

# ALL ARE WELCOME IN THE PARISH OF SAINT RALPH SHERWIN, DERBY

## ‘Potius hodie quam cras’ – ‘Today rather than tomorrow’

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Christ the King Church  
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DERBY DE22 4BG

Holy Family Church  
Blenheim Drive, Allestree  
DERBY DE22 2LG

### SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2026 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Response to the Psalm – ‘May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O LORD.’

<b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Mar</b> <b>5.30 pm (Sat)</b> <b>9.00 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b> <b>11.00 am</b> <b>3.00 pm</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Retiring Collection for CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day <b>CTK First Mass of Sunday</b> Elizabeth Nadin <b>SM Mass</b> <i>Missa pro populo</i> <b>HF Mass</b> Joan Thorpe RIP <b>SM Mass</b> P J Brett RIP <b>SM Stations of the Cross</b> <b>SM Mass</b> Eamonn Barry RIP
<b>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar</b> <b>1.00 pm</b> <b>1.00 – 2.45 pm</b>	Lent Feria SM Mass Paul Cundy’s Intentions HF Coffee Afternoon
<b>Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar</b> <b>10.00 am</b> <b>1.00 pm</b>	Lent Feria HF Mass Fr Paul Entwistle RIP SM Mass Michael White RIP
<b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Mar</b> <b>10.00 am</b> <b>10.30 am – 12.30 pm</b> <b>1.00 pm</b> <b>2.00 – 4.00 pm</b> <b>7.00 pm</b>	Lent Feria CTK Mass Fr Slawomir Hermanowicz RIP Craft & Pray Group in the Parish Centre SM Mass Fr Sean Carroll RIP Retired Group in the Parish Centre Lent Group in Derby Cathedral
<b>Thu 5<sup>th</sup> Mar</b> <b>10.00 am</b> <b>1.00 pm</b>	Lent Feria HF Mass Canon Bernard Scholes RIP SM Mass Mgr David Forde RIP
<b>Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Mar</b> <b>1.00 pm</b> <b>2.00 pm</b> <b>3.00 pm</b> <b>7.30 pm</b>	Lent Feria SM Mass Fr Brian McWilliams RIP World Day of Prayer Service in Derby Cathedral SM Divine Mercy Prayer Group SM Stations of the Cross
<b>Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Mar</b> <b>10.00 – 11.30 am</b>	Lent Feria SM Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Michael White
<b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Mar</b> <b>5.30 pm (Sat)</b> <b>9.00 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b> <b>11.00 am</b> <b>2.00 pm</b> <b>3.00 pm</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <b>CTK First Mass of Sunday</b> <i>Missa pro populo</i> <b>SM Mass</b> Peter Bennett RIP <b>HF Mass</b> Alan Penny <b>SM Mass</b> Fr Francis McLaughlin RIP <b>HF Sensory Mass</b> Priest’s Intention <b>SM Stations of the Cross</b> <b>SM Mass</b> Weston Family
<b>Eucharistic Adoration:</b> SM: Mon – Fri 12.00 – 12:45 pm & Sat 10.45 – 11.15 am <b>The Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick</b> can be celebrated by appointment and at these times: SM: Mon – Fri 12.15 – 12:45 pm & Sat 10.45 – 11.15 am; CTK & HF: Before and after Mass	

**The Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for March – for disarmament and peace:** Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

From Pope Leo XIV: ‘Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the centre of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life.’

**Cycle of Prayer:** During the Season of Lent, we pray for: candidates for the sacraments; women; the needy and hungry of the world; penitents and wanderers. We also pray for the sick and housebound of our parish, the life and mission of St Mary’s and St Benedict’s schools, the recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Green Tip:** ‘Why not buy a bike to reduce your carbon footprint?’

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Executive Headteacher: Patricia Chapman  
Head of School: Gill Novak-Lemmings  
St Benedict Catholic Voluntary Academy  
Duffield Rd, DERBY DE22 1JD  
01332 557032 : [enquiries@ben.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@ben.srscmat.co.uk)  
Headteacher: Hazel Boyce

**Admission to Hospital:** If you are admitted to the Royal Derby Hospital, to ensure that your spiritual needs are met:

1. Please ask the ward staff to inform the hospital chaplaincy that you are a Catholic – this will mean that you should receive Holy Communion on Sundays and if clergy or EMHCs are undertaking ward visits in the week: you must do this yourself, as your parish priest or the parish staff cannot do this for you.
2. If you wish to receive the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation while in hospital, please contact your parish priest – if you are in this parish, please phone **01332 346126 ext 4** or email [stralphsherwinparish@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:stralphsherwinparish@dioceseofnottingham.uk)
3. **In danger of death, please ask the ward to contact the on-call Catholic chaplain and ask him to visit as soon as possible.** If you are the next-of-kin and with someone in this position, please ask the ward staff to do this, rather than calling priests yourselves, especially if your relative is in A&E. This will help them to receive 'the last rites', with which Jesus journeys with us as we journey into his loving arms.

