



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

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4th Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday

| Date | Time & Place | Intention |
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| Sat 14 th Mar | 4.30pm – Divine Infant | Margaret Rooney, RIP |
| | 6.30pm – St. Patrick's | For the soul of Alexandre & Berta & Remedios family |
| Sun 15 th Mar | 8.00am – St. Patrick's | God's blessings on Richard, Eileen Tamen & Family |
| | 9.30am – St. Patrick's | Private Intention |
| | 11.15am – Divine Infant | Fr Martin Hardy, Wellbeing |
| Mon 16 th Mar <i>Lenten Feria</i> | 10.00am – Divine Infant | Sr. Cecilia |
| Tue 17 th Mar <i>St. Patrick (F)</i> | 10.30am – St. Patrick's | People of the Parish |
| | 10.00am – Divine Infant | NO MASS |
| Wed 18 th Mar <i>Lenten Feria</i> | 10.00am – Divine Infant | Joan Quinn, RIP, 2 nd Anniversary |
| | 7.00pm – St. Patrick's | Al Owens, RIP |
| Thu 19 th Mar <i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM (S)</i> | 9.30am – St. Patrick's | For God's blessing |
| | 10.00am – Divine Infant | Kazimieras Butkus RIP |
| Fri 20 th Mar <i>Lenten Feria</i> | 8.15am – St. Patrick's | At English Martyrs School |
| | 10.00am – Divine Infant | Bridget O'Dwyer, Wellbeing |
| Sat 21 st Mar <i>Lenten Feria</i> | 9.30am – St. Patrick's | Michael Hardesty RIP |
| | 10.00am – Divine Infant | Mr Charlie |
| 5th Sunday of Lent | | |
| 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 |

(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,
DIVINE INFANT PRAGUE SYSTON RCP, ACCOUNT NUMBER: 03394798, SORT CODE: 30-94-97**

DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM REGISTERED CHARITY 1134449 REGISTERED COMPANY 7151646

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. No meetings on March 5th or March 12th.

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

FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING: The next Coffee morning will be on 20th March. 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 18th – Ali Q's Bingo. 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.

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

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN AT SYSTON DIVINE INFANT who have made their first reconciliation this Saturday. We wish them all well as they continue their First Holy Communion preparation.

CAFOD NEWS: Prayer, please do visit the CAFOD website for prayer resources for every occasion, perhaps sign up for the weekly reflection on the Sunday readings or the Stations of the Cross or prayers from other parts of the world. Thanks for all you do for CAFOD in this Parish.

A DOMINICAN YOUNG ADULTS STUDY DAY focusing on the Sacrament of Confession is being held on Saturday 14th March, between 10.00am and 4.30pm, at Holy Cross, Leicester. Why do we need to go to confession? Can I not say sorry to God on my own and trust in his mercy? During the day we will begin by looking at sin and human flourishing, before unpacking the sacrament of confession itself: what is it? How does it work? And why do we need it? The Day will finish with some more practical considerations around making a good confession, and will include Mass, talks, prayer, fellowship, and discussion, as well as the opportunity to go to confession. Lunch will be provided. To register email dya@english.op.org

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

THE ABORTION RECOVERY CARE AND HELPLINE (ARCH) is starting a Post Abortion Women's Support Group from April in central Nottingham, for women affected by abortion. Run by a qualified therapist, the group offers a safe space to meet with other women in a supportive and helpful way, with confidentiality, no judgement, and free of charge. If it has been at least six months since your experience and you would like more information email clare@archtrust.org.uk including a mobile number (ARCH and abortion will not be mentioned in any texts)

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

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



Second collection for this week is for Diocesan Levy
STPATRICK'S CHURCH COLLECTION

Envelopes: £155.55 Plate: £279.75 Total: £435.30
300 club winner – Mrs P James No: 310 £75.00

THE DIVINE INFANT OF PRAGUE, SYSTON

Gift aid: £15.00 Loose: £ 358.83 Total: £373.83

Last week's Mass attendance: 57- Saturday
Sunday (TBA)