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WEEKLY BULLETIN 12th – 17th MARCH 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

Sunday, 12th March	St Patrick's, Forest Town	11.00 am Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Wednesday, 15th March	St Patrick's, Forest Town	9.15 am Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>
		<i>Stations of the Cross follows Mass</i>	
Thursday, 16th March	St Patrick's, Forest Town	6.00 pm Exposition and Confessions	
		7.00 pm Mass	<i>Benefactors of our Parishes</i>
Friday, 17th March	St Patrick's School	9.00 am Mass	<i>School Community</i>
	St Patrick's, Forest Town	9.15 am Mass	<i>Community of St Patrick's</i>
Sunday, 19th March	St Patrick's, Forest Town	11.00 am Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>

ROTAS

Sunday, 12th March	Mass	Greeters:	Cory & Linda	Reader: Mary
		Minister:	Andrew	
		Counters:	Angela & Andrew	Cleaning: Anne & Garry
Sunday, 19th March	Mass	Greeters:	Kevin & Sheila	Reader: Ian
		Minister:	Angela S	
		Counters:	Kevin & Sheila	Cleaning: Anne & Garry

Your Prayers are requested for: Jennifer Davis; Margaret Beresford; Rita; Michael B; Philip Joseph; Mary C A; Preethy Philip; Alphy George; Adam George; Luka George; Anne W; Janet C; Mary S; Garry; Malcolm S; Jay; Liz T (Anne's niece); Jackson L (in thanksgiving for a recovery from his operation); Martin M; Rosemary S; Tina T; Mary C, Joseph D, Noel De L; Danny De L; Dianna B; Theresa D; Ron and Jean M; Claire D and Mrs C. Casey. All those in hospital or housebound and their carers. Peace in the Ukraine. *Please let Fr John know of anyone who would like to be remembered in our prayers.*

A SPECIAL PRAYER INITIATIVE FOR THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF POPE FRANCIS' PONTIFICATE

On Monday, March 13, Pope Francis will be celebrating ten years of his pontificate. To highlight this milestone anniversary in a "viral" manner, the Digital Synod has launched a [special online map](#) featuring virtual lighted candles representing the prayers of the faithful worldwide for him.

Anyone who wishes to join the initiative will find an invitation on the website to pray one or more Hail Marys. "In the end we will send the Holy Father the map with the 'little candles' which represent the Hail Marys that are prayed for him, thanking God for His Mercy, " Go to <https://www.decimus-annus.org/it/site/index> and in the top right hand corner – change the language to English.... Please say a Hail Mary – (or more) for Pope Francis on Monday.

SYNOD PRAYER

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray
from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen*

WALK WITH ME LENTEN BOOKLETS: These are now on sale at £1.00 each in the church porch.

THE JOURNEY TOWARDS ONE PARISH.... *THANK YOU to everyone who attended the first Core Group Meeting which provided some very positive ideas. last week. Notes from the meeting will be available as soon as possible.*

CAFOD Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen

FOOD BANK: *The cost of living crisis has meant that the number of people needing the emergency rations that the foodbank can offer has doubled recently. At the same time, donations have dramatically decreased. We need tinned hot and cold meat, tinned fish, tinned vegetables, coffee, tinned fruit, toiletries, cleaning materials and **particularly Size 5 or 6 nappies**. Thank you very much for your continued support. Please leave your donations in the porch of St Patrick's Church. For more information, please speak to Angela Grabowski.*

FIRST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, We thank and praise you for the gift of our children. Be with them, their parents and catechists in our Pastoral Area, as they prepare in this year to encounter you more deeply in the Eucharist. May they come to know, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope, and love, so they may know peace, truth, and goodness. May their ears hear your voice. May their eyes see your presence in all things. May their lips proclaim your word. May their hearts be your dwelling place. May their hands do works of charity. May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ, today and always. Amen

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: 16th – 23rd February 2024 A full spiritual programme prepared by Fr. Gerry and Sr Susan - includes visits to the major religious sites in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and Galilee. For more information/booking form, please contact Sr Susan.

LENTEN STATION MASS: St Patrick's will be hosting Mass for all the parishioners from each church in the Pastoral Area at 7.00 pm on **Thursday, 16th March**. We have been asked to provide refreshments in the Hall after Mass so anyone wishing to volunteer to help by providing sandwiches, cakes etc or serving on the night is asked to let Ken Daly know as soon as possible.

BIG LENT WALK: Thank you to all who have supported my fundraising for CAFOD over the last 2 years. I am again doing CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and would be grateful for anyone who feels they could sponsor me. The link to my donation page is <https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/ann-neale> alternatively if anyone else would like to join in and do the Big Lent Walk the link to the sign up page is

https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/TheBigLentWalk?_gl=1*16vsh7*_ga*OTQ0NTM5NjcyLjE2NDU1MzcwMzk.*_ga_WB67PX15W6*MTY3NzA1MzE2NC4zLjAuMTY3NzA1MzE2NC4wLjAuMA Mrs Ann Neale

JOEL'S BAR 2023 – AN EASTER RETREAT FOR 16-28 YEAR OLDS: Will be held between **Sunday 9th and Friday 14th April** at Worth Abbey. Tickets are now on sale for Joel's bar 2023, with bursary tickets available to those in financial difficulty. Visit @joelsbar on social media or joelsbar.co.uk for more information.

YOUTH 2000: Is recruiting for two full-time roles: Head of Operations and Safeguarding; and Head of Mission and Partnerships. For more information about each role, and for recruitment packs, please see: youth2000.org/jobs or for an informal conversation about either of the roles contact: jade@youth2000.org

SCHOOL NEWS: News of each school's activities is available on their respective websites. St Patrick's School is looking for volunteer to help the pupils with various tasks. If you are interested, please contact the school office on 01623 478090.

EASTER RAFFLE AT ST PHILIP NERI: Easter raffle tickets are now on sale from all parishes. £1 a strip.
1st prize: luxury Easter egg, 2nd prize: Cognac, 3rd prize: Easter hamper and many more Easter prizes.

FUNDRAISING: Bingo this week is on WEDNESDAY at 10, Sixth Avenue, Forest Town. Raffle and LOTTO Hotpicks prizes. Proceeds from the Bingo and the teas and coffees served after Mass on Sundays go to the Emily Harris Foundation. Cory has started a raffle during the tea and coffee session on a Sunday.

CHURCH HALL: We are organising a skip to remove the accumulated rubbish from the Church Hall. If anyone would like to help sorting out what needs to be kept or thrown away, please come along at

CALLING CATHOLIC TEACHERS: If you are a Catholic teacher currently working outside of Catholic education and would like to find out more about the joys of working in a Catholic school within the Diocese of Nottingham, a virtual information session will take place on **Wednesday 29th March** from 7.00pm – 8.30pm. Please see the poster on the parish notice board. For further information, please contact: Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan Education Service (julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk).

The Mansfield & Dukeries Irish Association hold a Luncheon Club for the over 60s fortnightly on a Tuesday at the Nag's Head in Pleasley from 1.00 pm. Bingo and a raffle. We currently have a few places. For more information please ring Phylliss on 07860 646651.

FINANCES: Sunday, 5th March Envelopes £380.00 Loose £78.30 Standing Orders £ 149.00 Total £607.30
Diocesan Quota £20.00 CAFOD Family Fast Day £260.20 Mass Offering £10.00 Donation £10.00

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