



**Collections for w/e 11th March 2018**

**Loose Plate & Envelopes** £1,503.00  
**Standing Orders** £ 427.00  
**Total:** £1,930.00

**Readers for Holy Week:** If you would like to take part in our Holy Week Services and have experience of Reading at Mass, please put your name on the sheets on the tables at the back of the Church this weekend.

**Stations of the Cross:** Next Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Stations of the Cross will be led by Deacon Martin and will be held in the Convent Chapel at 7.30pm courtesy of the Sisters of Mercy. Please try to be there in good time as the Chapel is on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor so there are stairs to climb. Please ring the Convent doorbell to enter. Thank you.

**Palm Sunday, March 25th:** we welcome the clergy and people of **Derby Cathedral** who will join us in the Convent garden for an ecumenical ceremony of the blessing of the Palms. This will happen **after** 9.00am Mass when we will process together from the garden via Arthur Street to the front door of St. Mary's for the sign of peace. The Cathedral congregation will then process over the Bridge to the Cathedral for their Sunday Eucharist.

**St. Mary's Caring Group** – would like to say a big thank you to everyone who contributes to the food bank every week that so benefits City Mission and Derby refugee centre.

**Good Friday Service at St. Peter's in the City at 10.45am.** Canon Paul Morris from St Peter's has extended an invitation to St Mary's Parishioners to this service on Good Friday, followed by hot cross buns and coffee. For more information please see poster in the church porch. Thank you.

**First Holy Communion. There will be a parents' meeting on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7pm in St Mary's School.**

**Derby St Patrick Day Mass.** Annual Civic Mass to be celebrated at St Mary's on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 11am. Homily will be preached by the Rev Canon Geoffrey Hunton and the cantor will be Seán Ó Sé. Special guests will include the Mayor of Derby, Councillor John Whitby and the Lady Mayoress. An Irish Embassy representative will also attend. It will be a concelebrated mass by the priests of the Deanery. All very welcome – details on notice board.

**Messy Church Stations of the Cross-Craft Morning on Good Friday at 10.0am** in St. Mary's Parish Centre. Parents and children are invited to come together to reflect on the events of this day 2000 years ago and share hot cross buns.

**Bible Lights Group** meets on the second and fourth Friday of the month, 9.45 - 11.15am in Room 2, Parish Centre. The next meeting date is the 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Contact Fran Wickes for more information.

**Lent Course** – we are running The York Course discussion group during Lent. This year's programme is entitled 'The Third Day' and looks at how we can truly become an 'Easter People'. The next and final session is at the parish centre on Thursday **the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 7.30pm** until 9pm. To order a copy of the course booklet, please write your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of church or contact Fran Wickes

**Blessed Sacrament Procession – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018:** On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm Bishop Patrick will lead the annual Blessed Sacrament Procession, as we witness to our faith through the streets of central Nottingham. Starting at St Mary's, Hyson Green and proceeding to the Cathedral, for Benediction at around 4 p.m. After Benediction we will pause to pray before the tomb of the Venerable Mary Potter to pray for her Beatification. For more information please make contact with Fr David Palmer: [catholicdavid@me.com](mailto:catholicdavid@me.com)  
In addition, before the Blessed Sacrament Procession, there will be a study morning at St. Mary's, Hyson Green. Bishop Patrick will open the morning in prayer at 10.00am and we will finish just before the start of the procession. The study morning will be looking at the Eucharist. For more information please contact: [formation@nrcdt.org.uk](mailto:formation@nrcdt.org.uk)

**Prayer Volunteers needed!** Are you looking for a challenge during Lent, involving prayer and self-sacrifice? Are you saddened to see the harm done to babies and women through abortion? "40 days for Life" is a Christian campaign group whose purpose is to save the lives of unborn children through prayer, fasting and community outreach. We are seeking volunteers to pray with us during Lent, between 6am and 6pm, on a rota basis at the Treatment Centre on the QMC campus, where many abortions in Nottinghamshire take place. Most people who come stay for one or two hours at a time. Please sign up now to pray with us on [www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/Nottingham](http://www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/Nottingham) or contact [40daysforlifefenotts@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifefenotts@gmail.com)

**Stations of the Cross.** Holy Week, Council 92, Derby of the Knights of Saint Columba are holding a service of Stations of the Cross with reflections on each Station by the Youngsters of St. Joseph's Youth Club. This event will be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.00p.m. in St. Joseph's Church, Burton Road, Derby. We would like to invite you, especially younger parishioners to join with us in looking forward to the Easter Celebrations. Refreshments (Chip Butties) will be available afterwards.

**Pilgrimage to Knock 2018** Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland 16th July 2018. £649.00 per person sharing - includes flights, 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights in the Park Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning & 4 course dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single room at a supplement of £100. Group and individual booking are welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com) Knock.

**Mission Red Box Holders.** It will be shortly the time to empty your red boxes again. The brown envelope which can be used for this is now available. Your continued support of "Missio" is much appreciated. Miss R Hanley, Local Secretary. Spring issue of Mission Today is available from the back of church.

**National Catholic Men's Pilgrimage to Walsingham** on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018, 10.30-17.30. A warm invitation to the first, annual pilgrimage for Catholic men. Meet, talk and share the faith with other men; listen to speakers, celebrate confession and Mass, pray for families and for the country; process to the old Abbey grounds for Benediction. We welcome lay and religious, single and married, young and old, fathers and sons. "When England returns to Walsingham, Our Lady will return to England". Pope Leo XIII, 1887. In partnership with the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady and Catholic Man UK. For more information visit [www.catholicman.co.uk](http://www.catholicman.co.uk)

**Parish Centre Survey** - St Marys Parish maintenance group would like to update and improve our Parish Centre. We think the centre is a great benefit to the community and so it is important that the views of the users of the centre are taken into account before we proceed any further. Please share your views and opinions on what needs to be done to ensure that the centre can be kept an enjoyable venue for the different communities that use the Centre? Copies of the survey are in the Parish Centre or via email from Deacon Chris at [c.blunt2@ntlworld.com](mailto:c.blunt2@ntlworld.com). Please return to the Parish Office by April 15th. Thank you.

**Richard Roddis Singers** are welcomed back to St Mary's on Friday of Easter Week, April 6th at 7.30pm. Their programme will be a celebration of Resurrection and New Life. A free event, with a retiring collection in favour of the Derby Refugee Centre.

**The Mercia Chorale**, an excellent Nottingham choir, are welcomed to St. Marys on Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>. Their free concert will begin at 8pm, with another retiring collection in favour of Derby Refugee Centre. Details of their programme are still awaited, so do watch this space.