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## Fifth Sunday of Lent

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**Confessions**  
**After Saturday**  
**9.30AM Mass**  
**Fridays 6-7PM**  
**with Adoration**



**Monday of Holy Week** - Adoration 9AM-6PM, Confessions 12Noon-1PM, Reconciliation Service 6-7:30PM.

**Maundy Thursday** – Mass of the Lord's Supper 7PM, followed by the Altar of Repose until midnight

**Good Friday** – Passion of the Lord 3PM, Stations of the Cross 7PM

**Holy Saturday** – Easter Vigil 8PM

**Easter Sunday** – Solemn Dawn Mass 8AM, Mass of the Resurrection 10AM

**Easter Monday** – Morning Mass 10AM, No Adoration

Welcome to you all and Happy Feast of St. Patrick. Lent moves into its final and most solemn weeks today, and we start hearing in the readings to come that the only people He wants to stay with are His disciples and closest friends such as Mary, Martha, and their brother Lazarus. To others, He wants to be unseen or hidden. This message is also a nice invitation for us to join Him and become either one of His disciples or a very close friend. Just reflect today how that could happen. 'The days are coming' God tells us through Jeremiah 'when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel' and so today we hear Jesus again speaking of being 'lifted up from the earth', describing the way in which that new covenant will be initiated. That new covenant will give glory to God for it is on the altar of the Cross that Christ's victory is won. Christ will again be lifted up from the earth when, risen and ascended He returns to His heavenly glory. Yes, the Father's will is done and He is glorified but the Paschal mystery of Christ's death, resurrection and Ascension restores us to glory too.

Sat 16th March 2024	Lent Feria (Altar Servers Retreat)	09:30AM 18.00PM	All Parishioners Sean Morris
Sun 17th March 2024	Fifth Sunday of Lent	10.00AM 18.00PM	Breda O'Byrne (wellbeing) John & Mary Canty
Mon 18th March 2024	Lent Feria	10.00AM 19.00PM	Andre Couloute RIP Thomas Adiyappallil
Tue 19th March 2024	Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00AM 19.00PM	Maria Leanor Faro Dementia patients, their family & carers
Wed 20th March 2024	Lent Feria	10.00AM 19.00PM	Eileen Deery RIP & Mary O'Mullane Sheila Tessier RIP
Thurs 21st March 2024	Lent Feria Vocations Adoration & Mass	10.00AM 19.00PM	Sally Howes RIP Intentions of the Pelloquin family
Fri 22nd March 2024	Lent Feria	10.00AM 19.00PM	Paddy Lynch RIP & Gary Shine RIP Michael MacSweeney
Sat 23rd March 2024	Lent Feria (Eucharistic Minister & Readers Retreat)	09:30AM 18.00PM	All Parishioners Thanksgiving

## This week's Gospel – John 12:20-33

### 'If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest'

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and

Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever

I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

### Responsorial Psalm

**A pure heart create for me, O God.**

### Parish Retreat Day for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Parishioners

Half Day retreat next Saturday here at St Maries Church and in Hibberts Hall. This is for both Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors and any parishioners who wish to attend. The day will start with a renewal of commitment at the 9:30AM Mass led by Fr Ted Mullen IC for the ministers. All parishioners are welcome to attend the parish retreat.

### Lent Penitential Service

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March here in our Parish 6-7:30PM.  
There will also be confession 12noon-1PM on the Monday.

### St Patricks Day

Happy St Patricks day to you all, there will be a celebration in Hibberts Hall after the 10AM mass, with live music, unlimited tea, coffee, juice with rolls and cake to eat! Tickets will be sold at the back of Church, please see or call Louise Mallot 07876 656398 so they have an idea of numbers to cater for, tickets will be £5. Let us all get together for the first event of the year.

### Parish Choir

The choir with our Organist leads the 10AM Mass on Sundays which we are most grateful for. As we head towards Holy Week, where the choir will be involved in almost every aspect, now is a great time to join if you have ever been interested. The choir are a friendly group of all ages, and accept people of any age and experience. If interested, pop up to the choir loft after Mass when they practice or ask for more information from the Parish Office.

Please pray for Fr John Daley IC who passed away on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March in the parish of St. Josephs, Leicester his home for the last 23 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 11AM at St. Josephs, Leicester. May his soul rest in peace

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS - FRIDAYS AFTER 7PM MASS

The Stations of the Cross is a mini pilgrimage, which takes us through the steps taken by Jesus on Good Friday, from his condemnation to his burial.

### Divine Mercy Sunday

Leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April, we will have the 9 day Divine Mercy Novena in preparation for this Feast Day known as the Feast of the Divine Mercy

### UCM Cake Sale

The next meeting is Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March after 10AM Mass. We welcome Mrs Anne O'Callaghan as our new president, if you would like to join the UCM please join us at this meeting. Our charity for this year is our church, we will start with a cake sale after Easter Sunday 10AM Mass. There are also raffle tickets sold at the back of church for an Easter Simnal Cake, please put your money inside the envelope with your name and number outside the envelope and pop into the collections box. Thank you

### Novena to St. Joseph

We have begun the 9 day Novena to St. Joseph, after both the morning and evening masses for the 9 days preceding the Solemnity of St. Joseph celebrated on March 19<sup>th</sup>. You may wish to pray this novena to ask for St. Joseph's special care over a particular intention such as help in an area of our lives needing discernment.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Michael Griffin, Georgina Nourse, Fr John Daley IC

### FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Helena Rudnicki, Janet Doyle, Andre Couloute, Gloria Barrett, Cynthia Hutchins, Eileen Deery, Molly Boulton, Mary Smyth, Roy Williams, Derek Larkin, Beatrice Potter, Janina Machnik, Christopher Smith, Ann Bailie, Elizabeth O'Driscoll

### PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Tom Donnelly, Sharon Colleran, George Mears, Freddie Fereday, Elsie Johnson, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Hattie Taylor, Lenny & Marie Niner, Val Muir, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Ginny Eves, Paula Ann Smith, Michael Duffin, Teresa Summersgill, Breda O'Byrne, Alan Thomas, Philomena, Antonio Hernandez, Eamon Curry, Janet Eyles, Avito D'Souza, Malcolm Reeves, John Dover, Terry McSweeney, Stuart Woodcock