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**Items for this newsletter** to news@lecatholic.org.uk

Sat 1st	6.00pm	Holy Mass (Carol Stevenson RIP)	<b>Going into hospital?</b>
Sun 2nd		<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>	
	10.30am	Holy Mass (People of the Parish)	If you would like a visit from a chaplain during your stay in QMC or Nottingham City Hospital, please ring (for the QMC) 0115 924 9924 ext. 63799 or (for the City) 0115 969 1169 ext. 56187.
Mon 3rd	9.30am	Holy Mass (Intentions of Geraldine Kelly & Family)	
	<b>7.00pm</b>	Reception of the body of David Richards RIP	
Tue 4th		<b>Saint Isidore, Bishop &amp; Doctor</b>	
	<b>12.15pm</b>	Funeral of David Richards RIP	
Wed 5th		<b>Saint Vincent</b>	If you would like your name mentioning in this newsletter, so that your fellow parishioners may pray for you, please drop a note in to the presbytery or email the editor (email address at the head of this newsletter).
		<i>Please pray for today's day of recollection for priests</i>	
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Holy Mass (Welfare of Michael Mackey)	
Thu 6th	9.30am	Holy Mass (Billy Fitzgerald RIP)	
Fri 7th	3.00pm	Mercy Hour	
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross	
	7.30pm	Holy Mass (Gerrard Goodhind RIP)	
Sat 8th	10.00am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	4.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6.00pm	Holy Mass (Deceased members of the Burgess Family, RIP) – <i>Mass begins in the area outside the Church door</i>	
Sun 9th		<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
	10.30am	Holy Mass (People of the Parish) – <i>Mass begins in the yard outside the Hall</i>	
	<b>3.00pm</b>	Service of Reconciliation with confessions	
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Aitone Concert of music for Holy Week	

**PLEASE PRAY** for the clergy of our diocese who are ill or infirm: Mgr. Jonathan Moore, Mgr. Joseph Phelan, Mgr. George Tüttő, Canon John Berry, Canon Peter Coyle, Fr John Abbott, Fr John Cairns, Fr Anthony Colebrook, Fr Hugh Doherty, Fr James Hannigan, Fr Christopher Hogan, Fr James Lynch, Fr Frank McLaughlin, Fr Neil McLaughlin, Fr Dominic O'Connor, Fr James O'Hanlon, Fr Joseph O'Hanlon, Fr Eamonn O'Hara, Fr Robert Rutledge, Fr Michael Tatcher, Rev Bernard Croft and Rev William Hutchinson. Deacon John Timson: also Josanne Boyd; for candidates for the sacraments; women, the needy and hungry of the world, penitents and wanderers.

**ROTAS** Cleaners: Jack Stafford. Flowers: Volunteers. Counters: Wilf Rainford, Jane Watts. Readers: Tony Cooke, Diane Gill\*, Liz Draper.

**Safeguarding Reps:** Carol Morris (08445 880933) and Jane Watts (08445 880936) **SVP Contact:** Elaine Stevens (01158 492801 or svp@lecatholic.org.uk) **Primary School:** English Martyrs, Bracken Road (0115 973 3209). **Parish Pastoral Council:** Liz Draper (08445 880932), Carol Morris (08445 880933), Sheila North (08445 880934), Jack Stafford (08445 880935).

**RIP** – Fr Martin writes, “Our prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Edith McNamara, who died recently. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Mrs McNamara's funeral is expected to be on Friday 21st April, but the arrangements had not been confirmed at the time this bulletin went to press.”

**AITONE – THE EARLY MUSIC CONSORT** – a programme of renaissance and baroque music for Holy Week. This will take place in Church on Palm Sunday at 7.30pm. Free admission, with a collection to be taken to be shared between Aitone and the Retired Priests Appeal – for more information [www.aitone.org.uk](http://www.aitone.org.uk). *Poster at back of church.*

**SERVICES OF RECONCILIATION** – There will be an opportunity as Easter approaches to come together to be reconciled with God and each other. Each service will have a choice of priests available to hear your confession. Dates for your diary are: Sunday 9th April at St Francis of Assisi, 3.00pm and Monday 10th April at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell NG6 9ES at 7.00pm.

**MARRIAGE CARE** – Bishop Patrick writes, "The marriage care centres in Derby, Nottingham and Lincolnshire are looking for volunteers to provide essential management and administrative support for the marriage preparation and counselling services. They are also looking to develop a new centre in Leicester. If you might be interested in applying please visit: [www.marriagecare.uk](http://www.marriagecare.uk) or e mail [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk) for more information."

**ENGLISH MARTYRS SCHOOL** – Fr Martin writes, “On Monday, Kate Mann, head teacher at English Martyrs, wrote to parents about planned developments at Wilsthorpe School, next door to English Martyrs. Mrs Mann wrote, ‘Please note that the plans for the Wilsthorpe new build have now been submitted. They can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/wilsthorpe>. If you were unable to attend the consultation and/or you would like more information about the build and its proximity to English Martyrs, I urge you to have a look. The Governing body and myself continue to invite you to share your views/concerns/issues with us via the school e-mail: [enquiries@englishmartyrs.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@englishmartyrs.derbyshire.sch.uk)”.

**ROSMINI CENTRE** – Fr. Binu Palakapally IC writes “Saturday, 8th April Scripture Study with Fr. Antonio Belsito IC. *The Passion and Death of Jesus according to the Gospel* 10.30/11.00am to 1.30pm followed by a shared table. Tea/coffee provided. (Mass is at 10.00am) All are welcome. Please do phone or email: 01509 813078; [rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com](mailto:rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com).”

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND MODERN SLAVERY EVENTS** – Louise Cook writes, “There is still a chance to book on to one of the three remaining awareness raising sessions initiated by Bishop Patrick. Thursday 20th April at St Mary’s & The Annunciation, St Mary’s Road, New Mills, High Peak SK22 3BW, 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Saturday 6th May at English Martyrs, Hollis Street, Alvaston, Derby DE24 8QU, 10.30am to 12.30pm Corpus Christi, Grimsby Road, Cleethorpes. Saturday 10th June daytime (exact time to be confirmed.) If you are interested please book with Diane Williams on [formation@nrcdt.org.uk](mailto:formation@nrcdt.org.uk) or phone 0115 953 9841. These events are free, and open to all.”

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