

Welcome to the Catholic parishes of IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Celebrating the Sacraments

Details of Mass, Liturgies and Sacrament of Reconciliation can be found on the back page for week commencing Sunday 31st March 2019

Baptism If you are thinking about having your baby or child baptised in the parish please speak to Fr. Michael in the first instance. Baptisms usually take place during Sunday Mass or at 12.30pm (Oadby) or 1.00pm (Knighton) Sunday outside of Mass.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion for children of Year 4 and above. Preparation programme involves regular meetings for children and parents commencing September 2018 (Parents only Meetings) and January 2019 (Children only Meetings)

Confirmation for young people of secondary school age and above. Preparation programme involves a Rite of Commitment and regular meetings (including celebrating Reconciliation).

Marriage If you wish to marry please speak to Fr. Michael at least six months before your proposed wedding date. Please do not make any other arrangements concerning your wedding until Fr. Michael has confirmed the availability of the Church for your wedding.

Sacrament of the Sick As this is a Sacrament of Healing it is appropriate to request this if you are sick or before a hospital admission. Hospital chaplains can be contacted through the hospital staff or through our Parish Office. The Sacrament is no longer reserved for extreme circumstances. The Sacrament for the dying is Eucharist (Viaticum i.e. food for the journey).

Interested in the Catholic Faith? If you would find out more about the Catholic faith (no obligation to becoming a Catholic) please speak to Jackie Williams c/o the Parish Office about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) which is an enquiry programme for those interested in the faith.

Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available on request or by appointment with Fr. Michael

Mass Intentions Envelopes are available in the narthex for this. Please indicate if the Mass is for a deceased person, sick person, or other intention. Mass will be celebrated on requested dates if the date is available. Please indicate on envelope your preferred date.

During the season of Lent the Gloria is omitted

Liturgy of the Word

First reading **Joshua 5:9-12**

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 33(34):2-7**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called, the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second reading **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It

was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

Gospel Acclamation **Lk15:18**

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Gospel **Luke 15:1-3,11-32**

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food

than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father. ‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate. ‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”’

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the
Father;

through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came
down from heaven,

*At the words that follow, up to and including
‘and became man’, all bow.*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son, who with the Father and the

Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of
sins and I look forward to the resurrection of
the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

Please remember in your prayers...

Cycle of prayer during Winter:

Peace on earth; Christian Unity; The Sick and those who care for them; Victims of Human Trafficking and those who work to combat it; Students and Teachers; The Unemployed

**The names of our sick and housebound parishioners
as placed by the statue of our Parish Patrons...**

Immaculate Conception, Oadby

Angela Basher, Rod Bidgood, Patricia Briner, John Duncan Cloud, Barry Dobson,
Tessa Ellis, Jean Farmer, Dr Mary Ginger, Bridget Harrigan, Paule Morris

St. Thomas More, Knighton

Derek Allen, Natalie Ellis, Tom Ellis, Mary Gibson, Barbara Henry, Philomena Joyce,
Geraldine McGlynn, Brian Neill, John Newman, Val Ratcliffe

Please note that we are only be able to publish in the newsletter/ website and display by our Patronal statues the names of those we have evidence of giving consent to do so. Forms are available in the narthex of both parishes for consent to be given either by the individual or their relative(s) if individuals are unable to do so.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time...

For those who have died recently...

STOLE OF REMEMBRANCE, KNIGHTON

All those who have lost a loved one during the past year are invited to place a piece of distinctive cotton material (approx. 5" x 7" / 12cm x 18cm) into the basket by the baptismal font. The pieces of cloth will be added to the Stole of Remembrance used in our Good Friday Liturgy and remain on the altar during Holy Saturday. The basket will be available on 3rd 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent until end of day on Sunday 7th April.

LOROS...

LOROS have written to us to say thank you for our donation of £625.20 which was total from November Deceased Family and Friends Mass offerings. This is equivalent to one of their Specialist Nurses caring for an inpatient for approximately one week.

This coming week...

Sunday 31st March **Mothering Sunday** falls on the fourth Sunday of Lent and began as an explicitly religious event of the 16th Century, with no connection to mothers at all. The word "mothering" referred to the "mother church", which is to say the main church or cathedral of the region. It became a tradition that, on the fourth Sunday of Lent, people would return to their mother church for a special service. This pilgrimage was known as "going a-mothering", and became a holiday event, with domestic servants traditionally given the day off to visit their own families especially their mother. We give thanks for our mothers today and show our appreciation for them.

