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

Third Week of Lent: 8th – 14th March 2026 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week III)

V	Saturday 7th March: <i>Third Sunday of Lent Year: A</i>	PARISH FINANCES
	5:00 pm: Confessions	28 th February / 1 st March 2026
	5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Paul Bowe RIP (Curtis)	Envelopes: £ 355.00
V	Sunday 8th March: <i>Third Sunday of Lent Year: A</i>	Loose Plate: £ 390.62
	9:00 am: Mass; Deceased Members of the Whitfield Family	S / Orders: £ 576.01
	11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Dennis (Den) Rayment RIP (Goodhind)	TOTAL: £ 1321.63
	4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross & Benediction	CAFOD: £ 871.22
V	Monday 9th March: <i>Lenten Feria</i>	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i>
	10:00 am: Mass; Declan Flanagan RIP (Twomey)	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i>
V	Tuesday 10th March: <i>Lenten Feria</i>	Kathleen Anderson,
	11:30 am: Mass (St Francis); Kevin Rigley RIP (Anniversary) (Hearson)	Isobel Alana Barnes,
V	Wednesday 11th March: <i>Lenten Feria</i>	Marica Borsos,
	10:00 am: Mass; Intentions of David Murphy (Wilson)	Mary Evans,
V	Thursday 12th March: <i>Lenten Feria</i>	Kathleen Fisher,
	NO MORNING MASS	Andrea Hoffman,
V	Friday 13th March: <i>Lenten Feria</i>	Breda Keane,
	12:00 pm: Mass; Tess Dixon 90 th Birthday (SVP)	Margaret King,
	7:00 pm: The Assumption & St Francis Stations of the Cross	Brenda Lowe,
Rose	Saturday 14th March: <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare)</i>	Michael Morrissey,
	5:00 pm: Confessions	Julie Mortimer,
	5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Margaret Simmons RIP (Alan)	Anne – Marie Reid,
Rose	Sunday 15th March: <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare)</i>	Simpson Family,
	9:00 am: Mass; Jozef & Marta Hajas RIP (Gabriela)	Kay Twomey,
	11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Andrea Dube RIP (KJ)	Evelyn Venning
	4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross & Benediction	and John Wilcox.

SUNDAY MISSALS (Proper Prayers & Readings Sunday pages 164 ff)

RCIA PROGRAMME: Our RCIA Course will continue THIS *Monday, 9th 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*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: First Holy Communion Classes will continue on *Sunday 15th March 2026* immediately after 9:00 am Mass in the Assumption Parish Hall.

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.

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*.

POLISH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, NOTTINGHAM: is leading an *Extreme Way of the Cross* on *Friday 13th March 2026* from 8:00pm until about 6:00am the next morning. The route takes in 41 kilometres across the city centre and surrounding fields and is an initiative started in Poland several years ago. It is not a sport activity but a spiritual journey through meditations. For those wishing to participate, gather at the Polish Church of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Nottingham NG7 6JN, by 8:00pm (Mass in Polish will be celebrated at 7:00pm). More information is at: <https://extremewayofthecross.org/>

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT: *Saturday 21st March 2026* Holy Family Church, Blenheim Drive, Allestree DE22 2LG from 10:00am – 4:00pm. The Retreat, entitled "The Great Women of the Old Testament," will be led by Sister Susan Richert. Cost is £15 per person, including a cream tea; please bring your own packed lunch. To book, visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/womensretreatday

MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT: *Saturday 28th March 2026* from 9:45am – 3:45pm, Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, Coalville. Canon Chris Thomas will lead the Day, entitled "Limitless: In the Lenten Gospel readings the Limitless power of God is revealed. In Christ we too can be limitless". The Retreat cost is £15 per person; please bring your own packed lunch. All men aged 18 or over are very welcome; to book (by 20th March 2026) visit: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=K0aLivJiz0GWFBY9r3UQDuiJPmfhpEBEo-L5QsatoShUOTNOSThPTzdYV1FXWINEQ0UwT0I2VzM4SC4u&route=shorturl>

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.