





Synod
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Date	Holy Mass/ Services	Other Events
Saturday 27th April 5th Sunday of Easter	5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 28th April 5th Sunday of Easter	10.30 am Mass: Sadie Walsh RIP	
Monday 29th April Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor, Patron of Europe (Feast)	Day of Special Prayer for Europe 6.30 Adoration 7.00 pm Mass: Luiz Nobor Camara Takahashi	
Tuesday 30th April Easter Feria Day of Special Prayer for the Survivors of Sexual Abuse	9.00 am Mass: 1.00 pm Mass in St Barnabas Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Patrick	
Thursday 2nd May Saint Athanasius, bishop & doctor (memorial)	9.00 am Mass: Private Intention	RCIA - Session 22 The Social Teaching of the Church
Friday 3rd May Saints Philip & James, Apostles (Feast)	9.00 am Mass: For the Sick	If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code for CC Church
Saturday 4th May 6th Sunday of Easter Safeguarding Sunday	5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Austin, Mary, Sharon & Rachel Bryan	
Sunday 5th May 6th Sunday of Easter Safeguarding Sunday	10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish	

Our Lady & St Patricks, Meadows, Mass/Service Times 28th April - 5th May 2024



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Sunday 28th April 5th Sunday of Easter	9.00 am Mass: Kevin Mulhern RIP - Birthday	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass
Wednesday 1st May Easter Feria	9.30 am Adoration 10.00 am Mass: Special Intentions of Glory Lijo & Family	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass. 
Saturday 4th May The English Martyrs (Feast)	9.30 am Confessions 10.00 am Mass: Mrs P Hickey	If you would like to make a donation, to the Church please scan the QR code above.
Sunday 5th May 6th Sunday of Easter Safeguarding Sunday	9.00 am Mass: Tim Conlan RIP	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In reflecting on Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, we are reminded of the profound concept of "the joy of the gospel." As Pope Francis states in it: "The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus." This theme is at the heart of our parish's life to create a vibrant community that actively leads individuals to encounter Jesus.

Encountering Jesus is often described as a transformative experience, where we receive joy, love, peace, or hope previously absent in our lives. This encounter is closely associated with being filled with the Holy Spirit, who has the power to give these wonderful gifts and transform us.

This theme of encountering Jesus resonates deeply with our Gospel this weekend, where Jesus' image of "I am the vine, you are the branches" speaks of the importance of pruning and transformation for bearing fruit.

Just like grape vines and fruit trees, we too need pruning and cutting back in order to produce more fruit, that represents leading others to encounter Jesus. However, this task can be challenging, if we are uncertain whether we have truly encountered Him ourselves.

May we, like branches of the vine, be pruned and transformed by the Holy Spirit, bearing fruit that leads others to encounter the living Christ.

God Bless Fr Wilfred Pereppadan SCJ

SUDAN: Bishop Patrick has been contacted by CAFOD regarding the situation in Sudan and the response which CAFOD is trying to make, but which is constrained by a lack of funds. The Bishop has asked parishes to donate and so there will be a 2nd Collection for Sudan at all Masses, this weekend 27/28th April. Please give generously.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Fifth Sunday of Easter: Jesus taught us to pray to our heavenly Father, acknowledging our total dependence on him and trusting entirely in his providential care. Prayer of petition arises naturally in our hearts. In the Bible we see countless prayers to God to intervene in situations of sickness, injustice, betrayal and despair. Even the simple cry, "Lord, help me!" is itself a powerful prayer. God always hears the cry of those who call upon him.

