



**The Catholic Church of Our Lady of the
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Times of Masses and other Services: First Sunday of the Lent: A.

First Week of Lent: 22nd – 28th February 2026 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week I)

<p>V <u>Saturday 21st February:</u> <i>First Sunday of Lent Year: A</i> 5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; <i>Richard Findlay RIP (Sue)</i></p> <p>V <u>Sunday 22nd February:</u> <i>First Sunday of Lent Year: A</i> 9:00 am: Mass; <i>Holy Souls</i> 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); <i>Claire Mc Donnell RIP (Watts)</i> 3:00 pm: Rite of Election <i>St Barnabas Cathedral</i></p> <p>V <u>Monday 23rd February:</u> <i>Lenten Feria</i> 10:00 am: Mass; <i>In Thanksgiving</i></p> <p>V <u>Tuesday 24th February:</u> <i>Lenten Feria</i> 10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); <i>Mary Irwin RIP (Curtis)</i></p> <p>V <u>Wednesday 25th February:</u> <i>Lenten Feria</i> 10:00 am: Mass; <i>Holy Souls</i></p> <p>V <u>Thursday 26th February:</u> <i>Lenten Feria</i> NO MORNING MASS</p> <p>V <u>Friday 27th February:</u> <i>Lenten Feria</i> 12:00 pm: Mass; <i>Louise Aldred RIP (David)</i> 7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross</p> <p>V <u>Saturday 28th February:</u> <i>Second Sunday of Lent Year: A</i> 5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; <i>Mike Wilson RIP (Birthday) (Diane & David)</i></p> <p>V <u>Sunday 1st March:</u> <i>Second Sunday of Lent Year: A</i> 9:00 am: Mass; <i>David Powell RIP (10th Anniversary) (Jane)</i> 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); <i>Dennis (Den) Rayment RIP (Goodhind)</i> 4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross & Benediction 8:30 pm: Adoration & Ales; <i>The Assumption Adoration Chapel</i></p>	<p>PARISH FINANCES 14th / 15th February 2026</p> <p>Envelopes: £ 280. 00 Loose Plate: £ 283. 91 S / Orders: £ 475. 70 TOTAL: £ 1039. 61</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> Kathleen Anderson, Isobel Alana Barnes, Marica Borsos, Mary Evans, Kathleen Fisher, Andrea Hoffman, Breda Keane, 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 153 ff)

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK FOR CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY: (*Friday 27th February 2026*) This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.



REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Josephine Dixon*, formerly of Rutland Nursing Home, Ilkeston, who died on *18th January 2026* aged 78 years. Josephine's Requiem Mass will take place on *Tuesday 3rd March 2026* at *10:00 am* in St Francis of Assisi Church, Long Eaton. followed by Burial at Longmoor Cemetery. We remember her and her family at this sad time May she rest in peace.

RCIA PROGRAMME: Our RCIA Course will continue *THIS Monday, 23rd 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*

RITE OF ELECTION: Bishop Patrick on behalf of the Catholic Church will welcome and accept the desire of Catechumens and Candidates to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. Please remember in your prayers the Catechumens and Candidates from our Parish who will take part in this Liturgy on Sunday: *Joseph Barrie, Dianne Burton, Jane Eden, Dexter Wright, Laurence Wright* and *Sharon Wright*.

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

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

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.

THE CELEBRATE TRUST: has produced two resources for families in Lent: a *Family Activity Pack for Lent* and a *Journey to Easter Joy* game. Visit www.celebratetrust.org/shop/lent-family-pack-celebratehome-s45pm and www.celebratetrust.org/shop/lent-game-celebratehome-s45pm-39gpj to download them, and (if you can) to support Celebrate too.

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS: Join Father Jonathan Cotton in a reflection through slides, music, and prayers on *Tuesday 24th March 2026* in Saint Wilfrid's Church, Coalville LE67 3JB and on *Thursday 26th March 2026* in Sacred Heart Church, Loughborough LE11 2HE. Both evenings begin at *7:00pm* and conclude at 8.30pm with refreshments. 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

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 frathomas@outlook.com by WEDNESDAY (before 6:00 pm) of each week for inclusion in the next issue.