

9th May 2025

Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents & carers,

Yesterday was a very special day in school as we remembered the 80th anniversary of VE Day! It stands for Victory in Europe Day, a time when everyone celebrated the end of the Second World War in Europe. Lots of you came to school looking fantastic in your red, white, and blue clothes – thank you!

In the morning, we all gathered for an assembly to learn more about why VE Day is so important for our country. We heard stories from people who were there when it first happened in 1945 – it sounded like a very exciting time! Afterwards, everyone in school had a fun afternoon break with yummy snacks to celebrate together. It was lovely to see everyone smiling and having a good time!

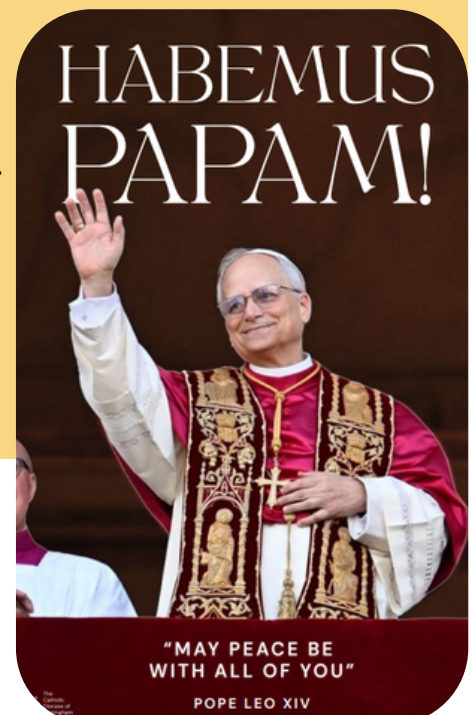
Prayers for the New Pope

This week is also a significant time for Catholics around the world as we awaited the election of a new Pope, and last evening, the white smoke emerged!

Let us offer our prayers for our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. May the Holy Spirit guide him as he leads our Church with wisdom, strength, and love. May God bless and guide him.

God bless,
Mr Gallagher

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

MAY

- **12th - 16th** - SATs week Year 6
- **15th** CENSUS - Change in Menu -to be advised shortly
- **19th** - Walk to School Week
- **20th** - Year 1 Led Liturgy - 9.a.m. - All Welcome
- **21st** - New Reception Intake - Parents Evening - 6p.m.
- **22nd** - Year 4 Sports Festival at St Paul's

26th to 1st June - HALF TERM

JUNE

- **2nd** - Year 4 Trip to King Richard III
- Year 5 Trip to Outdoor Pursuit Centre
- **3rd** - Sportshall Athletics - Finals
- **10th** - Year 3 Bosworth Battlefield
Year 5 - St Paul's Sports Festival
- **12th** - Year 1 Trip - Beaumanor Hall [cancelled]
- **17th**- Year 6 St Paul's Festival
- **18th - 20th** - Year 6 CRICH
- **24th** - Holy Communion Celebration Mass - 9a.m. All welcome.
Nativity of St John The Baptist

JULY

- **4th** - Sports Day (All children) KS1 - A.M. & KS2 - P.M.
- **9th** - Year 6 Leavers Party - 6p.m.
- **11th** - Last Day of Term - 2p.m Finish. After school club finishes at 4.15p.m. Seaside Special Menu.

Gardening Club needs your help

Update from Gardening club:

We have been very busy this spring at gardening club! The children planted Potatoes, peas, courgettes, radishes, herbs and strawberries. They also planted sunflower seeds to take home.

We are very lucky to have such a lovely school garden here but some jobs are a bit too big for the children and Mrs Lam and so we are putting a call out for help! Our raised beds are starting to show their age and we would be really grateful if any handy members of the school community could help to fix them so that we can continue to grow new things. One of our water butts has also split so if you have one that you are not using and would be willing to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. If you can help, please message the school office





VOLUNTEER HANDYMAN NEEDED

Our Reception class are looking for someone to help with a small area that requires some outdoor slabs laying or paving which will provide a base for a wooden play-hut.

Please see photo below.

Please kindly contact the office if you would be interested.



On Tuesday, May 20th, our wonderful Year 1 class will be leading our annual May assembly as we honour Mary, our Blessed Mother.