To read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer
Please pray for Tim Conlan RIP of OLSF who died recently. His Funeral will take place on Tuesday, 14th May 2024 at 11.00 am at OLSF Church. Please remember him and his family in your prayers. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Please pray for Patrick Madu RIP of OLSF who died recently. His Funeral will take place on Monday, 20th May 2024 at 10.30 am at OLSF Church. Please remember him and his family in your prayers. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Safeguarding - Tuesday 30th April is a Day of Special Prayer for the Survivors of Sexual Abuse: Bishop Patrick will celebrate the 1.00pm Mass in the St Cathedral that day, and there will be a time of prayerful atonement beginning at 12.30pm. Please do keep victims and survivors of sexual abuse in prayer during Mass that day. Sunday 5th May is our Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: Synod Synthesis: PART I – THE FACE OF THE SYNODAL CHURCH,
3. Entering the Community of Faith: Christian Initiation Convergences; Matters for Consideration g) The Sacrament of Baptism cannot be understood in isolation or outside the logic of Christian initiation, nor can it be understood in an individualistic way. Therefore, we need to explore further the contribution that a more unified vision of Christian initiation can make to the understanding of synodality.

200 Club: For those who pay their subscriptions annually or for a number of months in advance, these are now due. Please enclose them in an envelope with your name on the front and place them in the white box in the porch at CC. If anyone would like to join please put a note to this effect with your name and address and how many numbers you would like and these will be allocated to you. Each number is £2 per month or £24 for the year. A prize of £100 is given to the number drawn each month.

The Pope's Monthly Intention, May 2024: Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

The Fatima Five First Saturdays Devotion will take place again at Our Lady and St Patrick's Church on Saturday 4th May, from 9:25 am promptly, when the Rosary plus meditation will begin. For more information, please email: donalf@waf-ew.org.uk
 OLSP Brunch will be held in the hall after Mass on Sunday, 12th May 2024. Tickets cost £1.50 each.
 The 1st Holy Communion Repository Stall in Corpus Christi Church is now open at the back of Church. Rosary beads and bracelets, cards and candles and brooches are available.
 The latest edition of the Diocesan E-Magazine can be viewed on the diocesan website (www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/nottingham-diocesan-e-magazine-easter-2024) Subscribe for free to receive it directly, also on the link above.

A choral concert of music in honour of Our Lady, Queen of the May, is being given by the combined forces of Nottingham Cathedral Choir, Salford Cathedral Choir, and Nottingham Cathedral Choir Alumni, in Saint Barnabas Cathedral on Saturday 11th May at 7.45pm. All are very welcome to attend. Bishop Patrick invites you to a free online webinar, on Tuesday 21st May, 6.00 – 8.00pm, led by best-selling author and eminent speaker Sherry Weddell. Sherry has developed numerous unique formation resources that are used around the world, and she will share her inspirational ideas on how Catholics can explore their Mission to bring all people closer to Christ. The seminar will be particularly relevant to parish catechists, teachers, pastoral ministers, religious, priest and deacons, and parishioners who wish to know more about evangelisation. This seminar will help re-energise Catholics to be strong Missionary Disciples. Don't miss this opportunity to attend this free event: register at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/sw Sherry Weddell is co-founder and co-Director of the Catherine of Siena Institute. Sherry is the author of 'Forming Intentional Disciples'; 'Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples'; and 'Fruitful Discipleship: Living the Mission of Jesus in the Church and in the World'.

Canon Jonathan Cotton will present a talk The New Evangelisation: How's it going for you? on Thursday 13th June at 7.00pm in the Hutton Hall, Rosmini Centre, LE7 4SJ.
 Rethink Abortion: would you like to learn how to have a meaningful and productive conversation on abortion with those around you? In our secular society most people think abortion is okay, because it is legal. So how can we discuss our views with others on this sensitive but important issue? Come to the Rethink Abortion Interactive Training Day on Saturday 11th May and meet other like-minded people and so become confident in sharing our beliefs in the most effective way. The day is held at Trinity School, Aspley (NG8 3EP), from 10.00am until 4.30pm, and the cost is £25 per person, including a sandwich lunch and drinks. Bookings can be made at: <https://TimetoRethinkAbortionNottingham.eventbrite.com>

