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1st Sunday of Lent – 15th – 23rd March 2025

Date	Mass and Service details	Times	Intentions	Other Events
Sat 15th March	Adoration / Reconciliation Stations of the cross Mass – 2nd Sunday of lent	10.30 5.30pm 6pm	In church <i>For all missionary work</i>	Coffee morning 9.15am – 12.15pm – details below
Sun 16th March	Stations of the cross Mass – 2nd Sunday of lent	9.30am 10am	Family Mass <i>For the continued work of CAFOD</i>	No Choir Coffee after mass
Mon 17th March	Mass - St Patrick	9.30am	<i>Kathleen Perry (RIP)</i>	Hall booked 5-8pm (Yoga)
Tues 18th March	St Cyril of Jerusalem	----- 3.45pm	No public mass Communion class	In the hall
Wed 19th March -	Toddler Church Adoration & Mass – Feast of St Joseph	10.15am 12pm 1.45pm	In church then in hall <i>All fathers, grandfathers & father figures.</i> Choir Practice	Hall in use 9am – 12pm In church In church
Thurs 20th March	Mass – Feria Joint Parish Prayer group	9.30am 7pm	<i>Pope Francis</i> Includes Stations of the Cross – all welcome	In the hall
Fri 21st March	Adoration & Mass – Feria 'We Dare to Hope' meeting	12pm 7-8pm	<i>For all parishioners</i> Join in person or via Zoom	In the hall In the hall-details below
Sat 22nd March	Adoration / Reconciliation Stations of the cross Mass – 3rd Sunday of lent	10.30 5.30pm 6pm	In the hall <i>Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>	
Sun 23rd March	Stations of the cross Mass – 3rd Sunday of lent Service for the sick	9.30am 10am 4pm	<i>Carmella & Concetta Borg</i> Includes receiving of the sacraments of the sick	No Coffee after morning mass Light refreshments in the hall after pm service

Let us pray for our Sick & Housebound : Ben.S, Colin.B, Bernard.W, Marie.R, Bidy.M, Barbara.R, Margaret.W, Aileen.R, Deacon Bill, Janet.W, Lynne.M, David.W, David.B, Kathleen.L, Cathy.L, Christine.H, Dave.K, Mary.W, Hilary.O'S (Breda's niece), Joseph.H, Ira.R & Terry.H.

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Kathleen Perry who died recently

Upcoming Parish and Community Events

Fri 21st March	7-8pm	'We Dare to Hope' . This Lent we will be meeting each Friday from 14th March to 11th April , to explore the resource 'We Dare to Hope'. Sessions cover: Christian hope, The decision to hope, The prayer of hope, Hope against hope, Christ our hope. if you are not able https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83974156674?pwd=1USPt5n9ZecocQGZ1gbTjcBIFzEcGs . Meeting ID: 839 7415 6674 Passcode: 112529
Tues 25th March	7.30pm	Ladies group – <i>Includes Stations of the Cross</i> – all welcome
Wed 26th March	7pm	Church Fundraisers meeting (Outside venue) – future dates - 30th April & 18th June
Thurs 3rd April	7pm	Joint Parish Prayer group – East Leake – all welcome
Fri 4th April	6.30pm Eyes down 7pm	Bingo Night - Please call 07510 598874 or 07906 307395 to book a place & pay at the door: £10 per person. Full details on the poster in the porch. Donations of prizes such as an Easter egg or small gift/wine/biscuits would be much appreciated. Please leave in the porch in the box provided. Many thanks from the fundraising team.
Sun 6th April	4pm	Stations of the Cross – all invited
Thurs 10th April	7-8.30pm	Lenten retreat – Led by Fr Jonathon Cotton – all invited to attend
Thurs 17th April	7.30pm - midnight	Holy Thursday Vigil Mass , followed by watching of the Altar and night prayers
Fri 27th June	7.30pm	Fashion Show at St Winefrides school.
Sat 5th July	2 – 4pm	Annual Garden Fete: Save the date & support however you can. All our usual stalls, cake, raffle, tombola, plants, bric a brac, toys & 'open the box' game, plus refreshments. To build on the success to date we would love to have more stalls but need your ideas & help to run them. If you have an idea & would like to help, please speak to Brenda or Michael Fox.
Sat 29th Nov	10 am – 2pm	Annual Christmas Fayre at St Winefrides school
Fri 5th Dec	7pm	Christmas Concert in Church followed by seasonal refreshments in the hall
Sat 6th Dec	Leaves 9am	Stratford Christmas Market - coach trip to Stratford Christmas Market leaving Shepshed at 9am. Tickets on sale in September. £20pp

