



The Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Assumption,
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and

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

Sixth Week of Ordinary Time: 15th – 21st February 2026 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week II)

G Saturday 14th February: *Sixth Sunday of the Year: A*

5:00 pm: Confessions

5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; *In Thanksgiving (Sue Findlay)*

G Sunday 15th February: *Sixth Sunday of the Year: A*

9:00 am: Mass; *Pro Populo; People of the Parish*

11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); *Asuncion Sanchez RIP (Anniversary) (Shaw)*

G Monday 16th February: *Weekday Feria*

10:00 am: Mass; *Matilda Mc Intyre (Evans)*

G Tuesday 17th February: *St Scholastica, Virgin (memoria)*

10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); *Deceased Members of the Ashton Family*

Season of Lent

V Wednesday 18th February: *Ash Wednesday*

10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); *Pro Populo; People of the Parish*

7:00 pm: Mass; *Rita Gallagher (Evans)*

V Thursday 19th February: *Lenten Feria*

NO MORNING MASS

V Friday 20th February: *Lenten Feria*

12:00 pm: Mass; *Julia Marie Wilson RIP (Anniversary) (Diane & David)*

7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross

V Saturday 21st February: *First Sunday of Lent*

5:00 pm: Confessions

5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; *Richard Findlay RIP (Sue)*

V Sunday 22nd February: *First Sunday of Lent*

9:00 am: Mass; *Holy Souls*

11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); *Claire Mc Donnell RIP (Watts)*

3:00 pm: Rite of Election *St Barnabas Cathedral*

PARISH FINANCES

*7th / 8th February
2026*

Envelopes: £ 215. 00

Loose Plate: £ 236. 32

S / Orders: £ 475. 70

TOTAL: £ 927. 02

*Thank you for your
continued generosity and
support of our Parish.*

***Your Prayers are
requested for those
who are sick:***

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.

SUNDAY MISSALS (Proper Prayers & Readings Sunday pages 709 ff)

THE SEASON OF LENT begins this Wednesday and opens the door to this great season of renewal. Ash Wednesday marks the start of the Lenten season and is a day of fasting and abstinence. The Sign of the Cross is made with ashes on the forehead, accompanied by the words: “Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.” It is a reminder to us of our mortality, but also our call to grow in holiness. Lent is traditionally a 40 day fast; a reference to the time Jesus spent being tempted in the desert. It is a time when we can prepare our hearts for the Solemn remembrance of the Passion and Death of Jesus. It concludes and is followed by the Easter Sunday celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. The six – week period is dedicated to Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving in preparation for the great celebration of Christ’s Paschal Mystery in the Easter Triduum.

RCIA PROGRAMME: Our RCIA Course will continue **THIS Monday, 16th February 2026 at 7:30 pm** in the Assumption Church Hall. The subject for this Session will be *The Holy Eucharist*. All welcome. If you have any questions or would like any further information please speak to me. – *Fr Christopher*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: First Holy Communion Classes will continue on **Sunday, 1st March 2026** immediately after 9:00 am Mass in the Assumption Parish Hall.

LENTEN SOUP: **18th February 2026** is Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. Once again, delicious homemade soup and a roll will be served on the Friday’s during Lent at 12:45 pm after Mass which will be at Midday on the Friday’s during Lent. The soup will be **£ 4.00** and all money raised will once again go to Mary’s Meals. Father Christopher will again be having his head shaved for Lent and if you would like to sponsor him – also for Mary’s Meals – please put your name on the sponsor form in the narthex.

ENGLISH MARTYRS’ CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY: Thank You for welcoming our Parish Ambassadors last week and for listening so attentively. Please see a reminder of the dates mentioned. **Friday 6th March 2026:** World Day of Prayer at St Giles Church Sandiacre, NG10 5EE at **2:00 pm** all welcome. **Saturday 7th March 2026:** Big Lent Walk 2026. Meet at **10:00 am** Attenborough Nature Reserve (Visitor Centre Car Park) Walk to The Assumption Beeston for a rest and refreshments before the return journey back. Please do join us for all or some of the walk. If you are unable to join us but would like to give a donation then please scan the QR Code for a link to our JustGiving Page. **Friday 13th March 2026:** Celebration of the Word to celebrate Inspirational Women and to give thanks to the Women in our Lives. **2:40 pm** in the School Hall. **Friday 27th March 2026:** Stations of the Cross. Each class will focus on a different station and will share their reflection with us. This will be at **2:00 pm** in our School Hall. ENGLISH MARTYRS’, Bracken Road, Long Eaton NG10 4DA.



Join Young Adults from across the Diocese of Nottingham to enter more deeply into prayer this Lent with **SYCAMORE’S ‘LEARNING TO PRAY THIS LENT’**. Just bring yourself, a Bible and a hot drink of your choice (unless you are fasting!). With lots of practical tips, wisdom from the Bible, stories from the Saints and advice about common difficulties people face when praying. To sign up head to: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/yasycamore

Anyone wishing to sing as part of the **DIOCESAN CHOIR** (in particular for this year’s Chrism Mass on Wednesday 1st April 2026), please fill in the online form at bit.ly/diocesanchoir

LOURDES: Respond to Our Lady’s invitation and join Bishop Patrick, in the **Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026**. Departing from East Midlands airport on **Monday 13th July 2026**, enjoy five days in Lourdes with over 200 people from across our Diocese. Those with additional needs will be cared for by our health team and helpers’ team. Mary invites us all to come to this holy place. More details from the tour operator: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-nottingham/>

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

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.