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Times of Masses and other Services: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: A.
Holy Week: 29th March – 4th April 2026 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week II)

R	Saturday 28th March: <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord</i>	PARISH FINANCES
5:00 pm: Confessions		
5:30 pm: Vigil Mass;	<i>Pro Populo; People of the Parish</i>	21 st / 22 nd March 2026
R	Sunday 29th March: <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord</i>	Envelopes: £ 337.00
9:00 am: Mass;	<i>Celebrant's Intentions</i>	Loose Plate: £ 219.48
11:00 am: Mass (St Francis);	<i>Mary J Keane RIP (16th Anniversary) (Harvey)</i>	S / Orders: £ 576.01
4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross & Benediction		TOTAL: £ 1132.49
V	Monday 30th March: <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i>
10:00 am: Mass;	<i>Louise Aldred RIP (David)</i>	
V	Tuesday 31st March: <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	
10:00 am: Mass (St Francis);	<i>John Bayley RIP (Curtis)</i>	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> Kathleen Anderson, Isobel Alana Barnes, Marica Borsos, Mary Evans, Kathleen Fisher, Andrea Hoffman, Breeda Keane, Margaret King, Brenda Lowe, Michael Morrissey, Julie Mortimer, Anne – Marie Reid, Simpson Family, Kay Twomey, Evelyn Venning and John Wilcox.
V	Wednesday 1st April: <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	
11:30 am: Chrism Mass;	<i>St Barnabas Cathedral</i>	
<u>The Paschal Triduum</u>		
W	Thursday 2nd April: <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	
7:30 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper;	<i>Kitty Lynch RIP (Grant)</i> <i>followed by Watching in the Adoration Chapel until Midnight.</i>	
R	Friday 3rd April: <i>Good Friday</i>	
3:00 pm: <i>The Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord</i>		
7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross for Good Friday		
7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross for Good Friday (St Francis)		
W	Saturday 4th April: <i>Holy Saturday</i>	
8:30 pm: <i>Easter Vigil;</i>	<i>Pro Populo; People of the Parish</i>	
W	Sunday 5th April: <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	
9:00 am: Mass;	<i>John & Helen Wilcox 50th Wedding Anniversary (Powell)</i>	
11:00 am: Mass (St Francis);	<i>Roberto Solon Sanchez RIP (6th Anniv) (Shaw)</i>	

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR CHURCH FLOWERS

SUNDAY MISSALS FOR HOLY WEEK (Proper Prayers & Readings): Palm Sunday pp 235; Chrism Mass pp 270; Holy Thursday pp 277; Good Friday pp 288 and; Easter Vigil pp 319.

RCIA PROGRAMME: Our RCIA Course will conclude THIS *Monday, 30th March 2026* at 7:30 pm in the Assumption Church Hall.

RCIA PROGRAMME: Please remember in your prayers the Catechumens and Candidates from our Parishes who will be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. We pray for *Joseph Barrie, Dianne Burton, Jane Eden, Dexter Wright, Laurence Wright* and *Sharon Wright*.

EASTER CHURCH CLEANING: Calling all Cleaning Teams and anyone else (many hands make light work) to come along and help to make the Church extra clean for the Easter Celebrations – **Saturday 4th April 2026 from 11:00 am – 12:00 noon**. Thank you – *Marie*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: First Holy Communion Classes will continue on *Sunday 19th April 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/>

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*.

THE BEESTON GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS: will start from Broadgate Park at 11:00am.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: *Saturday 20th 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 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/>

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY: *Sunday 12th April 2026* At Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Brooklyn Road, Bulwell, Nottingham NG6 9ES. The Celebration begins at **2:30pm** and ends with Benediction at **3:45pm**. Talk given by Rev Evarist Kaniki. There will be 3 Priests available after the service for 1 hour for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We invite you to come and join us for this great Feast. For more information ring Madeleine 0115 9277893 or Teresa 07733224700

ENCOUNTERING JESUS IN THE GOSPELS: HOW TO LEAD GROUPS IN REFLECTIVE PRAYER: On Tuesday evenings between April and June join the Jesuit Institute online for a short online formation course building the skills and confidence needed to hold and guide groups of those who wish to deepen their relationship with Jesus, in conversation with others, through reflectively praying with Gospel Texts: www.jesuitinstitute.org/events/encountering-jesus-in-the-gospels

ARCHIVES DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS: The Diocesan Archives is hosting an Open Day at the McGuinness Centre, Brooklyn Road, Nottingham NG6 9ES on *Friday 17th April 2026* from **2:00 – 6:00pm**. Are you an organised individual with an interest in Church history, genealogy, and basic Microsoft skills? The Archives Department would love to see you there! Could you be our next Volunteer?

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.