



The Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Assumption,
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and

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Times of Masses and other Services: Easter Sunday: A.

Easter Week: 4th – 11th April 2026 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week I)

W Saturday 4th April: *Holy Saturday*

8:30 pm: *Easter Vigil;* Pro Populo; People of the Parish

W Sunday 5th April: *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

9:00 am: Mass; John & Helen Wilcox 50th Wedding Anniversary (Powell)

11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Roberto Solon Sanchez RIP (6th Anniv) (Shaw)

W Monday 6th April: *Monday within the Octave of Easter*

10:00 am: Mass; Francis & Damian Kildear RIP (Diane & Owen)

W Tuesday 7th April: *Tuesday within the Octave of Easter*

10:00 am: (St Francis); Service of the Word and Holy Communion

W Wednesday 8th April: *Wednesday within the Octave of Easter*

10:00 am: Mass; Mrs Martha Whitmore RIP (Foundation Mass)

W Thursday 9th April: *Thursday within the Octave of Easter*

NO MORNING MASS

W Friday 10th April: *Friday within the Octave of Easter*

10:00 am: Mass; Anne & Bernard Armitage RIP (Marie & Diane)

W Saturday 11th April: *Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday*

5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; William Power RIP (Beatriz)

W Sunday 12th April: *Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday*

9:00 am: Mass; Jozef & Marta Hajas RIP (Gabriela)

11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Olive Hughes RIP (Willis)

PARISH FINANCES

28th / 29th March
2026

Envelopes: £ 274. 00

Loose Plate: £ 336. 82

S / Orders: £ 576. 01

TOTAL: £ 1186. 83

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.

Surrexit Dominus Alleluia
May you all have a happy, holy and restful Easter.

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*.

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.

LENTEN SOUP AND SPONSORED HAIRCUT: What a fantastic effort from everyone to raise some money for Mary's Meals. The sales of the soup has raised **£843.00**. We have also had donations of **£140.00** and so far **£545.00** for Father Christopher's sponsored haircut making a total of **£1,528.00** as of today. If you still have to pay your sponsor money could you do so as soon as possible please so we can send the money to Mary's Meals without delay. Sincere thanks to everyone who has been involved in any way with this fantastic effort and to Father Christopher for braving the cold. Happy Easter to you all from the **SOUP TEAM**.

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*.

NOTTINGHAM SPUC: Will hold their Annual *Peaceful Public Act of Witness* in memory of the 10 million lives lost to abortion since the passage of the 1967 Abortion Act. This involves standing silently holding a poster up to passing traffic. This year's witness is *Saturday 25th April 2026* from **10:00 am until midday**. The venue is Trent Bridge, Nottingham. If you are saddened by the injustice of abortion and the harm it does to women and would like to take part, please meet at 9:55 am on the north side of the Bridge, next to the Brewhouse and Kitchen. For more information contact pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk

NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE (NDCYS): is looking for a new *Programme Leader* to be based at The Briars Retreat Centre in Crich, Derbyshire: a place with over 50 years of history and a clear sense of purpose. This is an exciting opportunity for an emerging leader to develop both existing provision and new ways of enabling young people to encounter God, grow in discipleship, and participate in the mission of the Church, through residential and day retreats, outreach to schools and parishes, and online engagement. For more information visit ndcys.com/job-vacancies

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

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.