

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention in March: Catholics in China: we pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

CORONAVIRUS: Following concerns from parishioners, Bishop Patrick has issued the following advice regarding the sign of peace & receiving from the chalice at Mass. Bishop Patrick offers the obvious common-sense precautions as advised by Public Health England to parishioners, namely covering one's mouth and nose while sneezing or coughing & regular washing of hands. If anyone feels uncomfortable about shaking hands at the sign of peace, then they could bow to the other person and say: 'Peace be with you'. If anyone feels uncomfortable, for the moment, about receiving from the chalice, then they could refrain from doing so.

Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage under the leadership of Bishop Patrick McKinney: will take place from 12th to 17th July 2020 with the Lourdes theme for 2020, "I am the Immaculate Conception". Travel will be by air & train & is being organised by www.tangney-tours.com/nottingham tel: 01732 886666. Please see posters in both Churches.

THE RE – DEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY – SUNDAY 29th MARCH: Bishop Patrick encourages every parish, chaplaincy and Religious House within the diocese to join in the rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary on Sunday 29th March in two very important ways. Firstly, by praying together the Angelus Promise, when with the prayerful support of Our Lady, each of us pledges afresh our 'Yes' to God. Secondly, by praying together, the 'Act of Entrustment of England to our Lady.' Schools are invited to take part in the re-dedication on Monday 30th March.

'FAITH INTO ACTION: A day to build social action in the Diocese of Nottingham - Saturday 28 March 2020, Cathedral Hall, Nottingham. Nottingham Diocese is joining Caritas, the Church's worldwide ministry of charity. 'Faith into Action' is a day to take practical steps, in parishes and chaplaincies across the diocese, to bring the Gospel to life, locally and globally. For details and booking visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/faithintoaction or call 07470 907656 for further information.'

Mass for your intentions: it is not always possible to celebrate your Mass on the day that you request. Masses at the weekend are especially popular & need to be reserved 2 months in advance - so please send in your request in plenty of time. If you do not include a contact number with your request, we cannot confirm the date with you or contact you should the situation change & the Priests are called away. Please call the parish office to give us your number or keep looking at the newsletter for the day you have been given. Thank you.

Parish Newsletter

First Week of Lent

1st March 2020



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Each and every year as we begin the Season of Lent, on the First Sunday of Lent, we read and are inspired by the story of Jesus and His temptations in the desert after His baptism, spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Lent we shall hear a lot about these three pillars of spiritual practices. They provide a special dimension to the season of Grace. We are asked not to forget about these foundational activities which are fundamental to the whole catholic life. For example, our Prayer life. What kind of spiritual life do we have when prayer life is absent? We profess our belief in God faithfully on Sundays but if don't make that faith relate to our words and actions then it shall become the opposite of what we have professed. Imagine, if I said, "I love you and care about you but I don't have time to speak to you, listen to you or to spend time with you". We can immediately sense in this situation that this relationship needs a reality check. If we don't have time to pray, or speak to God, is that not what we are saying to God?

One of the best things about prayer that it is never lost. We might find it difficult to pray but one thing is sure that God is always with us. He doesn't always answer our prayers the way we would like. God wants to give us good things, but most of all He gives us the most precious gift He has: Himself. This Lenten season, may we experience through prayer His tenderness and His Blessings. We can pray in the words of Pope Francis when he prayed in one of the general audiences with him: *May God our Father look upon our Hearts; may God our Father who loves us give us His strength, His patience, His fatherly tenderness, and may He bless us.*

