



Our Lady of the Angels, East Leake

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18th February - 26th February 2023: Seventh Sunday of the Year

Eucharistic Prayer 4 with preface: Memorial Acclamation 2

Saturday <i>Vigil Mass</i>	18 th February	6.00 pm	In Thanksgiving (Graham-Brown family)
Sunday <i>Seventh Sunday of the Year</i>	19 th February	11.00 am	Tony Romano (RIP)
Monday <i>Feria</i>	20 th February		
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	21 st February	10.00 am	Service of the Word & Communion followed by Exposition
Wednesday <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	22 nd February	6.30pm	Mary Ann Murphy (RIP)
Thursday <i>Lenten Feria</i>	23 rd February		
Friday <i>Lenten Feria</i>	24 th February	7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday <i>Vigil Mass</i>	25 th February	5.30-5.50 pm Confessions 6.00pm Mass	Reg Clarke (RIP)
Sunday <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	26 th February	11.00 am	Elizabeth Staley (RIP)

Confessions can be heard before the Saturday evening Mass (5.30-5.50) or by making an appointment with Fr Michael.

Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday which marks the start of Lent. It is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence*. There will be a Mass here at 6.30pm, with the distribution of the blessed ashes.

*Fasting applies to those between 18 and 59. You are permitted to eat one full meal, and two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. No meat should be eaten (from age 14 upwards).

Stations of the Cross

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 7pm each Friday evening.

Walk With Me Lent Booklets

Please help yourself to a Walk With Me booklet – it walks you beautifully through the season of Lent inviting you to rediscover the Psalms, with a daily short Psalm to read. It's a useful booklet to focus your mind on dedicating time to prayer each day during the Lenten season. These are free to take.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

CAFOD's Family Fast day takes place on Friday 3rd March, envelopes will be given out next weekend and the following weekend there will be a basket in the porch to return your envelopes.

Irish Night!

Tickets for the Irish Night on 17th March are now on sale after weekend masses. Tickets are £10 each and include supper (children are free). The celebrations start at 7pm in the parish room. A bar is available. We look forward to seeing you there!

Dates for your diary!

- Taizé service is Tuesday, 14th March, 7.30 pm at Our Lady of the Angels. This is a Churches Together service so do come and join or fellow Christians from the other churches in the village.
- Barn Dance on Saturday 9th September. It's quite a long way off but we have booked East Leake village hall and the band so make sure the date is in your diary!

Navigating the Realities of Multi-Church Parishes

Parish closures, mergers, and the increase in multi-church parishes are realities we've been facing more and more in recent years. With fewer priests available, and low numbers in our seminaries we must ask ourselves: how do we navigate this period well? By way of response to this the diocese of Nottingham has asked the UK Divine Renovation team for support. They will be holding an online webinar on Thursday 2nd March, 7-8pm. If you would like join this please let Nicola Davis know and she can forward you the link.

Bishop's Statement on Marriage

The Bishop has issued his annual statement on marriage, which is available to view in the porch. It reiterates that marriage is a Sacrament, a lifelong vocation of a man and a woman. It reminds those considering marriage that your parish priest is available to support couples, and it is essential to receive the marriage preparation guidance your priest can provide.

Diocese News:

Would you like a new spiritual challenge this Lent?

Do you want a challenge which is more than giving something up? From Wednesday 22nd February (Ash Wednesday), you're invited to join other Christians in **40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in our community**. You're also invited to **stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil** in the public right-of-way outside the BPAS abortion clinic in Stapleford, offer practical alternatives to abortion for women who need it, and help spread the word about this important community outreach. More information about this global prayer movement, which has saved the lives of thousands of unborn children, is at www.40daysforlife.com/Nottingham Contact John on 07757 815625 or 40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com Jesus said, *Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.*

Calling Catholic Teachers

If you are a Catholic teacher currently working outside of Catholic education and would like to find out more about the joys of working in a Catholic school within the Diocese of Nottingham, a virtual information session will take place on Wednesday 29th March from 7.00pm – 8.30pm. See the poster on the parish notice board for further information, and to book contact: Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan Education Service (julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk)

Retreats in the Diocese of Nottingham this Lent

After the great success last year, The Diocese of Nottingham is again offering day retreats to help you grow closer to God this Lent through **talks, discussion, prayer, Mass, confession and social time**. The **Men's Retreat** on Saturday 18th March given by Fr Julian Green (Priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham) will be focused on **men of scripture and what we can learn from them**, and the **Women's Retreat** given by Sr Ann Swailles on Saturday 25th March will be following the theme of **'Here I am Lord I Come to do your will'** – How can we know and accept God's will for our lives? The Men's and Women's Retreat will be held at the Rosmini House of Prayer (LE7 4SJ) and cost £20 which will include lunch and a light breakfast. To book your place or for more information visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events, email adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham or call 0115 953 9841. Please see posters in narthex.