

The Pope's monthly intention for January: For prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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 2026.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: This annual Week of Prayer is celebrated from 18th January, ending on the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul on 25th January. The theme in 2026 is 'One Body One Spirit' (Ephesians 4:4).

Terminally Ill Adults (End of life) Bill: When the Bill was recently debated in the House of Lords—some 86 Peers delivered speeches, with 58 speaking in opposition to the provisions of the Bill and only 28 in favour. The Bill was passed in the Commons, with 314 votes in favour and 291 against. The work of opposing the Bill must continue. The Parliamentary Committee Stages only provide opportunities for amendments. The impact on care homes is of particular importance for there seems to be no provision for institutional opt outs or any conscience clause. The campaign of sending personal letters to parliamentarians still holds critical importance. More information on our Bishop Conference of England Wales website.

Saint John Henry Newman: Following His Holiness Pope Leo's declaration, on Saturday 1st November, the solemnity of All Saints, of Saint John Henry Newman as the 38th Doctor of the Church, There are some prayer cards prepared to remember the Occasion, Please find it on the back of the Church.

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

Peace Sunday: The Second Sunday per Annum each year is set aside as a time to recognise Peace in our world, and next year Peace Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday 18th January.

Sunday of the Word of God – 25th January Instituted by Pope Francis, the Sunday of the Word of God is celebrated on the Third Sunday per Annum, this year on Sunday 26th January.

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.

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

28th December 2025 105a

SECOND READING

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

Family life in the Lord.

3:12-21

Brothers and sisters: *Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

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.

'Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.' 2:13-15, 19-23

When the Magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Out of Egypt I called my son.'

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, 'Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.' And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

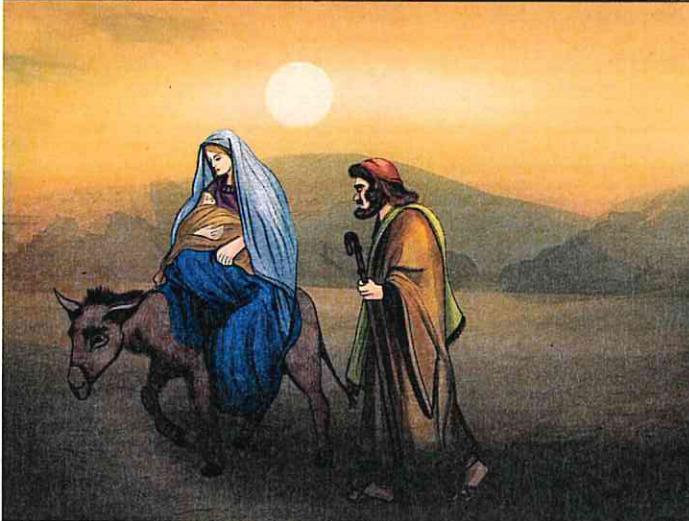
We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, humbly asking that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIphon

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament, most merciful Father, to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that, after the trials of this world, we may share their company for ever. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



ENTRANCE ANTIphon

The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

COLLECT

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. 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 Book of Sirach.

'He who fears the Lord honours his parents.' 3:2-6, 12-14

The Lord honoured the father above the children, and he confirmed the judgement of the mother over her sons. Whoever honours his father atones for sins, and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure. Whoever honours his father will be gladdened by his own children, and when he prays he will be heard. Whoever glorifies his father will have long life, and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother. O son, help your father in his old age and do not grieve him as long as he lives; even if he is lacking in understanding, show indulgence; in all your strength do not despise him. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and against your sins it will be credited to you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 128(127)

Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
and walk in his ways.

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and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper. R.

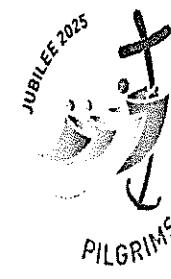
Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table. R.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the husband who fears the LORD.
May the Lord bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life! R.

Date	Holy Mass/ Services	Other Events
Saturday 27th December The Holy Family (Feast) Jubilee Year Ends	5.30 pm Confessions 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	
Monday 29th December Saint Thomas of Canterbury (Becket) Bishop and Martyr (Feast)	6.30 pm Adoration 7.00 pm Mass: Robert McMillan RIP	
Tuesday 30th December Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas	9.00 am Mass: Ashil Royal RIP	
Wednesday 31st December Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas	9.00 pm Holy Hour, Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament to Bring in the New Year 10.00 pm Vigil Mass of the Solemnity: Mary, the Holy Mother of God	
Thursday 1st January Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Solemnity)	10.00 am Holy Mass: People of the Parish	No RCIA : Christmas Holidays
Friday 2nd January	9.00 am Mass: A L Thomas RIP	
Saturday 3rd January Second Sunday after Christmas	5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Madeleine Cox RIP	
Sunday 4th January Second Sunday after Christmas	10.30 am Mass: Grace Amenaghawon Osawaru RIP	

Our Lady & St Patrick's, Mass/Service Times 28th December 2025—4th January 2026

Date	Holy Mass/ Services	Other Events
Sunday 28th December The Holy Family (Feast) Jubilee Year Ends	9.00 am Mass: Edmund Gallagher RIP	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass
Wednesday 31st December Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas	10.00 am Mass: Gerry Bourke RIP	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass
Thursday 1st January Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Solemnity)	10.00 am Holy Mass: for Jessica and Steven and the safe delivery of their baby	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass
Saturday 3rd January Christmas (Before Epiphany) Feria	9.25 am Rosary & Meditation First Saturday 9.30 am Confessions 10.00 am Mass: Tehga Adala RIP	
Sunday 4th January Second Sunday after Christmas	9.00 am Mass: People of the Parish	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass



Parish Newsletter Christmastide-New Year 2026

Corpus Christi, Southchurch Drive, Clifton and Our Lady & St Patrick's, Launder Street, The Meadows
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Jubilee 2025: Bishop Patrick will close the Jubilee Year at 11.15am Mass this Sunday in the Cathedral. As we pray the Jubilee Prayer for the final time, we keep the flame of Jubilee hope alive.

Wishing you all a blessed and peaceful New Year 2026

New Year Holy Mass and Services

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

Replacement heating system in Corpus Christi Church Many of you who attend Corpus Christi Church will be delighted to know that a new heating system will be installed in January 2026. In line with the Pope's call for us all to do more to address climate change, we are installing an electric powered system that can be fuelled from renewable energy and remove our reliance on fossil fuels. If you would like to make a donation to the cost of the new system, please look for the heating option on the Donation Machine in the Church.

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.

Thank You: The Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers of Bétharram, Nottingham Community, warmly thank you for your Christmas wishes and the generous gifts we received. Your kindness is a true blessing to us. Be assured of our prayers for you and your families this Christmas season and into the New Year.

New Year Blessing:

May the sunrise of everyday of this coming year brighten and enlighten your life with knowledge and power. Wishing you a very happy new year blessed with strength and courage to win all challenges and come out successful.

May God always Bless you.

Getting Married in 2026? A Marriage Preparation Course will be held at Saint Teresa's church, Nottingham, on Saturday 7th February; timings for this full day course will be available in the New Year.

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