

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY: THIS 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

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 CHOCOLATE RAFFLE: Many thanks to everyone who supported the Parish Easter Raffle. We raised **£ 304. 00** and the Prize Winners were 1st Prize: ***Steve Simms***; 2nd Prize: ***Steve Hodgkinson*** and; 3rd Prize: ***Jack Walton***. Well done all of you. – ***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

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/>

THANK YOU: The Services for Holy Week and Easter do not just happen. So much hard work goes into making these beautiful days as beautiful as they are. Hard work goes on (so often behind the scenes) to ensure that, as a Parish, we can prayerfully enter into this most Holiest of Weeks and journey with the Lord. I am grateful to the Choir and Music Group for all their rehearsals and singing. To the Altar Servers who came together last week to assist with the Triduum. The Flower Arrangers for the beautiful displays of Easter colour. The welcomers and those who came to clean and tidy up the Church last Saturday. The Readers and Extraordinary Ministers have put themselves at the service of the Parish family. The candlesticks and other brasses have all been polished meticulously and everything glistens, shines and beams our Easter joy. For all that hard work – not just during Holy Week but throughout the year – thank you. That is in no small part what makes us a Parish Community and what draws people in – a community working together for the glory of God and the building up of a Community of Faith. For all that has been done across this last week, though, to make Holy Week the prayerful week that it has been, a huge thank you. Thank you as well for all the Easter cards and gifts and kind comments, as well your generous Easter Offering. – ***Fr Christopher Thomas***

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