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Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time & Ash Wednesday | Sat 14th Feb – Sun 22nd Feb 2026

Date	Mass & Service Details	Timings	Intentions & Notes	Other Events
Sat 14 th Feb 2026	Reconciliation Rosary Mass	3pm 5:30pm 6pm	<i>Jim McKernan (RIP)</i>	<i>Coffee Morning in Hall – 9:15am to 12:15pm</i>
Sun 15 th Feb	Rosary Family Mass	9:30am 10am	<i>May & Fred Joyce (RIP)</i>	<i>(Tea & coffee after mass – All are welcome!)</i>
Mon 16 th	Mass	10am	<i>Fr Francis Brennan (RIP)</i>	<i>Yoga in Hall (5-8pm)</i>
Tues 17 th	Adoration Mass	12pm 12:30pm	<i>Deacon Bernard Croft (RIP)</i>	<i>(No First Holy Communion Class) RCIA Group (6pm)</i>
Wed 18 th	Mass - Ash Wednesday Mass - (Distribution of Ash in church at both Masses)	11am 7pm	<i>Deceased members of the Barry Family</i>	<i>(No Toddler Church) (No choir practise) (No Alpha Youth Group)</i>
Thurs 19 th	No Mass			
Fri 20 th	Mass	7pm	<i>Fr Robert Browne (RIP)</i>	
Sat 21 st Feb	Reconciliation Rosary Mass	3pm 5:30pm 6pm	<i>Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>	
Sun 22 nd Feb 1 st Sunday of Lent	Rosary Mass Rite of Election (Nottingham)	9:30am 10am 2pm	<i>Malcom and Owen Joyce (RIP)</i>	<i>Tea and coffee after Mass (all are welcome!)</i>

Please pray for our sick & housebound: John & Jean B, Dee O, Colin B, Marie R, Biddy M, Barbara R, Margaret W, Aileen R, Deacon Bill, Janet W, David W, Kathleen L, Sharon, Cathy L, Christine H, Mary W, Terry H, Joan B., Beryll W., Danny B and Tara, D

(Parishioners are reminded that anyone can be added to the sick and housebound list by emailing the parish administrator (email at top of page). Likewise, if you believe any of the names on this list should no longer be included, please let us know.

Weekly Events – For all those who attend regular scheduled events in the church or church hall on weekdays (e.g. *Toddler Church* or the *Alpha Youth Group* we ask you to pay special attention to the newsletter schedule above – Due to half-term and Ash Wednesday a number of events are cancelled this week.

Why ashes? - As we enter Lent with Ash Wednesday this week, we include a brief note on the origins of this ancient ritual. Ashes have been a biblical sign of repentance and humility since Old Testament times. From the early centuries, Christians began Lent marked with ashes, and by the **10th–11th century** the practice had become customary for all the faithful. The triumph of “Hosanna” becomes a call to conversion: *“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”*

Pray more Novenas for Lent: A guide to Fasting in [Lent can be found here](#)

A Sincere Thank You – This week, priests throughout the Diocese take a moment to say a heartfelt “*Thank you*” to all parishioners for the kind donations they make, in various forms and at various times, throughout the year. It goes without saying that a parish such as St Winefride’s cannot survive without the kind donations that our parishioners have always offered. From the smallest to the largest, these **all** go towards maintaining our spiritual community and the communion of fellowship we enjoy together. Thank you for **every** donation made in the past year – Fr Patrick.

Smarties Tubes - These will be given out the weekend of 14/15 Feb. Please enjoy the *Smarties* before Ash Weds and during Lent fill the tube with all your "pennies". Money raised by your abstinence during Lent will go into Church funds. This year’s *Smarties* were kindly donated by *Richard Williams Electrical Services*. Thank you – Brenda

200 CLUB - Over the next few weeks, Erica & Brenda, will be giving out envelopes for you to renew your subscription, £12 per number, for 2026. The first draw will be at the end of Feb 26, with the last draw in Jan 27. If you wish to join there are a few spare numbers available, just ask Erica or Brenda. The **200 CLUB** is a great way to raise funds for the Church. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thank You.

World Day of Prayer - This year St Winefride’s is hosting *World Day of Prayer* on Fri 6 Mar at 10am. Everyone is very welcome.

Missio Seminarian Sponsorship - Thank you to everyone for your support for our first fundraising event on 7 Feb. Thank you for your prayers, good wishes, donations of wine, goods, raffle prizes, money, time, energy, furniture moving, food preparation, creating a presentation, buying tickets, attending the event and enjoying a very informative and happy evening together. Your generosity and goodwill mean we have exceeded our annual target of £500, with some already raised towards next year! Please continue to look at our *Missio* info board by the side door. *Sponsor a Seminarian* will continue to be an option on the donation machine so you can still donate anytime you feel able to. We hope to get the name and photo of our Seminarian soon. Thank you and God bless.

Dates for your Diary - This year’s *Garden Fete* will take place on Jun 20th; the Christmas Fayre will be on Dec 5th. Please keep these dates in your diaries, because as always, we will need your help to make them a success.

Remember in your Prayers - Please keep Archbishop-elect Richard Moth in our prayers as he is installed on Sat 14 Feb as the new Archbishop of Westminster and Metropolitan of our Province. We also invite you to remember the departing Archbishop, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, who will be retiring after holding the role since 2009.

Join Young Adults from across the Diocese of Nottingham to enter more deeply into prayer this Lent with Sycamore’s ‘*Learning to Pray this Lent*’. Just bring yourself, a Bible, and a hot drink of your choice (unless you’re fasting!). With lots of practical tips, wisdom from the Bible, stories from the saints, and advice about common difficulties people face when praying. To sign up head to:

<https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/yasycamore>

40 days for Life is a global movement, which seeks to end abortion through prayer, peaceful outreach and public witness. Each year during Lent a group of Christians take our belief in the sanctity of life out to the public space and offer a life-giving alternative to the sadness of abortion. Our witness is legal, peaceful, compassionate and non-judgemental. If you would like to know more, please contact John by email on pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk or go to www.40daysforlife.com/nottingham

Calling All Choristers - Anyone wishing to sing as part of the Diocesan Choir (in particular for this year’s Chrism Mass on Wednesday 1 Apr), please fill in the online form at bit.ly/diocesanchoir

Respond to Our Lady's invitation and join Bishop Patrick, in the Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026. Departing from East Mids airport on Mon 13th July, enjoy five days in Lourdes with over 200 people from across our diocese. Those with additional needs will be cared for by our health team and helpers' team. Mary invites us all to come to this holy place. More details at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-nottingham>

Date	Welcoming	Readings & Bid' Prayers	Offertory Procession	Eucharistic Min'
Sat 21 st Feb	Jo B	Kit S	Bridget T	Luis V
Sun 22 nd Feb	Clare T	Carmel O'B	Betty H	Peter L

“Repent and believe in the Gospel.” - (Mark 1:15)