God Bless. Happy Lent.
Fr. Wilfred Pereppadan SCJ



1st March 2020—8th March 2020	Holy Mass & Services Intention of Mass	Church	Other Events
Saturday 29th February 1st Sunday of Lent - Day of for the Unemployed; Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Ma 4:1-11	5.10 pm - 5.45 pm Way of the Cross and Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Thomas Farrelly	CC CC	CAFOD Family Fast Envelopes to be given out.
Sunday 1st March 1st Sunday of Lent - Day of Special Prayer for the Unemployed; Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Ma 4:1-11	9.30 am Mass: Mrs Margaret Anne (Rita) Walsh RIP 9.00 am Way of the Cross 11.00 am Mass: People of the Parish 3 pm Rite of Election RCIA at St Barnabas Cathedral	OLSP OLSP CC	OLSP Open Day Meeting . CAFOD Family Fast Envelopes to be given out.
Monday 2nd March Lenten Feria	9.00 am Mass: Agnes O'Brien RIP	CC	No Evening Mass
Tuesday 3rd March Lenten Feria	9.00 am Celebration of the Word & Communion	CC	CC 5.45 - 8.30 pm Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan Guild Bell Ringers
Wednesday 4th March Lenten Feria	9.30 am Celebration of the Word & Communion 10.00 am Adoration 6.30 pm Way of the Cross 7.00 pm Mass	OLSP OLSP CC CC	
Thursday 5th March Saints Felicity & Perpetua, martyrs (as a commemoration)	9.00 am Mass: Recovery of Pauline Grumett	CC	CC LC 7 pm RCIA Session 16
Friday 6th March St John of God, religious (as a commemoration)	9.00 am Mass: 9.30 am Adoration 5 pm - 10 pm Syromalabar Malayalam Retreat	CC CC OLSP Church & Hall	
Saturday 7th March Lenten Feria 2nd Sunday of Lent Gen 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Ma 17:1-9	9.30 am Confessions 10.00 am Mass: Ellen Insole RIP 5.10 pm - 5.45 pm Way of the Cross & Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Louis O'Shea RIP	OLSP OLSP CC CC	OLSP Hall 10.30 am to 12.00 pm Baptism Course 1st Session. 2nd Collection CAFOD Family Fast Day
Sunday 8th March 2nd Sunday of Lent Gen 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Ma 17:1-9	9.00 am Way of the Cross 9.30 am Mass: People of the Parish 11.00 am Mass: Agapito Gonzales	OLSP OLSP CC	2nd Collection CAFOD Family Fast Day
Response: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.			

Our 3 RCIA candidates will undergo the Rite of Election this Sunday at 3 pm at St Barnabas Cathedral. They will all be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. Please remember them in your prayers.

Lead Kindly Light RCIA: The 16th Session on the Explanation of the Mass led by Christine Boott will take place on **Thursday, 5 March 2020 at 7 pm** in the Corpus Christi Lady Chapel. All are welcome to join & also those who wish to refresh the catholic faith are welcome.

OLSP Open Day meeting on Sunday, 1st March 2020 after the 9.30 am Mass. Everyone welcome.

Baptism: the next course will be held at Our Lady & St Patrick's Hall on Saturday, 7 March & Saturday 14 March 2020 from 10.30 am to 12 noon. You need to attend both sessions. Parents please complete an application form available in both Churches & give to one of the Priests. Details will then be confirmed to you by email or telephone. Any queries, please contact the secretary on 0115 921 2964 or secretarycolsp@gmail.com.

CC Piety Stall for First Holy Communion gifts are available at the back of Corpus Christi Church this weekend.

CC Easter Egg Raffle: Tickets £1 a strip will be on sale the weekends of: 14th & 15th, 21st & 22nd, 28th & 29th March 2020. The draw will take place on Wednesday, 1st April at 6.30 pm. Prizes will be available to pick up from Saturday, 4th April. To make this fun, fundraising event successful we of course need YOU to donate Easter eggs. These can be put on the table at the back of church. Thank you.

Lent Course: For more information go to: <http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/spirituality/spiritlent20.php> to see resources available from Hexham & Newcastle Diocese.

'All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at: gov.uk/eusettledstatus Please bring this to the attention of friends, family members and fellow parishioners who may need to apply. Information on assistance for those who may have difficulty applying is available at: gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a valued part of our parishes, schools and communities.'