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

Fourth Week of Lent: 15th – 21st March 2026 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week IV)

Rose	Saturday 14th March: <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare)</i>	PARISH FINANCES
5:00 pm: Confessions		
5:30 pm: Vigil Mass;	Margaret Simmons RIP (Alan)	7 th / 8 th March 2026
Rose	Sunday 15th March: <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare)</i>	Envelopes: £ 241. 00
9:00 am: Mass;	Jozef & Marta Hajas RIP (Gabriela)	Loose Plate: £ 312. 35
11:00 am: Mass (St Francis);	Andrea Dube RIP (KJ)	S / Orders: £ 576. 01
4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross & Benediction		TOTAL: £ 1129. 36
V	Monday 16th March: <i>Lenten Feria</i>	Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.
10:00 am: Mass;	Mrs Martha Mary Whitmore RIP (Foundation Mass)	
W	Tuesday 17th March: <i>St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland (Feast)</i>	Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:
10:00 am: Mass (St Francis);	Mary Goodhind RIP (7 th Anniversary) (David)	
V	Wednesday 18th March: <i>Lenten Feria</i>	Kathleen Anderson,
10:00 am: Mass;	Richard Findlay RIP (Sue)	Isobel Alana Barnes,
W	Thursday 19th March: <i>St Joseph, Spouse of the BVM (Solemnity)</i>	Marica Borsos,
NO MORNING MASS		Mary Evans,
V	Friday 20th March: <i>Lenten Feria</i>	Kathleen Fisher,
12:00 pm: Mass;	John & Helen Wilcox 50 th Wedding Anniversary	Andrea Hoffman,
7:00 pm: The Assumption & St Francis	Stations of the Cross	Breda Keaney,
V	Saturday 21st March: <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	Margaret King,
5:00 pm: Confessions		Brenda Lowe,
5:30 pm: Vigil Mass;	Erna Bentley RIP (2 nd Anniversary) (David)	Michael Morrissey,
V	Sunday 22nd March: <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	Julie Mortimer,
9:00 am: Mass;	Charlotte Ben RIP (Marie)	Anne – Marie Reid,
11:00 am: Mass (St Francis);	Nora T Morgans RIP (17 th Anniversary) (Harvey)	Simpson Family,
4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross & Benediction		Kay Twomey,
		Evelyn Venning and John Wilcox.

RCIA PROGRAMME: Our RCIA Course will continue THIS *Monday, 16th March 2026* at 7:30 pm in the Assumption Church Hall. The subject for this Session will be *The Christian Vocations*. 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 THIS *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: A delicious bowl of 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*.

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>

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

In June 2025 MPs voted for an extreme Amendment to the Crime and Policing Bill, which would allow women to abort an unborn baby for any reason (including gender), up to birth. If passed this Amendment will remove all legal protection for babies. This policy was not in any manifesto and was passed with less than two hours' debate. As Catholics, we must oppose this horrendous assault on vulnerable unborn life. The bill is due to be debated in the House of Lords on *Wednesday 18th March 2026*. As a matter of urgency, please write to members of the Lords, asking them to reject this barbaric proposal. If you are not sure what to say or whom to write to visit www.spuc.org.uk/abortion-decriminalisation or contact pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk

DOMINICAN YOUNG ADULTS STUDY DAY: focusing on the Sacrament of Confession is being held on *Saturday 14th March 2026, 10:00am – 4:30pm*, at Holy Cross, Leicester. "Why do we need to go to Confession? Can I not say sorry to God on my own and trust in His mercy?" During the day we will begin by looking at sin and human flourishing, before unpacking the Sacrament of Confession itself: what is it? How does it work? And why do we need it? The Day will finish with some more practical considerations around making a good Confession and will include Mass, talks, prayer, fellowship and discussion, as well as the opportunity to go to Confession. Lunch will be provided. To register email dya@english.op.org

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