

### **For those who have died:**

Please remember in your prayers, Margaret Hunt whose funeral service will take place at Eastwood Cemetery on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am, and George Lawson whose funeral will take place at Bramcote Crematorium on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 11.15am. We keep their families in our prayers at this difficult time.

### **An 'Act of Spiritual Communion'**

You might like to say this prayer during the distribution of Holy Communion at on-line streamed Masses: *'My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.'* (St Alphonsus Liguori)

### **To book a place at weekend Mass:**

Go to [www.massbooking.uk](http://www.massbooking.uk) to book on-line or call 01773 770495 Monday – Friday between 12 noon and 3pm.

### **Easter Raffle:**

Our 'Lucky Dip' Easter raffle has a wonderful first prize of an Easter Cake, made and decorated by Angela Disley, plus lots of other lovely prizes. £1 a number and £2 for 3 numbers – available at weekend Masses during Lent and on our Facebook page. Thank you for your support.

### **Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Lent is often a good time to consider celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation with a priest. 'A Guide to Reconciliation' leaflets are available at the back of Church. Please take a copy. You might find it helpful in preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. At the moment, due to Covid restrictions, confession is only available on request.

### **National Novena to St Joseph:**

On 8<sup>th</sup> December last year, Pope Francis proclaimed a Year of St Joseph. St Joseph's missionary society will be celebrating the Novena to St Joseph (10<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> March) and mass will be available on zoom via the Mill Hill website [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena)

Novena prayer leaflets are available from the back of church to enable you to join in. These are also available to download from their website.

### **Job opportunity:**

The Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Education Service is seeking to appoint a Deputy Director of Education who will provide a strategic lead in the areas of Catholic Life, Formation, Inspection, Religious education and Collective worship. For further information/application pack or to arrange an informal conversation with the Director of Education, please contact Julie Sweeney: [Julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk](mailto:Julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk)

Closing date: 30<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Food Bank:**

Thank you to those who have responded to the Lenten appeal for food for the Eastwood and Brinsley Food Banks. All non-perishable foods are required but especially things like pasta, tinned tomatoes and baked beans, coffee, tea and UHT milk, tinned soups, etc. The collection point is in the Martyrs Chapel in church.

### **Walking the Way of the Cross, on-line resources:**

This on-line Way of the Cross, prepared by University students during the Covid pandemic, begins and ends in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from our Cathedral in Nottingham. At each station there will be a short reflection and meditation filmed by the students from wherever they are based during the Covid pandemic. Follow this link: <https://youtu.be/dO09wqJcxX0>

### **Lent - Stations of the Cross:**

Stations of the Cross will take place in church at 3pm every Sunday during Lent. The Stations will be live-streamed for those unable to join us.

### **Parish Project for Lent:**

Thank you to those who have sponsored Fr Paul for the 'Walk for water' on his 4K a day for 40 days challenge. Sponsor forms are still available at the back of church. Every Wednesday during Lent, Fr Paul will be going into The Priory School to do his 4K with some of the children who are also supporting the Lenten 'Walk for Life' project.

### **Remembering Canon John Berry:**

We will soon be coming up to the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Canon John's death (25<sup>th</sup> March), and to mark the occasion, a special bench dedicated to his memory will be placed in the presbytery garden along with a cherry blossom tree. Mass will be celebrated for Canon John at 10am on 25<sup>th</sup> March followed by a blessing of the tree. Because of the Covid restrictions limiting the number of people are allowed into church, **It will be necessary to book a place for this Mass by phoning Lee on 01773 770495**

### **Holy Week and Easter Celebrations:**

We have now received the detailed directives from Bishop's House Nottingham, regarding our Holy Week and Easter Celebrations. As you might imagine, there are changes to how we can celebrate this important time in our calendar given the restrictions placed upon us.

