

Date	Holy Mass/ Services	Other Events
Saturday 13th December Third Sunday of Advent— Gaudete Sunday	7.00 am Rorate Mass 5.30 pm Advent Reflection/Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 14th December Third Sunday of Advent— Gaudete Sunday	10.30 am Mass: Eileen T. O'Sullivan	
Monday 15th December Advent Feria	6.30 pm Adoration 7.00 pm Mass: Robert McMillan RIP	If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code & state CC or OLSP Church or use our Dona Donation Point
Tuesday 16th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Mass: Deceased Members of our Parish	
Wednesday 17th December Advent Feria	2.00 pm BRW whole school Advent Mass	7.00 pm Advent Reconciliation Service and individual confessions
Thursday 18th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Mass: For our Deceased Family Members	7pm Lady Chapel RCIA Session 11, The Light of Christ
Friday 19th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Mass: Kathleen Mullagh RIP	
Saturday 20th December Fourth Sunday in Advent Blessing of the Bambinelli	7.00 am Rorate Mass 5.30 pm Advent Reflection/Confessions 6.00 pm Vigil Mass: Bill Wigley RIP	9.30 am Church Cleaning—all welcome to help
Sunday 21st December Fourth Sunday in Advent Blessing of the Bambinelli	10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish	After Mass, Church Decoration—all welcome to help

Our Lady & St Patrick's, Mass/Service Times 14th December—21st December 2025

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Sunday 14th December Third Sunday of Advent— Gaudete Sunday	8.30 am Advent Reflection 9.00 am Mass: Members of the Hopkins Family 2.00 pm—5.00 pm Syro—Malankara Church	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass
Wednesday 17th December Advent Feria	9.30 am Adoration 10.00 am Mass: Foundation Mass Hopkins Family	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass.
Friday 19th December Advent Feria	7.00 pm Mass: For our Volunteers	Celebration with food and drink in Church Hall
Saturday 20th December Advent Feria	9.30 am Confessions 10.00 am Mass: Jim Holland and Family	
Sunday 21st December Fourth Sunday in Advent Blessing of the Bambinelli	8.30 am Advent Reflection 9.00 am Mass: The Deceased Members of our Parish	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass



Parish Newsletter Third 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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Mass and celebration to honour our volunteers

We are having a Mass followed by a celebration with food and drink to honour the volunteers at both our Churches. This will be at Our Lady & St Patrick's on Friday 19th December 2025 at 7.00 pm and parishioners from both parishes are warmly invited. If you are able to contribute any food to share, it would be most gratefully received.

Advent and Christmas Mass Timetable
Please find a timetable of Advent and Christmas Masses on our websites at the rear of our Churches.

Happy Third week of Advent
the theme of Joy

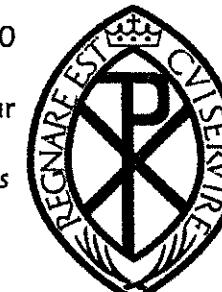
Blessing of the Bambinelli On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we are inviting you all to bring the baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from each of your Nativity sets to be blessed. This Advent tradition was first introduced by Saint John Paul II as a way for children to connect their Nativity scene at home to the celebration of Christmas at their church. The Bambinelli service will be held at Corpus Christi Church on Saturday 20th December at 6.00 pm and Sunday 21st December at 10.30 am Mass and at Our Lady and St Patrick's Church on Sunday 21st December at 9.00 am Mass. Please remember to bring your baby Jesus for the blessing.

Wednesday 17th December Reconciliation Service at Corpus Christi at 7.00 pm
Our two priests will be joined by several other priests from neighbouring parishes to hear confessions on Wednesday 17th December at 7.00 pm. Confession is an essential part of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and by taking responsibility for our sins, we open ourselves more fully to God, 'in order to make a new future possible'.

Corpus Christi Church preparation for Christmas
Please come and help prepare the Church for Christmas. We will be cleaning the Church on Saturday 20th December at 9.30 and then decorating after Mass on Sunday 21 December. Many hands make light work.
You will be very welcome!

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 online 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.

Journey through Advent with the Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service as we await the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, with a printable Advent prayer journal produced by the Team. To download your free copy visit <https://www.ndcys.com/advent2025/>

Career opportunities in the Diocese

Part-time Parish Administrator:
The Parish of All Saints, West Nottingham. 10 hours per week (preferably Friday, and one other weekday, £14.17 per hour). For an informal chat about the role, contact Canon Stanley Ofoegbu stanley.ofoegbu@dioceseofnottingham.uk and to request an application form, email office@dioceseofnottingham.uk. Closing date 29/12/25.

Safe Spaces is a free and independent support service that provides a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused through their relationship with either the Church of England, Church in Wales or the Catholic Church in England and Wales. • Phone: 0300 303 1056 (answerphone available outside of opening times) Email: safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk or LiveChat & Website: www.SafeSpacesEnglandandWales.org.uk

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Our Lady and St Patrick - Bernadette Davey & John Fryer telephone: tel 07513 725557 .

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) .

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.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

14th December 2025

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SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint James.

'Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.'

5:7-10

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor. 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.

'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'

11:2-11

At that time: When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'

And Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

'What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you."

'Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

COLLECT

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, 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.

'God himself will come and save you.'

35:1-6a, 10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, 'Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Sion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 146(145)

Come, Lord, and save us. or Alleluia.

It is the LORD who preserves fidelity for ever, who does justice to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the LORD who sets prisoners free. R.

It is the LORD who opens the eyes of the blind, the LORD who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the LORD who loves the just, the LORD who protects the stranger. R.

The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The LORD will reign for ever, your God, O Sion, from age to age. R.