



## Roman Catholic Diocese of Northampton

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22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2026		Fifth Sunday of Lent PASSIONTIDE BEGINS TODAY	
First Reading	Ezekiel 37:12-14 <i>'I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.'</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.		
Second Reading	St Paul to the Romans 8:8-11 <i>'The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.'</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God. I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord. Everyone who believes in me shall never die. Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.		
Gospel	John 11:1-45 <i>'I am the resurrection and the life.'</i>		
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March +	6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass – (Pro Populo)	
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March +	10.30am	Mass – (Brian O'Connor RIP)	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March Lent Feria		No Parish Mass today	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Ann O'Connor RIP)	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March THE ANNUCIATION OF THE LORD	9.15am 10.00am 7.00pm	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Michael Tarrant RIP) Mass – (Fr Liam Ints)	
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria	6.00pm 6.45pm	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Richard Pilkington RIP)	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria	10.00am 2.30pm 7.00pm	Service of Word & Communion Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious life)	
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord HOLY WEEK BEGINS TODAY			
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March +	6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass – (Pro Populo)	
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March +	10.30am	Mass – (Lynda Ferguson RIP)	

## SVP Annual Appeal this weekend 21st/22nd March

Thank you for your Weekly Offering	
Offertory	£396.16
Digital Collection Plate	£70.00
Standing Orders	£502.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£968.16</b>

### Stations of the Cross

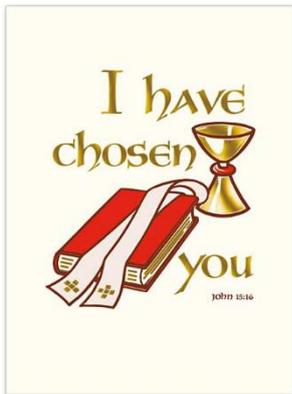
Throughout Lent we will be praying the 'Stations of the Cross' each **Friday** at **2.30pm & 7.00pm** here at Our Lady's – please do come if you can.



### The Annunciation of the Lord

On Wednesday of this week, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. The divine message delivered to Mary by the Angel Gabriel to situate Christ's conception exactly nine months before his birth. Today, as a Christian community we gladly remember how the promise of her conceiving the Messiah was announced to Mary, at her home in Nazareth. **There will be Mass here at Our Lady's at 10.00am and 7.00pm**

### Ad Multos Annos



**This coming Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March**, Fr Liam celebrates the fourth anniversary of his priestly ordination. Our Diocese has been blessed with a caring and loving Priest We thank God for Fr Liam's priestly ministry and pray for him, his family, and friends. God bless you Fr Liam – Deo Gratias.

*"O, how great is the priest! ... If he realised what he is, he would die. If we had faith, we would see God hidden in the priest like a light behind glass, like wine mixed with water. Without the priest, the passion and death of*

*our Lord would be of no avail."*

**St John Vianney**



**Next weekend** at both the Saturday evening Vigil Mass and the Sunday morning Mass we will be starting the Mass on the patio at the rear of the church (weather permitting). Here we will begin with the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem where Fr Daniel will bless our Palms before we process into the church. It would be useful if, those who are able, could assemble on the patio five minutes before the start of Mass.

**Hosanna to the Son of David!**



## Mass of the Lord's Supper Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.00pm

We are looking for volunteers, male or female, for the Washing of the Feet during the Mass. If you would like to assist, please add your name to the list at the back of the church or speak to either Fr Daniel or Deacon Peter direct.



**Reconciliation Service** – as part of our parish preparations for the great feast of Easter, there will be a Penitential Service here at Our Lady's on the **Tuesday evening of Holy Week – 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7.00pm.** Fr Daniel has invited other priests to join him and encourages us all to avail ourselves of this great sacrament of grace and forgiveness.



**Thanks** also to all who prepared the worthy celebration of St Patrick's Day after the Mass last Tuesday – a good time was had by all.



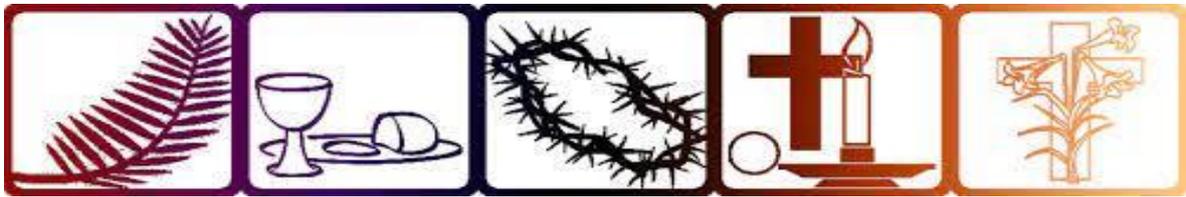
**Cafod Lenten Soup Lunch** - Thank you to those parishioners who came to our lunch last Friday, a smaller group than previous years but still a very strong community spirit and an enjoyable parish event. All six soups were tasted, and everyone had second helpings. A generous donation of £100 will be sent to Cafod to aid the people of Sudan.

**CAFOD Parish Support Group**



**The Chrism Mass** is being held at **12 noon on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** at the Cathedral with Bishop Emeritus Peter as the Principal Celebrant. During this Mass Bishop Peter will bless the oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens and, together with the Priests of the Diocese, will consecrate the Oil of Chrism. These Holy Oils will be used by the Priests and Deacons of our Diocese throughout the coming year. Also, at this very special Mass, the Priests of our Diocese will renew their Priestly Promises. We thank God for Bishop David, Bishop Emeritus Peter and for the Priests of our Diocese, especially of course our Parish Priest, Father Daniel, as well as Fr David, Fr Biju, Fr Liam and our retired Priests, Fr Malcolm & Fr Patrick – we pray especially for them all on this day. You are welcome to attend if you wish or alternatively the Mass will be 'live streamed' and you can access this via the Cathedral website: <https://northamptoncathedral.org/>

**REMINDER – Clocks will go forward by one hour next Sunday**



## Holy Week Schedule

<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March + Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord Blessing &amp; Distribution of Palms</b>	6.00pm 6.30pm	Confession Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March + Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord Blessing &amp; Distribution of Palms</b>	10.30am	Mass
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March <i>Monday of Holy Week</i></b>		No Parish Mass today
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i></b>	9.15am 10.00am 7.00pm	Adoration with Confession Mass Reconciliation Service
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i></b>	9.15am 10.00am 12noon	Adoration with Confession Mass The Cathedral, Northampton Chrism Mass
<b>Maundy Thursday – 2<sup>nd</sup> April <i>Thursday of Holy Week</i></b>	10.00am  2.30pm	Liturgy of the Divine Office (Office of Readings + Morning Prayer) Stations of the Cross
<b>Sacred Pascal Triduum</b>		
<b>Maundy Thursday – 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	7.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
<b>Good Friday – 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	9.30am 3.00pm 7.00pm	Children's Stations of the Cross The Passion of the Lord Tenebrae Service
<b>Holy Saturday – 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.00am	Liturgy of the Divine Office Office of Readings – Morning Prayer
<b>Easterime Begins</b>		
<b>Holy Saturday – 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	7.30pm	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
<b>Easter Sunday – 5<sup>th</sup> April Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord</b>	8.00am 10.30am	Mass Mass

### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.**

**I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.**

**Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.**

**I embrace You as if you were already there,  
and I unite myself wholly to You.**

**Never permit me to be separated from You.**

*With our love and prayers, Fr Daniel, and Deacon Peter*