

10 March 2019 - First Sunday of Lent

LENT 2019

Confessions

Available after Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Friday (in addition to the normal Saturday times)

Wednesday 7.00am Mass

This early morning Mass gives workers and students the opportunity to get to Mass in the week during Lent.

Followed by a simple breakfast in the hall.

Deanery Station Masses

- Confessions from 6.45pm ~ Mass at 7.30pm
- Wednesday 20 March – St Thomas More, Knighton
- Wednesday 27 March – St Peter’s, Hinckley
- Wednesday 10 April – Our Lady of Victories, Market Harborough
- Saturday 16 March 11.00am – St Patrick’s, Beaumont Leys

Stations of the Cross

Sundays at 5.00pm followed by Benediction

Concluding at 5.45pm approx

CAFOD- Lenten Fast Day

Friday 15 March

Envelopes are available for you to donate throughout Lent. Just put the envelope onto any weekend collection plate.

Singing Practices for the Sacred Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Vigil)

Singing practices for the ceremonies of the Sacred Triduum will take place at 4.00pm on the Sundays of Lent (commencing 10th March)

Lenten Publications

Walk With Me - Daily reflections for Lent Price £1

CTS books and leaflets for Lent are also available for you to purchase.

Please put money for any purchases into the slot on Piety Stall.

YOUR OFFERING TO THE CHURCH

Many thanks to all of you who offer regular financial support to the Church and to all who help to administer the parish's financial affairs.

Across the diocese, people are being asked to consider ways in which we can increase our offertory income, to help us

in our mission of spreading the Gospel.

There are different ways you can contribute to the needs of the parish and detailed below are some suggestions we hope you will find helpful, especially if you are new to the parish.

The Church benefits from tax concessions through the Gift Aid Scheme. If you use a box of envelopes or pay by standing order, the Parish can re-claim the taxable amount of your offering at no cost to yourself. You will need to sign a Gift Aid Declaration Form which is held by the Diocese and Parish Office for our records. Forms are available from the Distributors at the back of Church or from the Parish Office. For every £1 you put on the plate, we will receive an extra 25p. Last year, we received just over £5,000 from donations through this scheme, so please consider joining if you can.

STANDING ORDER: For those who are in a financial position to give the same amount to the Church each week or month, setting up a Standing Order makes the administration much simpler. It also helps us with our weekly banking, which becomes more difficult as banks are closing in the area.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Alternatively, you might prefer the more traditional method of just contributing through the use of envelopes.

WHAT TO DO NEXT:

Current Members – Your box of envelopes will be ready for collection next weekend.

New Members – If you wish to become a regular giver, either by using the Envelope Scheme or Standing Order, please speak to one of the distributors, or contact Claire in the our Parish Office and she will assist you (E: stpetersleicester@gmail.com)

Notices

Parish Spring Fayre

Thank you to everyone who supported this parish event. The total raised on the day was £2,166.97. The monies raised will be split equally between Parish Funds and our two parish charities – Sound Cafe and Menphys. The list of raffle prize winners is displayed on the notice-board, so please check to see if you or someone you sold a ticket to has

won anything. Prizes can be collected from the Sacristy.

Alternative Lenten TV Viewing

The Catholic Television Network EWTN is available as a free channel on Sky Channel 588. For more information visit www.ewtn.co.uk

Protect Parents Rights

Cards are available at the back of church for parents who wish to register with the Secretary for Education their desire that the Government maintain their right to withdraw children from sex education lessons in school.

EWTN

This is the world's largest Catholic media network, reaching over 150 million homes.

Programmes cover an excellent range of Catholic teaching, discussion, news, family entertainment, conversion stories, saints lives, and live events including the Holy Father's weekly audience from Rome. It's your way to be better connected to the Catholic world!

Even if you don't yet receive EWTN, you can register to get a taste for what's on - everything is free and there is Live TV and Radio at www.ewtn.co.uk

Dates For Your Diary

St Patrick's Day Mass

Saturday 16 March at St Patrick's Beaumont Leys Lane LE4 2BD. Celebrant – Bishop Patrick McKinney. Followed by refreshments and music in the parish centre.

Leicester Irish Society – 50th Anniversary

Sunday 17 March 1.30-7.00pm. Tickets Adult £25 Under 12's £12.50. Four Course Lunch, music, dancing. For information & how to get tickets Please contact Elaine Godber Email godbers5@sky.com or 07753693917 The closing date for tickets is March 1st 2019

Pilgrimage Opportunities...

Lourdes or Lisieux: Fr John McCay from West Bridgford parish is organising two pilgrimages in the diocese in 2019 – one to Lourdes & Nevers from 15-22 June and one to Lisieux from 1-5 April. Travel by coach with a pick-up point in Leicester. Details are on the notice-board.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 14-19 July by air from East Midlands Airport or train from Nottingham. Join Bishop Patrick on our annual pilgrimage. Pick up a leaflet or see poster for more details. Booking forms are available from the parish office, if you need one please ask. More information from Fr Simon Gillespie by emailing admin@nottingham-lourdes.org.uk

Save the Dates...

The following annual parish events will be taking place this year. Please make a note of them:

- Monday 29 April – Chef & Spice Restaurant Fundraiser
- Saturday 15 June – Canon Caus Fish ‘n’ Chip Supper
- Saturday 29 June – Parish Feast Day BBQ
- Saturday 28 September – Canon Caus Harvest Supper

There is plenty of opportunity for other parish social events to take place and if you would like to organise something, please email the parish office.