As is our tradition, we would be delighted to receive donations of flowers to beautifully adorn the statue of Mary during the assembly. Following the celebration, these flowers will then be taken to a local nursing home to bring joy to its residents.

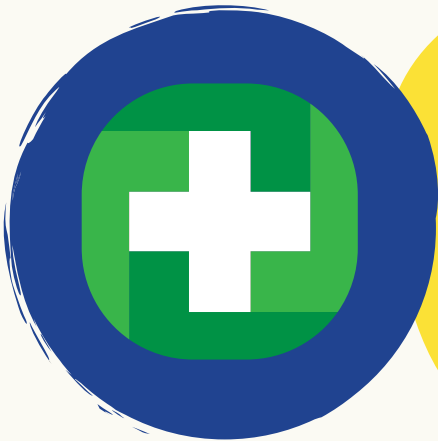
Your generosity in providing flowers would be deeply appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support in making this a special occasion for our children and the wider community.



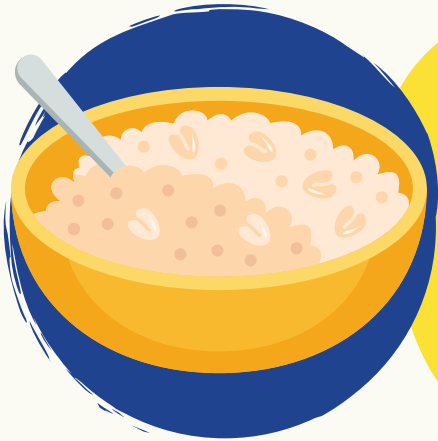
OTHER TOPICS



Please kindly note that there is a large box of lost property which is kept in the School Office for parents to look through. Please kindly have a look if any of the items belong to your child by the end of next week. Any unclaimed items will be given to the PTFA for the pre-loved uniform sale.



We would like to kindly remind you that the school's policy strictly allows for the administration of only prescribed medication. Unfortunately, we are unable to give any non-prescribed medications, including over-the-counter items such as paracetamol, Calpol, and ibuprofen. This policy also extends to creams, which require a prescription in order to be administered.



YEAR 6 - SATS FREE BREAKFAST CLUB

To give your child a really good start for SATs week, we are inviting all year 6 children to join us for FREE breakfast from Monday 12th May to Thursday 16th May.

Please book via Arbor - Clubs- Year 6 Breakfast Club



THANK YOU

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the PTFA for their incredibly generous contribution towards the new library bookshelves. Your support has made a meaningful difference, and we are truly grateful. Thanks to your kindness, the Library is gradually transforming into a more welcoming and inspiring space for our students. The shelves are already making a noticeable impact, and it's clear that the children are the most delighted of all—they've been eager to explore and enjoy the growing collection of books. Your donation is helping to foster a love of reading that will benefit our pupils for years to come.

ST WISTAN'S DAY

Medieval Fair



BELL STREET, WIGSTON

SATURDAY 31 MAY, 11AM - 4PM

Lots of family fun at this community event!

- Re-enactments
- Saxon chain mail making
- Saxon tablet weaving
- Saxon silver smith
- Morris dancers
- Costume try on
- Punch & Judy
- And lots lots more....!



Please support town centre businesses on your visit!

Medieval fair follows historic St Wistan's Walk in the morning

For more information visit www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk/stwistans



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Address of Pope Leo XIV

Speaking from the Central Loggia of Saint Peter's Basilica on Thursday 8th May 2025

Pope Leo XIV gave the following address.

Translation by Vatican News

Peace be with you. Dearest brothers and sisters, this was the first greeting of the risen Christ, the good shepherd who gave his life for the flock of God. I, too, would like this greeting of peace to enter your hearts, to reach your families and all people, wherever they are; and all the peoples, and all the earth: Peace be with you.

This is the peace of the Risen Christ, a disarming and humble and preserving peace. It comes from God. God, who loves all of us, without any limits or conditions. Let us keep in our ears the weak but always brave voice of Pope Francis, who blessed Rome - the Pope who blessed Rome and the world that day on the morning of Easter.