Sunday 31st March **Oadby Tote Draw** after 11.00am Mass

Saturday 6th April **Oadby Churches Together Lenten Lunch** 12 noon – 2.00pm

Saturday 6th April

First Holy Communion Preparation for children, Knighton 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Sunday 7th April **LACY Countryside Stations of the Cross at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey**
1.30pm Our Countryside Stations of the Cross are taking place during Lent offering the opportunity to all young people, their families and friends, to be involved by reflecting and dramatising that special journey to Calvary with Jesus. Coach will be going from Leicester £5 per person or £10 per family. If you would like to travel on the coach please contact Pauline Payne by Tuesday 2nd April. Departures: 12 noon from St. Mary's South Wigston, 12.20 p.m. from St. Thomas More Knighton and 12.40 from Sacred Heart Leicester. Depart the Abbey at 6.00 p.m. dropping off in reverse order. Pauline: 07885 187374 Full information from paulinepayne@hotmail.com or iancardwell50@hotmail.com.

Dates for your diary...

Wednesday 10th April **Station Mass, Our Lady of Victories, Market Harborough**
6.55pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 7.30pm Mass

Financial Matters...

Thank you for your generosity

NRCDT Company Number: 7151646 & Charity Number: 1134449

HOLY WEEK 2019

Ministry sign up sheets for the Sacred Triduum liturgies and the Passover Meal during Holy Week are now available in both parishes. Please be generous with your time and ministry and consider how you might be able to serve the community during the most important week of our Liturgical Year

Monday 15th April

7.30pm Knighton Passover Meal

Wednesday 17th April

11.30am Mass of Chrism, St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham

Thursday 18th April

The SACRED TRIDUUM begins...

7.30pm Oadby Mass of the Lord's Supper
watching at Altar of Repose until 9.45pm Night Prayer

8.00pm Knighton Mass of the Lord's Supper
watching at Altar of Repose until 11.45pm Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY 19th April Day of Fast and Abstinence (First Day of the Sacred Triduum)

9.00am	Knighton	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
10.00am	Knighton	Children's Stations of the Cross
11.00am	Oadby	Children's Stations of the Cross
3.00pm	Knighton	Commemoration of the Death and Passion of the Lord
3.00pm	Oadby	Commemoration of the Death and Passion of the Lord
7.00pm	Knighton	Stations of the Cross
7.00pm	Oadby	Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY 20th April (Second Day of the Sacred Triduum)

9.00am	Knighton	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
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During Holy Saturday you are invited to come into the silence of the church and reflect and pray especially for the bereaved and for peace in our world.

3.00pm	Knighton	Afternoon prayer
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After 3.00pm the Churches are prepared for Easter

EASTER DAY (Third Day of the Sacred Triduum)

Saturday 20th April

<u>8.30pm</u>	Knighton	Easter Vigil <i>followed by Shared Table</i>
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Sunday 21st April

9.00am	Knighton	Easter Day Mass
11.00am	Oadby	Easter Day Mass

Ministries...

Thank you for your ministry. If you are unable to fulfil your role, please arrange an exchange and ask your replacement to make themselves known to Father or Sacristan on arrival.

Weekly Liturgical Programme week commencing 31st March 2019

Sunday Readings Year C Weekday Readings I Prayer of the Church 4

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 30th March

5.30pm	Knighton	Sacrament of Reconciliation
6.00pm	Knighton	Vigil Mass

Sunday 31st March

9.00am	Knighton	Mass <i>Liturgy of the Word for Children, Tea and Coffee after Mass</i>
11.00am	Oadby	Mass
4.00pm	Knighton	Stations of the Cross
4.00pm	Oadby	Stations of the Cross

Monday 1st April

8.45am	Knighton	Morning Prayer
9.00am	Knighton	Mass All Parishioners

Tuesday 2nd April 10.00am Oadby	Lenten Feria Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 3rd April 12.00pm Oadby 6.00pm Knighton	Lenten Feria Mass Reception into Church
Thursday 4th April 10.00am Knighton 12.30pm Knighton	Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor Mass Funeral Mass
Friday 5th April 9.00am Knighton 6.00pm Knighton	Lenten Feria Mass 6.00pm Oadby Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross
Saturday 6th April 10.00am Oadby 10.30am Oadby 5.30pm Knighton 6.00pm Knighton	Lenten Feria Mass Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Vigil Mass <i>Third Scrutiny, Rosary after Mass</i>

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 7th April 9.00am Knighton	Mass <i>Liturgy of the Word for Children, Tea and Coffee after Mass</i>
11.00am Oadby	Mass All Parishioners <i>Liturgy of the Word for Children, Tea and Coffee after Mass</i>
12.30pm Oadby	Baptism Havana Jules
12.30pm Knighton	Baptism
4.00pm Knighton & Oadby	Stations of the Cross <i>May God's blessing be with you all, Father Michael and Father Kevin</i>