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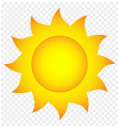
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**Times of Masses and other Services: Fifth Sunday of the Lent: A.**

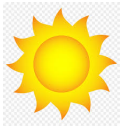
**Fifth Week of Lent: 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week I)**

<b>V</b>	<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March:</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)</i>	<b>PARISH FINANCES</b>
5:00 pm: Confessions		
5:30 pm: Vigil Mass;	Erna Bentley RIP (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) (David)	14 <sup>th</sup> / 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
<b>V</b>	<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)</i>	Envelopes: £ 252. 00
9:00 am: Mass;	Charlotte Ben RIP (Marie)	Loose Plate: £ 328. 12
11:00 am: Mass (St Francis);	Nora T Morgans RIP (17 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) (Harvey)	S / Orders: £ 576. 01
4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross & Benediction		<b>TOTAL: £ 1156. 13</b>
<b>V</b>	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:</b> <i>Lenten Feria</i>	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i>
10:00 am: Mass;	Lilly Joseph RIP (Robin)	
<b>V</b>	<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March:</b> <i>Lenten Feria</i>	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i>
10:00 am: Mass (St Francis);	Peter Richardson RIP (Comhaltas Nottm)	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.
<b>W</b>	<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March:</b> <i>The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)</i>	
10:00 am: Mass;	Richard Findlay RIP (Sue)	
<b>V</b>	<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March:</b> <i>Lenten Feria</i>	
	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b>	
<b>V</b>	<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March:</b> <i>Lenten Feria</i>	
12:00 pm: Mass;	Audrey Mc Coy RIP (9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) (Joe)	
7:00 pm: The Assumption & St Francis	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
<b>R</b>	<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March:</b> <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord</i>	
5:00 pm: Confessions		
5:30 pm: Vigil Mass;	Intentions of English Martyrs' School Staff	
<b>R</b>	<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March:</b> <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord</i>	
9:00 am: Mass;	Celebrant's Intentions	
11:00 am: Mass (St Francis);	Mary J Keane RIP (16 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) (Harvey)	
4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross & Benediction		

**SUNDAY MISSALS** (Proper Prayers & Readings Sunday pages 177 ff)  
**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR THE EASTER FLOWERS**



*British Summer Time starts next Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup>  
March 2026: clocks go forward one hour at 2:00am*



**RCIA PROGRAMME:** Our RCIA Course will continue *THIS Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026* at 7:30 pm in the Assumption Church Hall. The subject for this Session will be *The Social Teaching of the Church*. 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 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026* immediately after 9:00 am Mass in the Assumption Parish Hall.

**ENGLISH MARTYRS' SCHOOL:** would like to say a HUGE 'Thank You' for all your support during our BIG LENT WALK for CAFOD. We had over 60 members of our School Community walking and raised over £250. Special thanks to Marie, Stella and Carolyn (Assumption Parish) for providing much needed refreshments at the halfway point. Also, a reminder that we will be holding our Stations of the Cross in school on *Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026* at 2:00 pm. All very welcome to attend. Bracken Road, Long Eaton, NG10 4DA.

**PROLIFE MEN'S CONFERENCE:** At the Birmingham Christian College on *Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 still on sale for the Parish Easter Raffle. 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*.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** *Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026*. A coach will be leaving from Sacred Heart Church, Carlton NG4 1FP at 8:00am and then leaving Good Shepherd, Arnold NG5 4HT at 8:15am. If you would like to go, seats cost £25 payable in advance. Please email [ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or telephone 0115 911 6266 to book your place. Payment will be either cash to your church or by BACS – bank details will be sent. Places will be confirmed once payment received. For information on the Catholic shrine at Walsingham visit: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/>

**ECUMENICAL ACT OF WITNESS:** Bishop Patrick, Lord – Lieutenant Professor Veronica Pickering and other Faith Leaders, on *Good Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026*. Pilgrims are invited to gather at Saint Barnabas Cathedral at 9:45am for a 10:00am start, processing from the Cathedral, stopping at the Old Market Square, and then continuing to Saint Mary's Church in the Lace Market, finishing by 12:00 noon. Do consider joining this Act of Witness to highlight Good Friday in our wider community. All are welcome.

**NOTTINGHAM 40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** Praying for an end to abortion, between *Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.40daysforlife.com/nottingham) or contact [40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com)

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