



# THE PARISH OF ST. PATRICK & ST. GEORGE

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN 26th FEBRUARY – 4th MARCH 2023

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

<b>Sunday, 26th February</b>	<b>St Patrick's, Forest Town</b>	<b>11.00 am Mass</b>	<i>Hedwige Ruttiers RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday, 28th February</b>	<b>St Patrick's School</b>	<b>2.15 pm Mass</b>	<i>School Community</i>
<b>Wednesday, 1st March</b>	<b>St Patrick's, Forest Town</b>	<b>9.15 am Mass</b>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<b><i>Stations of the Cross follows Mass</i></b>			

**Sunday, 5th March**      **St Patrick's, Forest Town**      **11.00 am Mass**      *Charlie Travers RIP*

### ROTAS

<b>Sunday, 26th February</b>	Mass	Greeters: Dilys & Angela G	Reader: Pam
	Minister:	Marion	
	Counters:	Ken & Rosie	Cleaning: Colin & Jackie
<b>Sunday, 5th March</b>	Mass	Greeters: Jackie & Colin	Reader: Ann
	Minister:	Maria	
	Counters:	Jackie & Colin	Cleaning: Colin & Jackie

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.*

### 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*

### **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.

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

**THURSDAY EVENINGS** You are welcome to join the Sisters at the Convent in Shirebrook on every Thursday at 7.30pm to reflect on the coming Sunday Readings.

**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*

**THE JOURNEY TOWARDS ONE PARISH....** *A meeting of the CORE GROUP for St Patrick's (replacing the Pastoral Council) will take place at 7.00 pm in St Patrick's Church on Monday, 6th March. Everyone is welcome to attend and help create a new body which will enable us to move forward as part of the wider parish community.*

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – LENT APPEAL:** This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal (**3rd March**) will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at [cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give) and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world. Link to the videos about the Lent appeal can be found here. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ULTqHsawCZU&t=34s>

**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

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**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](http://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](http://youth2000.org/jobs) or for an informal conversation about either of the roles contact: [jade@youth2000.org](mailto: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.

**FUNDRAISING:** Cory and Debbie have re-introduced Bingo sessions on a Thursday at 7.00 pm in the Church Hall. 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.

**RETREATS IN THE DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM THIS LENT:** After the great success last year, The Diocese of Nottingham is again offering day retreats to help you grow closer to God this Lent through talks, discussion, prayer, Mass, confession and social time. The Men's Retreat on Saturday 18 March given by Father Julian Green (Birmingham Priest) will be focused on men of scripture and what we can learn from them; the Women's Retreat given by Sister Ann Swailes on Saturday 25 March will follow the theme 'Here I am Lord I Come to do your Will' – How can we know and accept God's will for our lives? The Retreats will be held at the Rosmini House of Prayer (LE7 4SJ) and cost £20, including lunch and a light breakfast. To book visit: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events), email [adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham](mailto:adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham) or call 0115 953 9841.

**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](mailto: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 Phyllis on 07860 646651.

**FINANCES:** Sunday, 19th February Envelopes £125.00 Loose £125.73 Standing Orders £ 149.00 Total £399.73  
Candles £107.19 Piety £11.71 Mission Boxes £81.17

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