

4th April 2025

Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had such a heartwarming week here at school, filled with memorable moments we wanted to share with you.

On Monday, we captured those precious smiles with our class photos! We hope you'll cherish these keepsakes from Braiswick photographers. Thank you so much for your support in ensuring the children looked their absolute best – they truly shone! We were especially proud to hear from our photographers, a new company for us, who were so impressed by the children's wonderful behaviour and politeness. One of them even remarked, "You must be very proud of your school!" which made us all smile.

Tuesday brought another special occasion as we welcomed Bishop Patrick McKinney to bless our beautiful new chapel and library. The children, along with our dedicated chaplains and our amazing chaplain, Mrs. Johnson, led a moving Celebration of the Word, filled with enthusiasm and love. Bishop Patrick was deeply touched by our school community, expressing his admiration for our staff and children. He was particularly impressed by the children's thoughtful responses during the celebration and their lovely behaviour.

We were also delighted to have our governors, Fr. John, Fr. Simon, and Mr. Lockyer, CEO of our trust, join us for this special blessing.

It's moments like these that remind us how fortunate we are to have such a wonderful school family. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Good luck,

Mr. Gallagher

APRIL

- 8th Reception Trip – Twycross Zoo
Girls Semi Finals Football
- 10th Easter Menu

14th to 27th – END OF TERM

- 29th Armadramarama Club starts

MAY

- 2nd – Year 4 & 5 Swimming Starts
- 5th Bank Holiday
- 8th Year 1 Brocks Hill
- **26th to 1st June – HALF TERM**

JUNE

- 2nd – Year 4 Trip to King Richard III
- 10th – Year 3 Bosworth Battlefield Trip
- 12th – Year 1 Trip – Beaumanor Hall
- 18th – 20th – Year 6 CRICH
- 27th – Year 2 Trip to Hunstanton Beach

JULY

- 4th – Sports Day (All children)
- 11th – Last Day of Term – 2p.m
Finish. After school club finishes at 4.15p.m.



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and follow us on social media.



BISHOP'S VISIT





Spring Fayre

Saturday 12th April

10am to 1pm

**Various Stalls, Raffle , Easter Egg Tombola
Jacket Potato Lunches**

***Easter Trees will be on display,
decorated by local schools
Come and vote for your favourite!***

**FREE Tea and Coffee and a
Warm Welcome!**

All money raised will go to Loros

Wigston Magna United Reformed Church





Easter Holiday Craft

at Leicester Cathedral



**Tuesday 15 and
Thursday 17 April**
1.30–3.30pm
Easter cards

**Tuesday 22 and
Thursday 24 April**
1.30–3.30pm
Make an Easter egg
on a peg!

FREE!

No booking
required – just
drop-in

Ages 3+
All children must
be accompanied
by an adult



www.leicestercathedral.org



EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025

As the Easter holiday approaches we wanted to send our usual information sheet out to you with some ideas to keep costs down

Discounted meals

There are lots of places offering free or very discounted meals for children. At Prezzo children under 12 eat free from 31st March to 27th April 2025. This offer is valid with the purchase of one adult meal.

For more discounted ideas click on the Easter eggs!



Things to do

Click below to see low cost family friendly activities around Leicester and Leicestershire and Rutland. Events include Easter egg hunts, crafts and Easter bonnet parades!



More things to do

Prima have produced a list of ideas for family friendly activities to ensure a fun Easter break. Click on the daffodil for some inspiration.



Going away?

Did you know many hotel chains offer free breakfast for children with a paying adult. Hotels include Travelodge, Premier Inn and The Holiday Inn. Click on the hotel to find out details of Premier Inn's offer (up to two children 16 and under can eat breakfast for free!)



Half term book poster competition!

We would love for our pupils to spend some time reading during the Easter holidays. Pick your favourite book and create a poster about that book describing what you enjoyed about it, your favourite characters and why you think others should read this book!

There is a prize for the winning primary pupil and one for secondary! Photos of the student with their poster should be sent via email to: kstuart-jones@aquinas-cmat.org and should state the pupil name and school name. Pupil photos should be emailed in by parent/carers and by entering you consent for your child to be featured on our social media pages. **Closing date is Monday 28th April 2025 at 9am.**

Parish Newsletter



St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, and St. Edward's

Fifth Week of Lent 2025, Lectionary Year C

Website: cathparishmje.co.uk Phone: 07354 832195

Email: cathparishmje@dioceseofnottingham.uk

**Saturday 5th April – Anticipation of
Passion Sunday - Statues Covered**

9:30pm HMP Fosse Way, **Holy Mass**

5:30pm St. John Bosco, **Confession**

6pm St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass**

All Parishioners

Sunday 6th April – Passion Sunday

9am St. Edward's, **Holy Mass**

Helen Todd Bray RIP (1st Anniversary)

11am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass**

Frank Hartley RIP and Keith Bates RIP

1:30pm Leicester City Centre **Rosary Rally**

1:30pm St. Mary's Hall, **LACY Walk**

3:30pm St. Mary's, **LACY Youth Stations**

6pm St. Mary's, **Holy Mass (No incense)**

Michael Hirrell RIP (60th Anniversary)

Monday 7th April - Lenten Feria

6:15pm St. Mary's, **Choir and Musician**

Practice for the Easter Triduum

Tuesday 8th April – Lenten Feria

10am St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass**

Vera Fitzgerald

6pm St. Mary's, **Altar Server Training for
Good Friday**

7:10pm St. Mary's **Eucharistic Adoration**

7:45 - 8:30pm St. Mary's Hall, **What the
Church teaches about the Holy Mass. All
welcome to hear and ask questions about
what is done at the Mass and why.**