Date	Welcoming	Readings & Bidding Prayers	Offertory	Eucharistic Minister
Sat 22 nd March	Diane W	Lius V	Erica Y	Mary H
Sun 23 rd March	B&M fox	Olivia M	B&M Fox	Trevor B

Second / Charitable Collections & Donations

Parish Development Fund	Weekend of 1 st Sunday of the month	5th / 6th April
CAFOD Family Fast 14th March	Envelopes available 8th/9th March	Return envelopes 15th/16th
Lenten Stations Mass	Bishop's charitable purposes	TBC
Easter Flowers	At both masses	29th / 30th March

Items for newsletter UPDATE – Please note that due to the amount of admin work Joe is needing to take on we have agreed Teresa shall continue to complete the newsletter for a little longer. Please email items for the newsletter to admin.SP@dioceseofnottingham.uk until further notice. Many thanks Joe & Teresa

St. Winefride's Parish Liaison Group – Key points from meeting held on Tues 11th Feb 2025.

Enabling our Mission: To date £62k has been pledged from 16 families with an extra £13k needed. Further initiatives to invite more members of the parish to donate over the next 1-2 months.

Safeguarding: Carmel O'Brien provided the annual parish safeguarding report.

Alpha for Youth: The Alpha Youth group has started & currently has 8 participants. The group is aimed at teenagers.

Prayer Group: The prayer group meets twice a month at 7pm - East Leake (1st Thurs) & Shepshed (3rd Thurs).

Other Groups: Other forms of services of prayer & praise are being investigated with a tentative plan to hold a service between Easter & Pentecost.

Name Badge Masses: Other parishes have had success in encouraging social interaction through having designated masses where the participants wear name badges. It was agreed that this be tried at St Winefride's.

Parish Merger: The name of St John Paul II was put forward; however, this name has now been used by another parish. Consequently, the 2nd choice of St Matthew would be the name of the combined parish, pending the merger & agreement by the council of priests & approval of the Bishop. It was agreed amongst the PLG that it would be better if communication was stronger about the merger, both from the Diocese to the Parish & within the Parish itself.

The merger is under review by the Bishop & the council of priests (24th of Feb) in which the decision to proceed with the merger & its date will be decided. Pending the outcome, the next stages of the merger will be initiated.

Parish Administrator: Joe Green has been appointed as Parish Administrator & started in role on 4th Feb 2025.

School Governor: MH stated that there is a vacancy for a school governor & that an advertisement was been placed in the parish newsletter.

Catholic Union webinar on the Terminally ill Adults (End of Life) Bill on Thurs 3rd April at 6.30pm. Chaired by Baroness Hollins, President of the Catholic Union, it will give members & supporters the chance to unpick the Bill guided by 3 experts: Dr Matthew Doré; Dr Philip Howard & Professor Julian Hughes, before the Bill returns to the Commons' Chamber for **3rd Reading on 25th April**. Sign up for the webinar register at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hard-cases-dont-make-good-law-assisted-suicide-webinar-tickets-1233106176769?aff=oddtcreator

Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service is running an open retreat, **Search for the Light**, during Easter weekend, **Thurs 17th – Sun 20th April**, at The Briars Youth Retreat Centre. Join the team as they walk with young people in Years 10 -13 through the Easter Triduum. To book visit: ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities/search/

Saint Vincent de Paul Society & CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England & Wales. The experience will run from **22nd 27th June** in London. Candidates must have completed their 1st or 2nd year at university & have a passion for social justice. **Applications close on Easter Day, 20th April**. For any queries, please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk

Nottingham Diocesan Jubilee Lourdes Pilgrimage - Mon 14th - Fri 18th July. The Pilgrimage includes a full liturgical programme, with Mass each day; return direct flights from East Midlands Airport to Lourdes; 4 nights full board in a three- or four- star hotel; assistance for those who need it from the Diocesan Hospitalité & Health Team. Prices start from £899, more details at: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes