

Date	Holy Mass/ Services	Other Events
Saturday 20th December Fourth Sunday in Advent Blessing of the Bambinelli Day of Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers	7.00 am Rorate Mass 5.30 pm Advent Reflection/Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Bill Wigley RIP	9.30 am Church Cleaning—all welcome to help
Sunday 21st December Fourth Sunday in Advent Blessing of the Bambinelli Day of Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers	10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish	After Mass, Church Decoration—all welcome to help
Monday 22nd December Advent Feria	6.30 pm Adoration 7.00 pm Mass: Pauline and Kevin Grumett RIP	
Tuesday 23rd December Advent Feria	9.00 am Mass: Bridie McNally	
Wednesday 24th December The Nativity of the Lord—Christmas Day (Solemnity)	6.00 pm First Mass of Christmas: 8.00 pm Christmas Eve Mass: People of the Parish	
Thursday 25th December The Nativity of the Lord—Christmas Day (Solemnity)	10.30 am Christmas Day Mass: A L Thomas RIP (First anniversary)	No RCIA : Christmas Holidays
Friday 26th December Saint Stephen (Feast)	10.00 am St Stephen Day Altar Servers Mass: Mary & Joseph Falloon RIP	
Saturday 27th December Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist(Feast) Jubilee Year Ends	6.00 pm Mass: Marie Asher (nee Dickens) RIP	
Sunday 28th December The Holy Family (Feast) Jubilee Year Ends	10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish	

Our Lady & St Patrick's, Mass/Service Times 21st December—28th December 2025

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Sunday 21st December Fourth Sunday in Advent Blessing of the Bambinelli Day of Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers	8.30 am Advent Reflection 9.00 am Mass: Ronald Goulding RIP Anniversary 3.00 pm Latin Mass	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass
Wednesday 24th December The Nativity of the Lord—Christmas Day (Solemnity)	4.00 pm First Mass of Christmas: People of the Parish 6.00 pm Syro-Malankara Mass	
Thursday 25th December The Nativity of the Lord—Christmas Day (Solemnity)	9.00 am Christmas Day Mass: Tim Conlan RIP	
Saturday 27th December Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist(Feast)	9.30 am Confessions 10.00 am Mass: Holy Souls	
Sunday 28th December The Holy Family (Feast)	9.00 am Mass: Edmund Gallagher RIP	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass



Parish Newsletter Fourth Week of Advent
Corpus Christi, Southchurch Drive, Clifton and Our Lady & St Patrick's, Launder Street, The Meadows
Parish Priest: Fr Pitak David SCJ, Assistant Priest Fr Wilfred Pereppadan SCJ
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Happy Fourth week of Advent
the theme of Love

The Bishop will officially close the Jubilee Year on Sunday 28th December. The Jubilee Prayer will be prayed for the final time in our churches.

Christmas and New Year Holy Mass and Services

Wednesday 24th December 2025 Christmas Eve
4.00 pm First Mass of Christmas @ Our Lady and St Patricks

6.00 pm First Mass of Christmas @ Corpus Christi
8.00 pm Christmas Eve Mass @ Corpus Christi

Thursday 25th December 2025 Christmas Day
9.00 am Christmas Day Mass @ Our Lady and St Patricks
10.30 am Christmas Day Mass @ Corpus Christi

"There's no greater gift than God's own son."



Friday 26th December 2025 Feast of St Stephen

10.00 am St Stephen's Day Altar Servers Mass @ Corpus Christi

Wednesday 31st December 2025 New Year's Eve

9.00 pm Holy Hour, Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament to Bring in the New Year @ Corpus Christi

10.00 pm Vigil Mass of the Solemnity: Mary, the Holy Mother of God @ Corpus Christi

Thursday 1st January 2026 Mass of the Solemnity: Mary, the Holy Mother of God

10.00 am Holy Mass @ Our Lady and St Patricks

10.00am Holy Mass @ Corpus Christi

Contactless Donations Machine

We have installed a contactless donation Machine in both churches to enable parishioners to contribute to the collection by debit or credit cards. All you have to do is choose the amount you'd like to donate (anything from £1) and then either tap your card or swipe it. Most churches now have these contactless donation machines installed and we have been assured they are easy to use and can be used for our collection as well as for second collections, mass intentions, candle donations as well as recording gift aid donations if you are a tax payer. Please ask for help to guide you, if you are not sure. You can also still donate on line by using the QR code.

