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

Third Week of Easter: 19th – 25th April 2026 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week III)

<p>W <u>Saturday 18th April:</u> <u>Third Sunday of Easter: C</u> 5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Brian Fitzwater RIP (Nottingham Irish Golf Soc)</p> <p>W <u>Sunday 19th April:</u> <u>Third Sunday of Easter: C</u> 9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Professor Jack Scarisbrick RIP (Goodhind)</p> <p>W <u>Monday 20th April:</u> <u>Easter Feria</u> 9:00 am: Mass; Josie & Russ Breame (Powell)</p> <p>W <u>Tuesday 21st April:</u> <u>Easter Feria</u> 10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Holy Souls</p> <p>W <u>Wednesday 22nd April:</u> <u>Easter Feria</u> 10:00 am: Mass; Michael Morrissey 90th Birthday (Friends & Family)</p> <p>R <u>Thursday 23rd April:</u> <u>St George, Martyr & Patron of England (Solemnity)</u> 10:00 am: Mass; Paul & Kenneth Oshouka RIP</p> <p>W <u>Friday 24th April:</u> <u>Easter Feria</u> 10:00 am: Mass; Patricia Geary (Rimington)</p> <p>W <u>Saturday 25th April:</u> <u>Fourth Sunday of Easter: C (Good Shepherd Sunday)</u> 5:00 pm Confessions 5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish</p> <p>W <u>Sunday 26th April:</u> <u>Fourth Sunday of Easter: C (Good Shepherd Sunday)</u> 9:00 am: Mass; Dianne Burton (Hall) 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Intentions of Kiera Morgan Harvey</p>	<p>PARISH FINANCES</p> <p>11th / 12th April 2026</p> <p>Envelopes: £ 217.00 Loose Plate: £ 277.78 S / Orders: £ 576.01</p> <p>TOTAL: £ 1070.79</p> <p><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i></p> <p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></p> <p>Kathleen Anderson, Isobel Alana Barnes, Marica Borsos, Mary Evans, Kathleen Fisher, Andrea Hoffman, Breda Keaney, Margaret King, Brenda Lowe, Michael Morrissey, Julie Mortimer, Anne – Marie Reid, Simpson Family, Kay Twomey, Evelyn Venning and John Wilcox.</p>
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SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR THE CLERGY FORMATION FUND

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: First Holy Communion Classes will continue **THIS Sunday, 19th April 2026** and **NEXT Sunday, 26th April 2026** immediately after 9:00 am Mass in the Assumption Parish Hall.

PARISH TEA AND CAKE DROP – IN: Everyone is invited to come along to our *Monthly Tea and Cake Drop – In*, for a relaxed and friendly chat and catch-up with fellow parishioners. Tea, coffee and home – made cakes will be served from **2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**, in the **Church Hall**, on the **last Thursday** of the Month. The first Drop – In will be on **THURSDAY 30th APRIL 2026**. There will be no charge, as such, but a small donation to charity would be welcome. Do come along and join us. We would love to see you, there! – *Stella and the Baking Team* (Any questions: Contact Stella on 07809 559131)

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 **NEXT 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

HOLY HOUR ON THE DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE: at St Barnabas Cathedral Nottingham on **Sunday 19th April 2026** at **4:30 pm**. The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will hold a Holy Hour to pray for the promotion of a culture of life in our lands. Catholic communities across England and Wales are also asked to hold a Holy Hour on this day, so as to present a unified, prayerful front to offer this petition to Our Lord for the dignity of life, from conception to natural end and to pray that assisted suicide will not become Law. You are all very welcome to come and join us here at the Cathedral this Sunday afternoon at 4.30pm.

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/>

MELWOOD PILGRIMAGE: The Annual Saint Augustine Webster Diocesan Melwood Pilgrimage to the site of Melwood Abbey will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick on **Saturday 2nd May 2026** at **12 noon**, at Low Melwood Farm, Owston Ferry, DN9 1AD. The Pilgrimage will start with the Rosary and Procession, and then Mass held in one of the farm's barns. Please bring a chair, picnic (optional), and appropriate footwear for country footpaths. All are very welcome.

RETREATS: Between **Saturday 16th and Saturday 23rd May 2026** the Jesuit Institute is holding a 6 – day online *Retreat in the Lead up to Pentecost*, offering an opportunity to spend more time with God and listen to how God as at work in the everyday lives of those taking part. For details, and to book, visit:

www.jesuitinstitute.org/events/online-individually-guided-retreat---pentecost

“Come away with your spouse and pray. Get away from the bustle of everyday life.” Give your spouse the gift of time – to deepen your love in Christ. A *Retreat for Married Couples* is being held at the Carmelite Priory, Oxford, between **Friday 19th and Sunday 21st June 2026**. You and your spouse will learn about Saint John Paul II's Rule for Married Couples and experience the deep spiritual union, available in Sacramental Marriage! To book, visit: www.wojtylaci.com/marriage-retreats-events/marriage-retreat-at-boars-hill-carmelite-priory-outside-oxford

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.