



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

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3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent		
Date	Time & Place	Intention
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	4.30pm – Divine Infant	For Sick children
	6.30pm – St. Patrick's	Juliao, Natalia, Jose, Francis & Zaritha D'Silva, RIP
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.00am – St. Patrick's	Thanksgiving Ajeibi's Family
	9.30am – St. Patrick's	Antonio Giuliano, RIP
	11.15am – Divine Infant	People of the parish
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar <i>Lenten Feria</i>	10.00am – Divine Infant	For all the volunteers
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar <i>Lenten Feria</i>	9.30am – St. Patrick's	NO MASS
	10.00am – Divine Infant	Mary Melly, RIP, Anniversary
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar <i>Lenten Feria</i>	10.00am – Divine Infant	Margaret Knott, Anniversary
	7.00pm – St. Patrick's	Good health of Regina Pereira & Alio Rosario
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar <i>Lenten Feria</i>	9.00am – St. Patrick's	Al Owens, RIP
	10.00am – Divine Infant	For Thomas Noronha
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar <i>Lenten Feria</i>	7.00am – St. Patrick's	Al Owens, RIP
	10.00am – Divine Infant	For Josephine Noronha
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar <i>Lenten Feria</i>	9.30am – St. Patrick's	People of the parish
	10.00am – Divine Infant	People of the parish
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent		
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	4.30pm – Divine Infant	Margaret Rooney, RIP
	6.30pm – St. Patrick's	For the soul of Alexandre & Berta & Remedios family
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> 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

(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](mailto: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.

**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 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 11th – 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.

**RCIA (RITE OF ELECTION):** On behalf of the RCIA group and the Nottingham Diocese, we would like to thank you all for the kind and generous donations we were able to take to the liturgy last Sunday for LOROS and RAINBOWS which were gratefully received, see notice board at the back of the Church. Please pray for Melissa, Lewis, Crispin, Marion, Megan and Thomas who will be received into the church at Easter. 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](mailto: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

**DIVINE INFANT OF PRAGUE** – We have no up-to-date census of people attending Mass in Syston. All new and existing parishioners need to be registered and Fr. Tom hopes to do this at all Masses during the month of February 2026. All Catholics living in the villages/towns of Syston, Thurmaston, Queniborough, East Goscote, Rearsby, Gaddesby and all other places in the parish need to register. If you have decided to attend somewhere else, and hopefully someone will pass on this message to those people, then you need to register there and inform Fr. Tom. Thank you, Fr. Tom. (St. Patrick's census will follow sometime this year! Fr. Paul)

**CAFOD News:** Thank you so much for your warm welcome last weekend and all your support for CAFOD. May I remind you of three things 1) Do join your Parish Live Simply Group and contact Peter for details 2) could you be a CAFOD volunteer in your Church? 3) Might you consider becoming a regular monthly donor to CAFOD.

**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.

**THE POLISH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY** in Nottingham is leading a Extreme Way of the Cross on Friday 13th March from 8.00pm, until about 6.00am the next morning. The route takes in 41 kilometres across the city centre and fields around, and is an initiative started in Poland several years ago. It is not a sport activity but a spiritual journey through meditations. For those wishing to participate, gather at the Polish Church of Our Lady of Częstochowa, Nottingham NG7 6JN, by 8.00pm (Mass in Polish will be celebrated at 7.00pm). More information is at: <https://extremewayofthecross.org/>

**HOSTED BY CARITAS LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE:** An initial discussion on synodality for anyone who is interested will take place on Sunday 8 March from 5pm to 6pm in the St Thomas More Parish Room next to the church. All welcome.

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

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



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

Envelopes: £152.00 Plate: £608.58 Total: £760.58  
300 club winner –Raymond Knight No:49 £75.00

**THE DIVINE INFANT OF PRAGUE, SYSTON**

Gift aid: £ 65.00 Loose: £340.50 Total: £405.50

Last week's Mass attendance: (143)