On 1<sup>st</sup> April, Maundy Thursday, Mass of The Lord's Supper will be at 7pm. On 2<sup>nd</sup> April our Good Friday service will be at 3pm. On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, The Easter Vigil will be at 8pm (Please be aware there will be NO Saturday 5.30pm Mass on 3<sup>rd</sup> April) and Easter Sunday Mass will be at 10.15am. **Booking a place in church for these services is essential and to do so please phone Lee on 01773 770495 between 12-3pm.**

### **Bishop Patrick's Lenten Talks:**

You are invited to join Bishop Patrick and people from across the diocese this Lent in reflecting on our relationship with God. To be a disciple of Jesus means to know and love him, but to also know we are known and loved by him. Bishop Patrick will give two talks on zoom, exploring God's love for us and how we can respond to it.

1. **Knowing the heart of God** (clearing false images of God that we may carry around with us) – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm
2. **Knowing the love of God** (understanding our identity as God's sons and daughters) – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm

Each talk includes input from the Bishop, a time for questions and answers and small group discussion. You can register for one or both talks on the diocesan website: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk)

### **SCHOOLS**

The Priory CVA Raglan Street Eastwood NG16 3GT. Telephone: 01773 713731 Head teacher: Mr Anthony Harrison.  
St John Houghton CVA: Abbot Road Ilkeston DE7 4HX, Telephone: 0115 932 2896. Head teacher: Mr Stephen Brogan.

# Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Newsletter

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## HOSPITAL PATIENTS:

If you know of anyone in hospital who would like a visit from the chaplain, please call:

**QMC:** 0115 9249924

(Chaplaincy ext63799)

**The City Hospital:** 0115 9691169 (Chaplaincy ext 56187)

**Fr Slavic: RC Chaplain**  
07773 366120

Or have a word with Fr Paul

## Welcome to our Parish Community

### Third Week of Lent 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Divine Office: Psalter Week 3, Readings: Year B (weekdays Cycle 1)**

### Mass Times, Services and Intentions

<b>SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Lenten Feria</i>	<b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>(streamed)</i>	<b>Terry Duffin RIP</b>
<b>SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>10.15am Mass</b> <i>(streamed)</i>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Lenten Feria</i>	<b>No Mass</b>	Exposition of The Blessed sacrament in Church between 9.30 – 11.30am
<b>TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Lenten Feria</i>	<b>(Private Mass)</b>	<b>Private Intention</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Lenten Feria</i>	<b>9.30am Mass</b> <i>(streamed)</i>	<b>Jim Byrne RIP</b>
<b>THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Lenten Feria</i>	<b>(Private Mass)</b>	<b>Private Intention</b>
<b>FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Lenten Feria</i>	<b>9.30am Mass</b> <i>(streamed)</i>	<b>Deceased Loved Ones (Ann &amp; Fred) RIP</b>
<b>SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Lenten Feria</i>	<b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>(streamed)</i>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>10.15am Mass</b> <i>(streamed)</i>	<b>Audrey Kiddier RIP</b>

## Sacramental Policy

### Baptisms:

Please contact the parish office, Fr Paul or Kath Holmes

**Adults wanting to find out more about the Catholic Faith:**

Please contact Fr Paul or Anna Fitzpatrick

### Marriage:

Couples wishing to marry are required to give at least six months' notice. See Fr Paul

**Communion to the Sick and Housebound:**

If you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass and would like Communion at home, please contact Fr Paul or one of our Eucharistic Ministers.

### ROTAS

<b>STEWARDS</b> <b>5.30pm Mass</b>	06/03/21 13/03/21 07/03/21 14/03/21	Gwyn & Hazel Tracey & Richard Krysia & Fiona Teresa B & Katheryn
<b>MINISTERS</b> <b>5.30pm Mass</b>	06/03/21 13/03/21 07/03/21 14/03/21	Pauline Anne Jimmie Michael
<b>READERS</b> <b>5.30pm Mass</b>	06/03/21 13/03/21 07/03/21 14/03/21	Kath Nora Liz Jo
<b>10.15am Mass</b>		

## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Due to restrictions because of Covid-19, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by request only. Contact Fr Paul at the parish office if you would like confession.

## Thought of the week:

Let us be grateful to people who make us happy: they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.

Marcel Proust

**QR code to access YouTube** for online Mass at Our Lady's Church Eastwood.



## Finance

If you are not already making your contribution to the parish by standing order, please consider doing this. Bank details from the parish office.