Allow me to continue that same blessing. God loves us, all of us, evil will not prevail. We are all in the hands of God. Without fear, united, hand in hand with God and among ourselves, we will go forward. We are disciples of Christ, Christ goes before us, and the world needs his light. Humanity needs him like a bridge to reach God and his love. You help us to build bridges with dialogue and encounter so we can all be one people always in peace.

Thank you Pope Francis.

Thank you to my cardinal brothers who chose me to be the successor of Peter and to walk together with you as a united Church searching all together for peace and justice, working together as women and men, faithful to Jesus Christ without fear, proclaiming Christ, to be missionaries, faithful to the gospel.

I am a son of Saint Augustine, an Augustinian. He said, "with you I am a Christian, for you a bishop". So may we all walk together towards that homeland that God has prepared for us.

To the Church of Rome, a special greeting: We have to look together how to be a missionary Church, building bridges, dialogue, always open to receiving with open arms for everyone, like this square, open to all, to all who need our charity, our presence, dialogue, love.

(Speaking in Spanish) Hello to all and especially to those of my diocese of Chiclayo in Peru, a loyal, faithful people accompanying the bishop and helping the bishop.

(Returning to Italian) To all you brothers and sisters of Rome, Italy, of all the world, we want to be a synodal church, walking and always seeking peace, charity, closeness, especially to those who are suffering.

Today is the day of the Supplicatio [plea] to Our Lady of Pompeii.

Our blessed mother Mary always wants to walk with us, be close to us, she always wants to help us with her intercession and her love. So let us pray together for this mission, and for all of the Church, and for peace in the world.

We ask for this special grace from Mary, our mother. Hail Mary, full of grace, our Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Parish Newsletter



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

Fourth Week of Eastertide Year C

Website: cathparishmje.co.uk Phone: 07354 832195

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Saturday 10th May – Anticipation of Good Shepherd Sunday

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

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

Good Shepherd Sunday 11th May – Fourth Sunday of Easter

9am St. Edward's **Holy Mass** Fidela Decierdo RIP

11am St. Mary's **Holy Mass** Pope Francis RIP

6pm St. Mary's **Holy Mass** (No Incense) Danny Hirrell RIP (2nd Ann)

Retiring Collection at all weekend Masses for the Diocesan Clergy Formation Fund

Confessions available after all Masses and by request

Monday 12th May – Easter Feria

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

Tuesday 13th May – Easter Feria

10am St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** Maisey Sheridan RIP

12pm St. John Bosco Hall, **Friendship Club**

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

7:45pm – 8:30pm St. Mary's Hall, **What the Church teaches about The Different Forms of Celebrating Mass**. Taken from the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (this is on our website). All welcome.

Wednesday 14th May – St Matthias, Apostle (Feast)

10am St. Edward's, **Holy Mass** All Parishioners

1pm St. John Bosco, **Funeral Service** Peggy Rouse RIP

Thursday 15th May – Easter Feria

10am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass**, Teresa Cotton RIP

6:30pm St. Mary's Porch, **Mystagogue** for those new initiates who have recently entered the church

Friday 16th May – Easter Feria

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

Saturday 17th May – Anticipation of the Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30am HMP Fosse Way, **Holy Mass** Prisoner's Intentions

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, please keep in your prayers **Michael and Lukas** currently at Saint Mary's College Oscott and for **Markanthony** who will be starting Valladolid in September. **This weekend's collection** is proposed to be spent on making the chapel at The Briars a focus of prayer for vocations in the Diocese. Thanks for your continued prayers. There is to be an **Ambassadors Welcome Day at the Briars DE4 5BW on Saturday 7th June 10am – 3pm** for anyone interested in supporting the diocesan youth service in the next year. Contact thefriends@ndcys.com for more info.

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 let Fr. John know so this can be arranged.

The Rosary will be said before each Mass during May at St. Mary's

Please see Valentine for further information.

The Assisted Suicide Legislation Report - The Leadbeater Bill is due to return soon to the Commons for its final reading and vote. But there is still time to oppose it, and many MPs are unsure about which way to vote. On **Tuesday 13th May at 7.30pm**, in Cathedral Hall, Nottingham, NG1 5AE there will be a presentation on practical actions we can take to oppose the bill. Speakers will be Alithea Williams of SPUC and Professor David Paton. All are welcome. For more information call 07757 815 625.

