



THE PARISH OF ST PATRICK, LEICESTER & THE DIVINE INFANT OF PRAGUE, SYSTON

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Parish Priest: Fr Paul Smith – Email: paul.smith@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Priest In Residence (Syston): Fr Tom McGovern (Retired)

Parish Administrator & Centre Manager: Mrs. Asha Philip

Parish Office: Tuesday & Wednesday. 9.00am-5.00pm.

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5th Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)

Date	Time & Place	Intention
Sat 21 st Mar	4.30pm – Divine Infant	People of the Parish
	6.30pm – St. Patrick's	For the soul of Teodamiro Rosario & Rosario family
Sun 22 nd Mar	8.00am – St. Patrick's	Souls in purgatory
	9.30am – St. Patrick's	Bibiana, Armina, Juliao & Lourdes Rosario, RIP
	11.15am – Divine Infant	Thomas Meynell RIP, Anniversary
Mon 23 rd Mar <i>Lenten Feria</i>	10.00am – Divine Infant	Jim Alprovich RIP
Tue 24 th Mar	11.00am – St. Patrick's	Requiem Mass for Al Owens
	10.00am – Divine Infant	Dr Breege McKenna, Intentions
Wed 25 th Mar <i>The Annunciation of the Lord (S)</i>	10.00am – Divine Infant	Holy souls
	7.00pm – St. Patrick's	Romeo and Rodney Mendonca RIP
Thu 26 th Mar <i>Lenten Feria</i>	9.30am – St. Patrick's	Michael Hardesty RIP
	10.00am – Divine Infant	All Parish Volunteers
	11.00 am	Funeral service for William Smith (after 10 am Mass)
Fri 27 th Mar <i>Lenten Feria</i>	7.00 am – St. Patrick's	Al Owens RIP
	10.00am – Divine Infant	Dr Breege McKenna, Intentions
Sat 28 th Mar <i>Lenten Feria</i>	9.30am – St. Patrick's	People of the parish
	10.00am – Divine Infant	Jes Pownall RIP
Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord		
Sat 28 th Mar	4.30pm – Divine Infant	Dr Breege McKenna, Intentions
	6.30pm – St. Patrick's	Filomena Da Silva RIP
Sun 29 th Mar	8.00am – St. Patrick's	For the deceased members of Tamen & Saboh families
	9.30am – St. Patrick's	Troianmo Mendonca RIP
	11.15am – Divine Infant	Aishwarya Loraine Dourado

(S) = Solemnity; (F) = Feast; (M) = Memorial; (O) = Option

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & ROSARY: Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays, Thursday's and Saturdays at 9.15am until 9.45am at Divine Infant and Wednesdays at 6:00pm until 6.45pm at St. Patrick's; the Rosary will be prayed before Mass on Monday, Wednesdays, Fridays and at Divine Infant, and before the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses at St. Patrick's. All are welcome, especially 'retired' Catholics in our towns and district!

MASS BOOKING FOR BOTH PARISHES: It will be helpful to indicate which of the Churches you would like to have your Masses said. You can post your Mass intentions through the letter box or give it to Fr Paul or email your intentions to stpatrick.leicester@dioceseofnottingham.uk

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Please pray for all who are sick and in need

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Please inform Fr. Paul at St. Patrick's (0116 5078225) or Fr. Tom at Divine Infant (0116 2608476) if you or a family member are sick or housebound so someone can bring you Holy Communion. Your priest will also administer the Sacrament of the Sick to whoever requires it, so please contact them when it is required, thank you.

**ONLINE BANKING SYSTEM: ST PATRICK LEICESTER RCP, ACCOUNT NUMBER 01774984, SORT CODE: 30-94-97
DIVINE INFANT PRAGUE SYSTON RCP, ACCOUNT NUMBER: 03394798, SORT CODE: 30-94-97**

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CONFESSION TIMES:

- St Patrick's: Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
- The Divine Infant of Prague, Syston: Saturday after the 10:00 a.m. Mass until 11:00 a.m.

LEGION OF MARY: The Legionaries meet each Tuesday at 7 pm in the Church. Everyone welcome.

CHURCH GARDENING: Wednesday, 10 am – 12 noon. Any help is much appreciated.

KNIT AND NATTER GROUP: Thank for all the donations of wool we have received, so we can continue to knit for Stella Maris. We are still able to accept more donations. Knit and natter is most Thursdays in the parish centre, 2-4pm. No experience needed. We are happy to help you learn how to knit and crochet. You are welcome to bring your own craft project, or just come for the natter.

MUSIC MINISTRY SUNDAY 9.30 AM CHOIR: New members welcome. If you would like to join, please contact our Head of Music and Organist, Peter Zabala. Remember St. Augustine said (allegedly) that "those who sing pray twice" – and that applies to those of us in the congregation, not just the choir! The choir is there to help with our celebration and singing, not to sing on our behalf! Thanks, Fr. Paul.

FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING: The next Coffee morning will be only after Easter. Please spread the word and come along. If anyone has any donations of Bric-à-brac or quality clothing etc. they would be most welcome.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP meet Wednesday from 1.30 pm until 3.30 pm. March 25th – Mick's Quiz. Please contact Alison for dates.

SET DANCING: Would you like to Dance for fun and raise funds for your parish. Let's Go - Dancing on a Sunday 7.30pm St Patrick's Hall 100 Beaumont Leys Lane LE4 2BD. For further info: Jo 07977 351901

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We have a selection of First Holy Communion Dresses for sale which will be displayed in the hall at each session, please speak to Georgina or Victoria, all proceeds go to the church.

LENTEN ALMS. We hope you enjoyed your Smarties! Is your box beginning to fill with 20ps? We will donate all proceeds to LOROS. Of course, if you wish to continue filling Smartie tubes which you buy yourselves, they would be gratefully received by the Church. Thank you.

SPRING CLEANING INDOOR TABLE TOP SALE SATURDAY 25TH APRIL 2026 Having a clear-out? Turn your unwanted items into cash! Hire a table for just £10.00 – and keep all the money you make from your sales. Tables will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. To book a table, please contact the Parish Office by email at StPatrick.leicester@dioceseofnottingham.uk or call/text Maddy on 07745 817081

FOOD BASKET BLESSING, Holy Saturday 4th April 2026 11.30am in St Patricks Church.

EASTER FLOWERS, FUNDRAISING RAFFLE next weekend. Buy your tickets after each weekend Mass, so please bring plenty of cash!. The draw will be made in the Parish centre after Sunday 9.30 Mass. Come along and claim your prize and join us for a cuppa.

ST. PATRICK'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: - Congratulations to all the children on receiving the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time this weekend. We pray for them and their families as they continue their journey towards First Holy Communion in May. Thank you to all the Catechists who have helped them to prepare for this sacrament.

THE DIVINE INFANT OF PRAGUE SYSTON: Join us for a Shared Lunch at Syston Church Hall on Sunday, 19 April 2026, at 12:30 – everyone is welcome

ST PATRICKS DAY: Thank you all so much for coming along, taking part, and bringing such joy and warmth to our St Patrick's Day celebration! 🍀 It was truly a lovely occasion filled with great spirit and community. A very special thank you to all our amazing volunteers – your hard work, time, and dedication made the event such a success and a real joy for everyone. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

CONFIRMATION 2026: Confirmation for the parishes of St. Patrick's and Divine Infant of Prague, Syston will take place at St. Patrick's on Thursday 15th October 2026, for those in year 9 and above. Application forms are at the back of Church. Please return forms to the Presbytery or to Fr. Paul asap, thanks

CAFOD NEWS: Almsgiving is more than charity; Lent provides us with a time to reflect and think about Catholic Social Teaching and how about each of us in our Parish can make a difference. Perhaps you might visit the CAFOD website and read about Pope Leo's first Papal document: Dilexi Te.

FORMING CATHOLIC STUDENT LEADERS consists of two summer courses exploring faith, ethics and leadership for sixth form students, offered by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. Join for six days in the beautiful Ribble Valley to explore themes linked to The Common Good (Year 12, Monday 10th – Saturday 15th August) and to The Human Ecology (Year 13, Sunday 5th – Friday 10th July). Meet new friends, discuss and share with peers, tutors and academics, learn new skills, develop your relationship with Christ, build your character. For more details, and to book, visit: www.christianleadershipformation.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP). Do you have a heart for helping others? The St. Vincent de Paul Society invites parishioners who would like to support those in need within our community to join us. You are welcome to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, 14 April 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in St Patrick's Church Hall Everyone is welcome. For enquiries or to express interest, please contact us at: svpstpatrickandsyston@gmail.com

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS' RENEWAL DAY 2026; We are pleased to announce the Leicestershire Eucharistic Ministers' Renewal Day for 2026. This will take place on Saturday 28th March 2026 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 12 Goodwood Road, Leicester, LE5 6SG. The day will be led by Fr David Cain and Deacon O'Looskan. It will begin at 10:30am with tea and coffee, followed by the first talk, and will conclude between 3:00–3: 30pm .All Extra Ordinary Ministers are warmly encouraged to attend.

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday during Lent. 7pm.

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE: SUNDAY 22nd March, 4pm
at St. Patrick's.



STPATRICK'S CHURCH COLLECTION

Envelopes: £155.55 Plate: £279.75 Total: £435.30

300 club winner – J Karanja No: 122 £75.00

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Gift aid: £60.50 Loose: £ 451.92 Total: £511.92

Last week's Mass attendance:130