**Arranging Funerals:** Please contact a funeral director to arrange the celebration of a funeral for a loved one in our parish. The funeral director will then contact our parish administrator to arrange a date and time, and Fr Andrew will assign a priest or deacon to work with the family and lead the liturgy. Please note that a Catholic funeral can be a Funeral Mass with or without the reception of the body the night before, a funeral service in church, or a funeral service at the crematorium or graveside, depending on what the next-of-kin would like for their loved one – there is no 'one size fits all' model, and the liturgy is prepared by the priest or deacon and the next-of-kin in accordance with the *Order of Christian Funerals*, the liturgical texts used during funeral liturgies wherever and whenever they are held.

**CAFOD:** Following last Sunday's appeal, there will be a retiring collection to support the work of CAFOD; you can also give online and with Gift Aid at [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) Your generous support will help communities grow food again and rebuild lives with dignity.

**The Faithful Departed:** Please pray for: Margaret Peasgood, whose body will be received into St Mary's Church on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00 pm and whose Funeral will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00 am prior to Committal in Markeaton Crematorium at 11.30 am; Donna Aldridge, whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St Mary's Church on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00 am prior to Committal in Markeaton Crematorium at 11.30 am; Lisa Winters, whose Funeral will be in St Mary's Church on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00 am prior to Committal in Markeaton Crematorium at 11.30 am; Charlotte Foley, whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St Mary's Church on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00 am prior to Committal in Nottingham Road Cemetery at 12.30 pm; and those who mourn.

**Deanery Station Mass – 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026:** Bishop Patrick will join priests and people from across Derby deanery to celebrate Mass together in St Mary's on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.00 pm – Mass will be preceded by Eucharistic Adoration with confessions at 6.00 pm.

**Parishioner Registration:** Those who did not complete the parish registration forms during Mass recently are welcome to do so, as are new parishioners – please complete a form and hand it to a welcomer or put it in the offertory collection baskets. This is an important means of maintaining good communication in our parish.

**Learning to pray this Lent:** Young adults from across the Diocese of Nottingham are welcome to enter more deeply into prayer this Lent – just bring yourself, a Bible and a hot drink of your choice for practical tips, wisdom from the Bible, stories from the Saints and advice about common difficulties people face when praying. To sign up, head to [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/yasycamore](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/yasycamore) – those wishing to take part in these sessions are welcome to do so in St Margaret Clitherow, Duffield at noon and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Belper at 7.00 pm on Mondays 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> March.

**Lent Groups,** a joint initiative between our parish and Derby Cathedral, continue this Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, at 7.00 pm in Derby Cathedral. All are welcome!

**Missio:** It is now time to empty the red boxes with which we can support the Pontifical Missionary Societies, and the brown envelopes are available in all our churches. Thank you for your support of Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission.

**The Parish Office** is ordinarily open each week to callers from Tuesday to Thursday between 9.00 am & 3.00 pm; the office can be contacted during and outside these hours by emailing [stralphsherwinparish@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:stralphsherwinparish@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or by telephoning 01332 346126 ext 4. I would like to thank who everyone who has assisted with parish administration in any way whatsoever since Selina finished last summer and Lizzie started last week – I am very grateful to you all, and to all those who continue to help with the running of the parish in so many ways! Fr Andrew

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Please avail yourselves of this beautiful sacrament during the Season of Lent, so that you can celebrate the Sacred Paschal Triduum with hearts and minds renewed! Times during which the sacrament can be received are overleaf, and on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March we will welcome priests from across our deanery to hear confessions at our Liturgy of Reconciliation at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Church.

**Stations of the Cross** continue on the Sundays of Lent at 3.00 pm in St Mary's Church, and on the Fridays of Lent at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Church (6<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March), Holy Family Church (13<sup>th</sup> March) and Christ the King Church (20<sup>th</sup> March); on Sundays the traditional prayers, by St Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori are being used and on Fridays we use a variety of texts. There will be Stations of the Cross in each church on Good Friday at 10.00 am.

**World Day of Prayer – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026:** This year's service for the World Day of Prayer will be held in Derby Cathedral at 2.00 pm this Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March; the texts have been prepared by Christians in Nigeria, and the service will be followed by light refreshments.

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