH SERVICE (NDCYS) is taking a group of young people and young adults to Lourdes, France as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage in July 2026. If you are aged 16+ and unable to go with your school or a young adult who would like to be a small group leader, we encourage you to download the information pack and apply at ndcys.com/lourdes

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.