Friday 26th December Corpus Christi
St Stephen's Day Mass

There will be a Mass at 10 am on St Stephen's Day, 26th December in honour of our Altar Servers. Some of our Altar Servers will be enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen and be presented with a Medal.



*Cui servire regnare est
- To serve Christ is to reign.*

The Pope's monthly intention for December: For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Pope Leo XIV's message for World Day of Peace—1st January 2026

"Peace be with you all: Towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace" invites humanity to reject the logic of violence and war, and to embrace an authentic peace based on love and justice. This peace must be unarmed, that is, not based on fear, threats or weapons. And it must be disarming, capable of resolving conflicts, opening hearts and generating mutual trust, empathy and hope. It is not enough to call for peace; we must embody it in a way of life that rejects every form of violence, whether it be visible or systemic. The greeting of the Risen Christ, "Peace be with you" (John 20:19), is an invitation addressed to everyone — believers, non-believers, political leaders and citizens — to build the Kingdom of God and to work together to build a humane and peaceful future.

St Patrick's Primary School would like to invite parishioners to join in with their Epiphany Mass at 2pm on Tuesday 6th January.

Hospitals: If you have a relative/friend who goes into QMC or City Hospital please inform the Chaplaincy Department, the ward or your priest and request a visit. QMC 0115 924 9924 ext 83799, City 0115 969 1169.

According to Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) 2/3 of the world's population live in countries where individuals and entire communities suffer violations of religious freedom. More than 220 million Christians are at direct risk of persecution. In response, ACN has initiated a petition calling on governments around the world to implement in full Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the gold standard of religious liberty - the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, the right to change religion and the right to manifest religion in teaching, practice, worship and observance. Parishioners are invited to stand with persecuted Christians and all those who suffer for their beliefs by signing the ACN Article 18 petition, by visiting: <https://acnuk.org/article-18-petition-religious-freedom-human-right-not-privilege>. Please continue to pray for all those who suffer for their faith.

Getting your child baptised
If you have a child who is under 6 years of age and would like to have them baptised, please complete an application form at the back of church and give it to the Parish Priest. For children older than 6 years of age, please contact the Parish Secretary by phone or email to discuss (see contact details at top of page 3 of the newsletter).

Have you ever considered donating with Gift Aid?
If you are an income tax payer, sign up for Gift Aid which adds 25% to your giving at no cost to you. This can be done through the contactless donation machine or by contacting the parish secretary—Tel 0115 921 2964 or email secretaryccolsp@dioceseofnottingham.uk

School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies (Reception Year) - Children born between 01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022. The deadline for submitting an application for school places is 15th January 2026. Application forms are available on the Local Authority (LA) where you live – Nottingham City or Nottinghamshire County Council website. For every Catholic school you apply for if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you *should also complete a supplementary information form*, and return this form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school). You must also include the supporting *evidence** ie a baptism certificate (photocopies are acceptable; contact the parish of baptism if you don't have a copy); failure to supply may affect your chance of a place.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

21st December 2025

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SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Jesus Christ, descended from David, Son of God.

1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an Apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel— which means, God with us.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus was born of Mary, who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David.

1:18-24

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to send her away quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel' — which means, God with us.

When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord, sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar, just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

COLLECT

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

'Behold, the virgin shall conceive.'

7:10-14

In those days: The LORD spoke to Ahaz: 'Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.' But Ahaz said, 'I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.' And Isaiah said, 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel.'

The word of the Lord.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 24(23)

Let the LORD enter; he is the king of glory.

The LORD's is the earth and its fullness, the world, and those who dwell in it. It is he who set it on the seas; on the rivers he made it firm. R.

Who shall climb the mountain of the LORD? Who shall stand in his holy place? The clean of hands and pure of heart, whose soul is not set on vain things. R.

Blessings from the LORD shall he receive, and right reward from the God who saves him. Such are the people who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. R.