Wednesday 9th April – Lenten Feria

10am St. Edward's **Holy Mass**

Deacon John Parker RIP

Thursday 10th April – Lenten Feria

10am St. Mary's **Holy Mass** Peter Taylor RIP

10am St. Thomas More **Requiem Mass**

Joan Pratt RIP

6:30pm St. Mary's, **Becoming Catholic**

Friday 11th April – Lenten Feria

No Meat Today

12pm St. John Bosco **Stations of the Cross**

1pm-4pm St. Edward's Hall, **Craft, Games &
Gardening Club**

7pm St. Mary's **Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday 12th April – Anticipation of Palm
Sunday**

10am St. John Bosco, **Convalidation Mass**

Daniel and Kate

5:30pm St. John Bosco, **Confessions**

6pm St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass**

All Parishioners

Sunday 13th April – Palm Sunday

9am St. Edward's, **Holy Mass** Holy Souls

11am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** John Ryan RIP

6pm St. Mary's, **Holy Mass (No incense)**

Laurence Toner RIP

**Confessions available after every Mass
and by request**

Sick and Housebound Parishioners: If you know of any sick or housebound parishioners or of their carers, who would desire a visit from the Church, please do let Fr. John know.

GDPR: Due to Data Protection Regulations, we need written permission for any names to be published in this newsletter or on the website. Contact newslettermje@gmail.com if you would like a name mentioned in the prayer list, but please remember that you must have permission from the person or next of kin to do so.

Table-Top Sale: Saturday 17th May. St. John Bosco. See Poster.

Life is always a Good: from the Dicastery for the Laity, Family, and Life, is on our website.

Easter Lilies: Envelopes are available in the porches of St. Mary's & St. John Bosco to enable you to dedicate Easter lilies for your deceased loved ones. Please include the number of lilies required and names of dedications @ £3 per lily and return to Lynne or Bernadette at St Marys' or Rita or Genny at St John Bosco. The list of dedications will be displayed in both churches. See the back of the church for St. Edward's Lily donations. All dedications MUST be received by NEXT Sunday 13th April.

Candidates and Catechumens: Please pray for those who are preparing for their reception into the Church at Easter. Let us be examples to them of holy Catholic lives, loving and defending the faith of our fathers, the Holy Roman Catholic and Apostolic Faith established by Christ the King.

Questions 168a – 168b of the Penny Catechism

168a. What do we mean by the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin?

By the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin we mean that by the power of God, Mary, at the completion of her life, was taken body and soul into everlasting glory to reign as Queen of heaven and earth.

168b. Is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin an article of Faith?

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is an article of Faith because it has been solemnly defined by the infallible authority of the Church.

On the Evils of Gossip: St. Padre Pio said, "When you gossip about a person it means that you have removed the person from your heart. But be aware, when you remove someone from your heart, Jesus also goes away from your heart with them."

Pope Francis said: "Gossip is 'criminal' as it destroys, rather than exalts the image of God present in others." "Gossiping is terrorism because the person who gossips is like a terrorist who throws a bomb and walks away, destroying; they destroy with their tongue, they don't make peace." "I am convinced that if each one of us would purposely avoid gossip, at the end, we would become a saint! It's a beautiful path!" **Let the evil of gossip never be found among us!**

LACY (Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth): THIS WEEKEND! We would love to see as many young people, families and friends at our Sponsored Walk and Nature Hunt - for Cancer Research - on Sunday 6th April commencing from St. Mary's at 1:30pm. See poster for full information. Light refreshments will be available followed by Youth Stations of the Cross at 3:30pm. We look forward to seeing you all! Let's put our Faith into action this Lent! Contact: paulinepavne@hotmail.com. Fundraising link: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/lacys-walk-for-cancer-research-uk>.

Easter Triduum Music: All are welcome to join a combined choir and musicians for these holy three days. Practices take place every week in St. Mary's on Monday evenings from 6.15pm.

Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday Liturgy Times

Holy Thursday	17 th April	7:30pm	St. Mary's
Good Friday	18 th April	3pm	St. Mary's
Easter Vigil	19 th April	9pm	St. Mary's
Easter Sunday	20 th April	9am	St. Edward's
Easter Sunday	20 th April	11am	St. John Bosco
Easter Sunday	20 th April	6pm	St. Mary's

The important vote on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, is likely to take place on Friday 25th April. You can contact your Member of Parliament at <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote>. Postcards from Notdeadyetuk.org were distributed last weekend. Please ensure you have posted them to your MP. A range of further resources opposing assisted suicide is available at the Catholic Bishop's Website: www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/

Finances at St. Mary's, St. John Bosco and St. Edward's

At St. Mary's and St. John Bosco we are now **below** Last Year's Expenditure by £4,691.21. This is due to the £3,000 for the decorating at St. John Bosco, and all the utility bills going out. St. Edward's finances are healthy.

With blessings as you do your penances during this Holy season of Lent, Fr. John

Donations via Bank Transfer

Acc. Name: St Mary and St J B S Wigston RCP
Sort Code: 30-15-97,
Account Number: 00346385

Acc. Name: St Edward Conf Leicester RCP
Sort Code: 30-15-97,
Account Number: 00554352

Easy Fundraising: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-marvs-and-st-iohn-bosco-rdp/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=m-en-nl

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