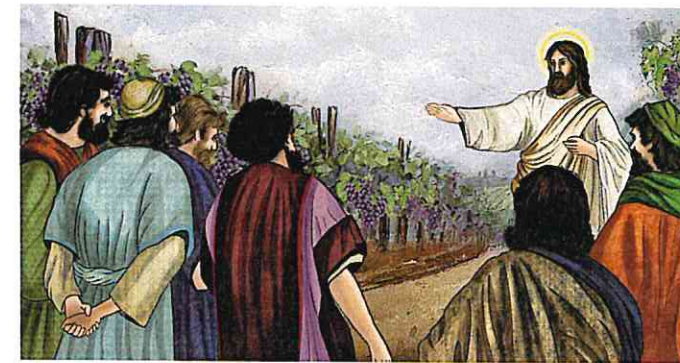
Catholic Herald: If you would be interested in buying the Catholic Herald magazine at Church, please let the Parish Secretary know. The loss of Church sales since the lockdowns has been the main cause of the publication becoming monthly. If several people are interested, it may be possible to obtain a discount from the publishers.

The Diocesan Youth Service is looking for volunteers to help with the moderating process of the Faith in Action Award; a national scheme to encourage young people in their faith and service. Moderators could be anyone with experience running the award, or someone who's never run the award but wants to bear witness to the work and faith journey of young people in our diocese. All training, guidance and support during the moderating process will be given beforehand. Moderation will take place during June. If you're interested please contact Elise at eliserichardson@ndcys.com before the end of April.

The Diocesan Education Service is seeking to appoint a highly professional, motivated Governance, Admissions, and Appeals Officer to join their small and friendly team. The post will start on 1st September, at a salary between £38k and £42k, and applications should be received by Tuesday 7th May. More details can be found at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers

Baptism Course: the next course will be held on Saturday, 29th June at Corpus Christi Church and there will be a 3rd course at OLSP in October 2024. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

The Nottingham Diocesan Yearbook 2024 is now available at the back of both Churches, priced £6.00. Please donate unwanted books/other items to charity rather than bringing to OLSP hall.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord,
 for he has worked wonders;
 in the sight of the nations
 he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
 constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,
 that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism
 may, under your protective care, bear much fruit
 and come to the joys of life eternal.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey. 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 21

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
 The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
 They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
 May their hearts live for ever and ever. R.
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
 all families of the nations worship before him.
 They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
 before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. R.
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
 They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
 declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
 'These things the Lord has done.' R.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John.
His commandments are these: that we believe in his Son and that we love one another: 3:18-24

My children,
 our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
 but something real and active;
 only by this can we be certain
 that we are the children of the truth
 and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,
 whatever accusations it may raise against us,

because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.
 My dear people,
 if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
 we need not be afraid in God's presence,
 and whatever we ask him,
 we shall receive,
 because we keep his commandments
 and live the kind of life that he wants.
 His commandments are these:
 that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
 and that we love one another
 as he told us to.
 Whoever keeps his commandments
 lives in God and God lives in him.
 We know that he lives in us
 by the Spirit that he has given us.
 The word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.
Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty. 15:1-8
 Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,
 and my Father is the vinedresser.
 Every branch in me that bears no fruit
 he cuts away,
 and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes
 to make it bear even more.
 You are pruned already,
 by means of the word that I have spoken to you.
 Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
 As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
 but must remain part of the vine,
 neither can you unless you remain in me.
 I am the vine, you are the branches.
 Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
 bears fruit in plenty;
 for cut off from me you can do nothing.
 Anyone who does not remain in me
 is like a branch that has been thrown away — he withers;
 these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,
 and they are burnt.
 If you remain in me
 and my words remain in you,
 you may ask what you will and you shall get it.
 It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,
 and then you will be my disciples.'
 The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice
 have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead,
 grant, we pray,
 that, as we have come to know your truth,
 we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,
 and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries
 to pass from former ways to newness of life.
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen.