
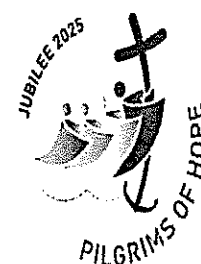


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Saturday 29th November First Sunday of Advent	7.00 am Rorate Mass 5.30 pm Advent Reflection/ Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: People of the Parish	2nd Collection: Christmas Flowers
Sunday 30th November First Sunday of Advent	10.30 am Mass: Frank and Isabella Fanning RIP	2nd Collection: Christmas Flowers
Monday 1st December Advent FERIA	9.00 am Mass: peace in the world	If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code & state CC or OLSP Church
Tuesday 2nd December Advent FERIA	No mass today	
Thursday 4th December Advent FERIA	9.00 am Mass: Zofia, Alojzy & Jerzy Szroeter	7pm Lady Chapel RCIA Session 9, Finding True Freedom
Friday 5th December Advent FERIA	9.00 am Mass: Denise Daly RIP	
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

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

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Sunday 30th November First Sunday of Advent	8.30 am Advent Reflection 9.00 am Mass: Marion England And John Davey RIP	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass Second collection Christmas Flowers
Wednesday 3rd December Saint Francis Xavier, priest (memorial)	9.30 am Adoration 10.00 am Mass: Sally Gorman RIP	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass.
Saturday 6th December Advent FERIA	9.25 am Fatima Five First Saturdays Devotion 9.30 am Confessions 10.00 am Nathan and special intentions of the Kidane Family	
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 FCH Session 3 Second Collection : Poor and Needy Parishes



Parish Newsletter First 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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Special Masses and celebrations during Advent and Christmas

Please find a timetable of Advent and Christmas Masses inside your newsletters. During Advent we are also having a Mass followed by a celebration to honour the volunteers at both our Churches. This will be at Our Lady & St Patrick's on Friday 19th December at 7pm. If you are able to contribute any food to share, it would be most gratefully received.

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!

On Sale Now Christmas Repository
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.

Sunday Missals now arrived
Please see Brother John or one of the priests if you ordered a Sunday Missal and haven't yet collected it. We may order more if there is demand. Paperback Missal 2026 is £10 and hardback for 3-year cycle is £20.

St Patrick's primary 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.

Thank you to the many, many parishioners who organised, donated to and attended the Corpus Christi Christmas Fayre.

Receiving the Eucharist

Catholic parishes have been reminding parishioners that when they approach to receive Holy Communion, after the priest holds up the Sacred Host and says "Body of Christ" please respond clearly 'Amen'.

Advent and Nativity Events at our primary Schools

Blessed Robert Widmerpool Catholic Academy
Advent Celebration - Tues 2nd Dec 5pm
Service of Reconciliation Wed 3rd at 1:45pm
Y1 Nativity - 8th Dec 2:30pm
Y2 Nativity - 9th Dec 2:30pm
Y3 Nativity - 10th Dec 2:30pm
EYFS Nativity - 11th Dec 9:30am

St Patrick's Catholic Academy
Advent Mass Wed 3rd Dec 2pm

Father Michael O'Kane OFM, of the Commissariat of the Holy Land, has written to thank Bishop Patrick for the generosity of parishioners earlier this year when the Collection for the Holy Places in the Holy Land was taken on Good Friday. Across the Diocese more than £20,000 was given to support the Christian communities in this war-torn part of the world, where Jesus himself lived and ministered. The Franciscans keep our Diocese, and all the parishioners, in their thankful prayers

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.

Retreat Days

Please note there will be no mass celebrated on Tuesday 2nd December and no evening mass on Monday 1st December due to an SCJ retreat for two days. There will be a morning mass at Corpus Christi at 9am on Monday 1st December.

Career opportunities in the Diocese

Parish Bookkeeper, Salary £27-£30k depending on experience, hrs 37.5 p/w. Apply at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers/parishbookkeeper. Deadline 9am 1st December 2025.

Part-time Parish Administrators:

St Ralph Sherwin, Derby. 25 hour p/w. Contact Canon Andrew Cole, andrew.cole@dioceseofnottingham.uk and request an application form, email of-
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 and to request an application form, email of-
fice@dioceseofnottingham.uk. Closing date 29/12/25.

The Fatima Five First Saturdays Devotion will take place again at Our Lady and St Patrick's Church on Saturday 6th December, from 9:25 am promptly, when the Rosary plus meditation will begin. The devotion involves Holy Communion, Confession, and the Rosary. Our Lady asked for this devotion in 1925 as a means of making reparation to her Immaculate Heart and for bringing about peace in the world. For more information, please email: donalf@waf-ew.org.uk.

University Students Retreat: Booking Now open!

Book now for our annual retreat to Ampleforth Abbey in Yorkshire, taking place from Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd 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! Cost: £150 which includes travel, food, accommodation on site and the full guided retreat!

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.

Advent Celebration at the Becket School, 3rd December 6pm

You are warmly invited to The Becket School's Advent Community Evening at 6:00 pm on Wednesday 3rd December 2025. The evening will include scripture, live worship music and carols, drama, and prayerful reflection. There will be refreshments and festive treats.

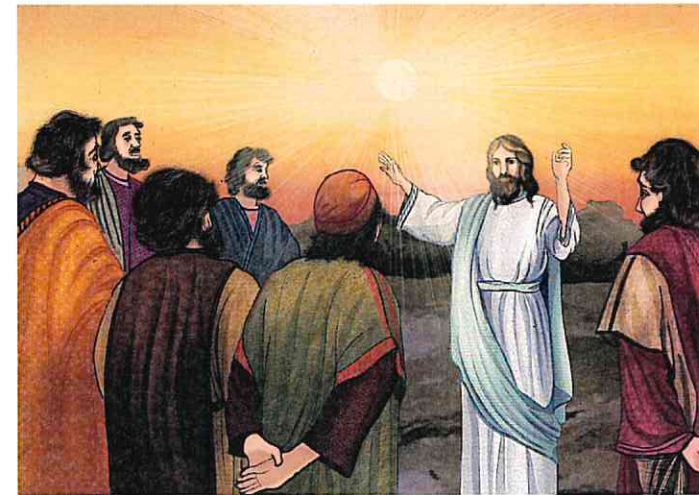
Music to Counter Dark Days, a warm evening of traditional folk music with mulled wine and mince pies, is being held in Cathedral Hall, Nottingham NG1 5AW, on Friday 5th December at 7.00pm. All are welcome to this free event, with arts and crafts, and Christmas gifts on sale too.

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

The Jesuit Institute is offering an Advent Online Retreat between Sunday 7th and Thursday 11th December, giving participants an opportunity to spend more time with God and listen to how God as at work in their lives in the lead up to Christmas. Details, and booking information, is at: www.jesuitinstitute.org/events/online-individually-guided-retreat-advent

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

30th November 2025 101a



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

COLLECT

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom. 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.
The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of the Kingdom of God. 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Sion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 122(121)

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

I rejoiced when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. R.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD
as it is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
There were set the thrones for judgement,
the thrones of the house of David. R.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray,
'May they prosper, those who love you.'
May peace abide in your walls,
and security be in your towers. R.

For the sake of my family and friends,
let me say, 'Peace upon you.'
For the sake of the house of the LORD, our God,
I will seek good things for you. R.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.
'Salvation is nearer to us now.' 13:11-14a
Brothers and sisters: You know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarrelling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ. The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.
Show us, O LORD, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.
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.

Stay awake so that you may be ready. 24:37-44
At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
And our earth shall yield its increase.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord,
in which we have participated,
profit us, we pray,
for even now, as we walk amid passing things,
you teach us by them to love the things of heaven
and hold fast to what endures.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.