



## *Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and is a Holy Day of Obligation*

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY:** This Sunday, Sixth Sunday of Easter, is Safeguarding Sunday. Bishop Patrick has asked us to join him in continuing to do everything we each can to learn the lessons from the past and to protect and keep safe the most vulnerable in all our Communities. He says, "It is surely part and parcel of the DNA of every Christian, an essential characteristic of our identity as Christ's followers, that we respect, protect and treat each other with care. It therefore needs all of us to be engaged in this way of thinking and acting if we are to continue to embed a culture of Safeguarding throughout our Diocese. The theme of this year's diocesan Safeguarding Sunday is, '*Action Speaks Louder.*' Everyone is being encouraged to fill out an Action Pledge Card at Mass in which they commit to completing a specific action that will help create a safer place. For example, they may decide to commit to praying once a week for our Diocesan Safeguarding team and for their Parish Safeguarding Representative, or to complete their Safeguarding training or to become better informed. This is so important because, whatever you decide to do, Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Thank you for all that you each already do and for what you will pledge to do." (*The full text of the Bishop's Letter is on the Noticeboard and available on the Parish Website*).

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE:** Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Cynthia Gathercole*, formerly of Chetwynd House Care Home, Chilwell, who died on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026**, aged 88 years. Cythia will be received into Church on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 4:00 pm** and her Requiem Mass take place on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 10:30 am** followed by Burial at Stapleford Cemetery. We remember her and her family at this sad time Also, please remember in your prayers *Rev Martyn Swaby*, who died on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026**. Martyn was a Deacon from our Diocese who served in the Parishes of Bulwell and Hucknall. We remember his wife, Toni, and his children Emma and Jack, and the Parishioners in Bulwell. May they rest in peace.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** First Holy Communion Classes will continue **THIS Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026** and **NEXT Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026** immediately after 9:00 am Mass in the Assumption Parish Hall.

**HOLY HOUR ADORATION:** will take place on **Thursday Evenings at 7:00 pm** in St Francis of Assisi Church, Long Eaton.

**NEW WEEKLY COLLECTION ENVELOPES:** are now available to collect from the back of the Church. Thank you for your continued financial support of our Parish – *Marie Calladine*

**YOUNG ADULTS AGED 18 – 35:** are invited to join a special overnight *Pilgrimage to Walsingham* (**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026**), taking place alongside the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage, with dedicated time, space and community for young adults. Staying at Elmham House (half board) pilgrims will share in the wider celebrations while also enjoying moments specifically for the young adult community and encounter. For any questions, contact Charles Archer, Young Adult Ministry Lead [charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk) Bookings at [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/walsingham-2026](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/walsingham-2026)

**DIOCESAN WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE:** is taking place on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026** led by Bishop Patrick. Arrivals are from 11:30 am, with Mass at the Catholic Shrine at 3:45 pm. For more details see the poster.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY:** All Young Adults are warmly invited to join the Diocese of Nottingham and Pope Leo in Seoul, South Korea, for **World Youth Day 2027:** a week of Encounter and Discipleship with 100,000s of other Young Catholics ready to hear the Lord speak into their lives. Please contact [charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk) for more information! As numbers are limited please do this by **31<sup>st</sup> July 2026**.

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