

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM

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First Sunday of Lent – 17 - 18 February 2024

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WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASSES:

Our Lady of Victories & St Alphonsus, Lutterworth

Sat. 17th Feb 6.00pm Tiberia Dmello RIP

Sun. 18th Feb 11.00am Rosary at 10.30.

Tues 20th Feb 10.30am

Thu 22nd Feb 10.30am

Sat. 24th Feb 6.00pm Valerie O'Rourke RIP

Sun. 25th Feb 11.00am Rosary at 10.30.

St. Pius X, Narborough

Sat. 17th Feb 4.00pm

Sun. 18th Feb 9.30am

Mon. 19th Feb 9.30am

Sat. 24th Feb 4.00pm

Sun. 25th Feb 9.30am

Lutterworth Sundays 4.00pm ----- Stations of the Cross ----- St. Pius: Fridays 7.00pm

Lutterworth: Tues. 9.30 – 10.30am BENEDICTION, ADORATION AND ROSARY St. Pius: Mon. 9.00 – 10.00am

Sat. 5.30pm before evening Mass **WEEKLY CONFESSIONS** **Sat: 3.30pm** and before and after Masses.

Please pray for those who are sick and those who are housebound: Fabiola Villena-Sanchez Heston & Twins, Sarah Sykes, Edward Taylor, Tara Viljoen, Hayley Dunnill, Kaci Dunnill, Cathy Mansell, Eileen Fox, Fr. John Joe Maloney, Anne Spurrier and Kit Boneham.

If anyone wishes to have their name included here, for the congregation to pray for them, please sign one of the forms available in the Porch and address it to Fr. Joel, to enable us to comply with GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations). If you wish to have your name removed from the list at any time, please also let us know.

YOU CAN NOW DONATE TO OUR PARISH ONLINE: Please use the safe & secure **QR CODE** below or click on this safe & secure link which takes you directly to our portal in the Diocese of Nottingham <https://mygivinghub.com/go?id=GB78Nk59zR> There is a large QR code of the QR Code on the Noticeboard in the Porch that you can also use with your smartphone.

Scrabble Group: Scrabble meet on Tuesdays 2 – 5pm approx. All enquiries to Jo on 07471 032396 **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Church Teachings: Next meeting in the Hall 13th March. at 7pm. (Note change of date) **EVERYONE WELCOME.**

Tea, coffee & cake: is served in the Hall on Sundays & Thursdays after Mass. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

1st Holy Communion: No Friday lessons on 23rd February. Restarts again on 1st March.

Little Church: Taking a break for half-term. No children's liturgy on 18th or 25th February. Resumes again on 3rd March.

RECRUITMENT FOR MORE READERS: We are again seeking people who would be prepared to do the Readings and Bidding Prayers at Mass, **particularly on Saturday evenings at 6.00pm Mass,** or Sunday morning at the 11.00 Mass. The frequency is usually every 5 or 6 weeks so the more Readers we have, the frequency will lengthen. No special qualifications needed to be a Reader, so please give it due consideration and let Nora know so that you can be included into our next Weekend Rota sheet starting at the end of March. Thank you to one lady who has already offered her services. **However, we need many more PLEASE!**

YEAR OF PRAYER: A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, First Sunday of Lent: The saints recognize that prayer is not always easy, for our human nature is frequently distracted or tempted by seemingly more important priorities. Many of the saints experienced long periods of spiritual dryness and even darkness. They teach us that the only response to these temptations is greater perseverance. In our daily efforts to persevere in prayer may we trust that our own spiritual combat, like that of Jacob and the angel (Genesis 28:16), will bear fruit in a deeper and more mature relationship with the Lord.

2nd Collection Next Weekend: CAFOD (Lenten Fast Day)

Foodbank Collection Next Week: Please bring what you can.

A series of Retreats to celebrate the Year of Prayer. Full details available on the Posters in the Porch and Hall:

Young Adults' Day Retreat at Holy Cross Priory - Sat. 2nd March.

Women's Retreat at Holy Trinity, Newark - Sat. 9th March.

Men's Retreat at Mount St. Bernard Abbey - Sat. 23rd March.

Fr Joel Nwalozie, Fr John Joe Maloney, Fr. Jim Cahill, Deacon Kevin & Parishioners extend a warm welcome to new Parishioners and all visitors

Deadline for items for the Newsletter – noon on Wednesdays: johnston.nora@gmail.com

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