Table-Top Sale at St. John Bosco Hall: !! Only one week to go!! We look forward to seeing you all at the tabletop sale on **Saturday 17th May at 10am** in St John Bosco hall. Book a table to sell items from your spring 'clear outs'. Come early to pick up a bargain and the best prizes on the tombola!! It is never too late to donate prizes, either for the raffle, or the tombola. We also need cakes for the cake stall, and plants and garden items for the plant stall. Many of you have taken raffle tickets. Remember to bring back the stubs with the money to be in with a chance of winning one of the big prizes. You can bring them on the day. See you there!! Contacts: Hilari and Keith.

LACY (Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth) would like to say a big THANK YOU to all those people who supported our recent Sponsored Walk for Cancer Research. To date over £500 has been raised with more to come in. It was a great afternoon with a lovely walk and treasure hunt which culminated in a display in front on the Cross in church. This was our focal point for the Stations of the Cross which the young people shared together.

10am – 2pm St. John Bosco Hall, **Table-Top Sale**

6pm St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** Samatha Louise Noble RIP

First Holy Communion Children take part in Mass at St. John Bosco

Sunday 18th May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

9am St. Edwards, **Holy Mass** Edward Hope RIP

11am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Joan Pratt RIP

First Holy Communion Children take part in Mass at St. Mary's 11am.

6pm St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** (No Incense) William Kelly RIP

Confessions available after all Masses and by request

HABEMUS PAPAM – WE HAVE A POPE!

Let us pray for our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV
Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost from Chicago, USA.

Questions 175-176 of the Penny Catechism

177. What are the sins against Faith?

The sins against Faith are all false religions, wilful doubt, disbelief, or denial of any article of Faith, and also culpable ignorance of the doctrines of the Church.

178. How do we expose ourselves to the danger of losing our Faith?

We expose ourselves to the danger of losing our Faith by neglecting our spiritual duties, reading bad books, going to non-Catholic schools without seeking out proper Catholic formation.

179. What are the sins against Hope?

The sins against Hope are despair and presumption.

180. What are the chief sins against Religion?

The chief sins against Religion are the worship of false gods or idols, and the giving to any creature whatsoever the honour which belongs to God alone.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Joan Curtis RIP: **Funeral Mass** St. Mary's Tuesday 20th May at 10am. Glenn Purchase RIP: **Funeral Service** St. Mary's Friday 23rd May at 12:30pm. Lauren Callaghan RIP: **Funeral Service** St. John Bosco Wednesday 28th May at 10am.

Mass Intentions: Do offer Masses for your loved ones. Dated intentions are offered as near to the requested date as possible.

A great time to share with our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and other young people who joined us. Thank you to Fr. John for joining us with a Blessing as the Stations of the Cross finished.

First Holy Communion The 25 children preparing to receive First Holy Communion in June are coming towards the end of their preparation programme. **Please remember them, and their families, in your prayers.** On 17th and 18th May the children, in two groups, will be undertaking all of the roles at the Masses at St John Bosco on the Saturday night, and at the 11.00am Mass at St Mary's on Sunday, as they learn about the Mass. Over the weekend of **7th/8th June**, 12 children will receive communion for the first time at St John Bosco at the 6pm Mass, 10 at the 11am Sunday Mass at St Mary's, and 3 at the 6pm Mass at St Mary's. We welcome them all as they share the Body of Christ with us all for the first time.

Finances at St. Mary's, St. John Bosco and St. Edwards: Thank you for your ongoing support of our Parish Churches.

Newsletter: Please sign up to receive this via email as this is a quick way to pass on extra information or changes that occur between weekly emails. Contact newslettermje@gmail.com and ask for your name to be added. Printed newsletters are still available in each church each week.

Website: Please subscribe to our website so that you will receive notice of any new items that are posted. A number of posts have been made about the recent death of Pope Francis RIP and we will update the website with news of the new Pope when we are advised by the Diocese.

Proposed Merger of our Parishes – Questionnaire: Please fill this in and return it directly to **Fr. John**, or via cathparishmje@dioceseofnottingham.uk or john.owens@dioceseofnottingham.uk by 11th May.

With Eastertide blessings, Newsletter Team

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