



The Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Assumption,
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and

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Times of Masses and other Services: Second Sunday of the Lent: A.

Second Week of Lent: 1st – 7th March 2026 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week II)

V Saturday 28th February: *Second Sunday of Lent Year: A*

5:00 pm: Confessions

5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Mike Wilson RIP (Birthday) (Diane & David)

V Sunday 1st March: *Second Sunday of Lent Year: A*

9:00 am: Mass; David Powell RIP (10th Anniversary) (Jane)

11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Dennis (Den) Rayment RIP (Goodhind)

4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross & Benediction

8:30 pm: Adoration & Ales; The Assumption Adoration Chapel

V Monday 2nd March: *Lenten Feria*

10:00 am: Mass; Richard Findlay RIP (Sue)

V Tuesday 3rd March: *Lenten Feria*

11:30 am: Requiem Mass (St Francis); Josephine Dixon RIP

V Wednesday 4th March: *Lenten Feria*

10:00 am: Mass; Anna Kaminska RIP

V Thursday 5th March: *Lenten Feria*

NO MORNING MASS

V Friday 6th March: *Lenten Feria*

12:00 pm: Mass; Special Intention

7:00 pm: The Assumption / St Francis | Stations of the Cross

V Saturday 7th March: *Third Sunday of Lent Year: A*

5:00 pm: Confessions

5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Paul Bowe RIP (Curtis)

V Sunday 8th March: *Third Sunday of Lent Year: A*

9:00 am: Mass; Deceased Members of the Whitfield Family (David)

11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Pro Populo; People of the Parish

4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross & Benediction

PARISH FINANCES

21st / 22nd February
2026

Envelopes: £ 210. 00

Loose Plate: £ 309. 76

S / Orders: £ 576. 01

TOTAL: £ 1095. 77

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,

Breeda Keaney,

Margaret King,

Brenda Lowe,

Michael Morrissey,

Julie Mortimer,

Anne – Marie Reid,

Simpson Family,

Kay Twomey,

Evelyn Venning

and John Wilcox.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK FOR CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

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, 22nd March 2026 at 7:30 pm** in the Assumption Church Hall. The subject for this Session will be ***Forgiveness, Healing and Mission***. All welcome. If you have any questions or would like any further information please speak to me. – **Fr Christopher**

"GO MAKE DISCIPLES:" In response to Bishop Patrick's Mission Plan there will be an initial Meeting on **Wednesday 4th March 2026** in the Parish Hall, to discuss our way forward as a Parish Community. The purpose of this initial Meeting will be to discuss the creation of a Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee. All welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: First Holy Communion Classes will continue **THIS Sunday, 1st March 2026** immediately after 9:00 am Mass in the Assumption Parish Hall. The next Class will be on **Sunday 15th March 2026**.

DEANERY LENTEN STATION MASS: will take place on **Tuesday 3rd March 2026** at Holy Cross Church, Hucknall. Bishop Patrick will be Chief Celebrant and will be joined by other priests from our Deanery. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from **6:00 – 6:45pm** during which time there will be opportunity for individual confession with priests from around the Deanery priests. Mass will begin at **7:00pm**. Everyone is welcome to join this celebration and refreshments will be available after Mass in the Parish Rooms.

ENGLISH MARTYRS' SCHOOL: **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.



CATHOLIC MEN OF THE PARISH: Join us at The Assumption, Beeston **THIS 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/>*).

PROLIFE MEN'S CONFERENCE: At the Birmingham Christian College on Saturday 18th April 2026. There will be some top Christian Pro – Life speakers from across the UK. It is suitable for men of all ages and states of life. For booking and more about the schedule and speakers see: <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/commissioned-pro-life-mens-conference/>

LENTEN SOUP: 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 has had 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.

EASTER RAFFLE: Tickets will be on sale for the Parish Easter Raffle from next weekend **7th/8th March 2026**. First Prize is a Basket of Easter goodies and the winning ticket will be drawn on Easter Sunday morning in the hall after Mass. Good luck everyone – ***The Parish Social Committee***.

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.