


Date	Holy Mass/ Services	Other Events
Saturday 6th December Second Sunday of Advent	7.00 am Rorate Mass 5.30 pm Advent Reflection/Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: People of the Parish	Second Collection : Poor and Needy Parishes
Sunday 7th December Second Sunday of Advent	10.30 am Mass: Mick and Agnes O'Brien RIP	Second Collection : Poor and Needy Parishes
Monday 8th December The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of our Diocese (Solemnity)	6.30 pm Adoration 7.00 pm Mass: Holy Souls	FHC Session 3: Come Back to Me
Tuesday 9th December Advent FERIA	9.00 am Mass: Thanksgiving Mass	
Wednesday 10th December Advent FERIA		Parish Finance Council 7pm at Presbytery
Thursday 11th December Advent FERIA	9.00 am Mass: Special Intentions Carlin	7pm Lady Chapel RCIA Session 10, The Meaning of Love
Friday 12th December Advent FERIA	9.00 am Mass: Anthony Mullankuzhy RIP	If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code & state CC or OLSP Church
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	

Our Lady & St Patrick's, Mass/Service Times 30th November –7th December 2025



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Sunday 7th December Second Sunday of Advent	8.30 am Advent Reflection 9.00 am Mass: Annie and John Davey RIP	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass Second collection Poor and Needy Parishes FCH Session 3
Wednesday 10th December Advent FERIA	9.30 am Adoration 10.00 am Mass: Madeleine Cox RIP	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass.
Saturday 13th December Saint Lucy, virgin and martyr (memorial)	9.30 am Confessions 10.00 am Madeleine Cox RIP 12.30-5.00 pm Eritrean Church	
Sunday 14th December Third Sunday of Advent—Gaudete Sunday	8.30 am Advent Reflection 9.00 am Mass: Members of Hopkins Family Foundation Mass	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass



**Parish Newsletter Second 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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Corpus Christi Presbytery, 127 Listowel Crescent, Clifton NG11 9BP;  
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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 second week of Advent**  
the theme of Peace

**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 Mass 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.

**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!

The Corpus Christi Christmas Fayre raised a total of £1,533.26. A big thank you to all those who made the event

**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/>

St Patrick's primary school is looking for volunteer readers to spend a little time each week reading with our students. This small gift of your time can make a big difference in helping our children grow in confidence and in their love of learning. If you feel called to serve in this simple but meaningful way, please contact the school office for more details. We would be grateful for your support.

**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.

**First Holy Communion Classes** continue this week at OLSP after Sunday Mass and at Corpus Christi on Monday 8th December 2025 at 4pm.

**Blessed Robert Widmerpool Catholic Academy** Advent and Nativity Celebrations  
Y1 Nativity - 8th Dec 2:30pm  
Y2 Nativity - 9th Dec 2:30pm  
Y3 Nativity - 10th Dec 2:30pm  
EYFS Nativity - 11th Dec 9:30am



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.

**Career opportunities in the Diocese**  
**Part-time Parish Administrator:**  
St Ralph Sherwin, Derby. 25 hour p/w. Contact Canon Andrew Cole, [andrew.cole@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:andrew.cole@dioceseofnottingham.uk) and request an application form, email of-  
[fice@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:fice@dioceseofnottingham.uk). Closing date 8/12/25  
**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](mailto:stanley.ofoegbu@dioceseofnottingham.uk) and to request an application form, email of-  
[fice@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:fice@dioceseofnottingham.uk). Closing date 29/12/25.

**Christmas Repository Stall**  
Christmas gifts, candles, cards and Nativity sets are now on sale at the back of Corpus Christi Church. Thank you to Lorraine for organising this.

The African Catholic Community Choir, warmly invites you to its Christmas Carol service A Christmas Story: The Coming of the Lord on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm, in Saint Teresa's Catholic Church, Nottingham (NG8 3EP).

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](mailto:safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk) or LiveChat & Website: [www.SafeSpacesEnglandandWales.org.uk](http://www.SafeSpacesEnglandandWales.org.uk)

#### SAFEGUARDING contact details for our parishes

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

**University Students Retreat: Booking Now open!**  
Book now for our annual retreat to Ampleforth Abbey in Yorkshire, taking place from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2026. Join us for a 2-day programme of reflective talks, daily Mass, a service of reconciliation, and pray with the monks throughout the day. You are free to explore the grounds and enjoy a nightly social! Be sure to book your place now by emailing: [joe.wheat@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:joe.wheat@dioceseofnottingham.uk)! Cost: £150 which includes travel, food, accommodation on site and the full guided retreat!

**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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7th December 2025

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#### ANTIPHON AT THE ENTRY

**O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard  
in the joy of your heart.**

#### OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God,  
may no earthly undertaking hinder those  
who set out in haste to meet your Son,  
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom  
gain us admittance to his company.  
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.

*'With righteousness he shall judge the poor.'*

11:1-10

On that day: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples— of him shall the nations enquire, and his resting-place shall be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 72(71)

**In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.**

O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice,  
and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish,  
and great peace till the moon is no more.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the River to the bounds of the earth. **R.**

For he shall rescue the needy when they cry,  
the poor who have no one to help.  
He will have pity on the weak and the needy,  
and save the lives of the needy. **R.**

May his name endure for ever,  
his name continue like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blest in him,  
all nations shall call him blessed. **R.**

#### SECOND READING

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

*Christ saves humanity.*

15:4-9

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;  
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.**

**Alleluia.**

#### GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

*'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'*

3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight."'

Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father", for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptise you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings,  
and, since we have no merits to plead our cause,  
come, we pray, to our rescue  
with the protection of your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### ANTIPHON AT COMMUNION

**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,  
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.**

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment,  
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,  
that, through our partaking in this mystery,  
you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth  
and hold firm to the things of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**