

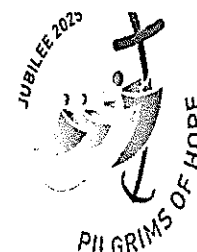


Date	Holy Mass/ Services	Other Events
Saturday 3rd January Second Sunday after Christmas	5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Madeleine Cox RIP	
Sunday 4th January Second Sunday after Christmas	10.30 am Mass: Grace Amenaghawon Osawaru RIP	
Monday 5th January Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)	6.30 pm Adoration 7.00 pm Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of the Epiphany: People of the Parish	
Tuesday 6th January Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity) Holy Day of Obligation	9.00 am Mass: Jake Bielby RIP	2.00 pm BRW School Mass
Thursday 8th January Thursday after the Epiphany	9.00 am Mass: Peace in the World	RCIA: Session 12 Creation, Fall, Salvation
Friday 9th January Friday after the Epiphany	9.00 am Mass: Tom Joseph McDermott RIP	
Saturday 10th January Saturday after the Epiphany	5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: People of the Parish	2nd Collection, Sick and Retired Priests
Sunday 11th January The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)	10.30 am Mass: Brigitte Ramsay RIP	2nd Collection, Sick and Retired Priests

Our Lady &amp; St Patrick's, Mass/Service Times 4th January 2026—11th January 2026



Date	Holy Mass/ Services	Other Events
Sunday 4th January Second Sunday after Christmas	9.00 am Mass: People of the Parish	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass
Tuesday 6th January Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity) Holy Day of Obligation	10.00 am Mass: Carl Sandy RIP	2.00 pm St Pats School Mass
Wednesday 7th January Wednesday after Epiphany	10.00 am Mass: Private Intentions	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass
Saturday 10th January Saturday after Epiphany	9.30 am Confessions 10.00 am Mass: John McMahon 12.30-5.00 pm Eritrean Church	
Sunday 11th January The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)	9.00 am Mass: Filomena Marino RIP 2.00 pm-5.00 pm Syro-Malankara Church	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass 2nd Collection Sick and Retired Priests FHC Session 4: A New Way of Living



Corpus Christi, Southchurch Drive, Clifton and  
Our Lady & St Patrick's, Laundher Street, The Meadows  
Parish Priest: Fr Pitak David SCJ, Assistant Priest Fr Wilfred Pereppadan SCJ  
Br John Dawson SCJ, Br. Andrew Ferris SCJ  
Corpus Christi Presbytery, 127 Listowel Crescent, Clifton NG11 9BP;  
Parish Secretary: Sarah Piper: 0115 921 2964  
Email;secretaryccolsp@dioceseofnottingham.uk  
www.https://olspsnottingham.com



First Holy Communion Session 4 will be held at OLSP after Mass on Sunday 11th January and at CC at 4pm on Monday 12 January.

**Wishing you all a blessed and peaceful New Year 2026**

St Patrick's Primary School would like to invite parishioners to join in with their Epiphany Mass at 2pm on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Fr Pitak will be travelling to Thailand for a break on Wednesday 7th January. His trip will be the first time returning to Thailand since arriving in Britain in 2022. We wish him well and pray for a happy reunion with his Family and Catholic Community in Thailand.

#### Wanted: good home for church organ

OLSP has ended up with two fully working organs. Unfortunately, with only space for one, we would like to find a good home for the spare one. If you could offer the organ a home or know of anyone who could, please contact the parish secretary.

**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

The new contactless donation Machines enable parishioners to contribute to the collection, any second collection, mass intentions, candle donations or help to support special projects by debit or credit card. 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. The machines can also 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.

Next weekend, the second collection is for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund.

#### 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.

#### Last chance to order Sunday Missal

We are going to order some additional Sunday Missals with the Catholic Truth Society (CTS). Please can you let us know if you would like us to order one on your behalf? The choices are a paperback Sunday Missal 2026 covering the liturgical year to Christ the King 2026 priced at £9.95. Alternatively the hardback Sunday Missal contains the readings and order of Mass for every Sunday and solemnity of the liturgical cycle so it can be used year after year and is priced at £19.95.



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. 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.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** This annual Week of Prayer is celebrated from 18<sup>th</sup> 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).

**New Director of Music at the Cathedral and resumption of Diocesan Choir**  
Music lovers can meet the new **Director of Music**, Peter Siepmann, on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January where, in a presentation of both words and organ music, he will share some of his own musical history, as well as some thoughts about Music at the Cathedral; admission is free, but please register online at <http://stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/what-s-on/upcoming-events/meet-the-director-of-music> [diocescathedralmusic@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:diocescathedralmusic@dioceseofnottingham.uk)  
**The Diocesan Choir** will reconvene with an initial singing morning on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 11am - 1pm** in Cathedral Hall. Please email [cathedralmusic@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:cathedralmusic@dioceseofnottingham.uk) to confirm attendance There will be a second session, devoted to preparing for the annual Chrism Mass, on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March**.

**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).

### Membership of Catholic Associations

As part of an annual Return to the Diocese we need to record the number of parishioners who are members of any Catholic associations such as the Catenians, Knights of St Columba, Guild of St Elizabeth, Guild of St Stephen, any Catholic medical/nursing associations etc. If you have membership, please could you phone or email the parish secretary on the contact details at the top of page 3 of this newsletter.

**Terminally Ill Adults (End of life) Bill:** When the Bill was recently debated in the House of Lords 86 Peers delivered speeches, with 58 speaking in opposition to the provisions of the Bill and only 28 in favour. The campaign of sending personal letters to parliamentarians still holds critical importance. More information on our Bishop Conference of England Wales website.

The synodal parish: **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January** Join Canon Andrew Cole for the first diocesan **Mission Lab** of 2026. We'll explore how to bring about a renewed sense of common purpose, and nourish community leadership. Register for the Zoom link at [bit.ly/mission-lab](https://bit.ly/mission-lab)

**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 to discuss (see contact details at top of page 3 of the newsletter) .

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

4th January 2026

106a



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When a profound silence covered all things  
and night was in the middle of its course,  
your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

### COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,  
splendour of faithful souls,  
graciously be pleased to fill the world with your glory,  
and show yourself to all peoples by the radiance of your light.  
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.  
*The wisdom of God has dwelt in the chosen people.*

24:1-2, 8-12

Wisdom will praise herself and will boast in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she will open her mouth, and in the presence of his forces she will boast: 'Then the Creator of all things commanded me, and the one who created me gave my tent a resting place. And he said, "Make your dwelling in Jacob and in Israel receive your inheritance." From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall not cease to exist. In the holy tabernacle I ministered before him, and so I was established in Sion. In the beloved city likewise he gave me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my dominion. So I took root in an honoured people, in the portion of the Lord, his inheritance.'

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.**  
or: **Alleluia.**  
O Jerusalem, glorify the LORD!  
O Sion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened the bars of your gates;  
he has blessed your children within you. **R.**

He established peace on your borders;  
he gives you your fill of finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth,  
and swiftly runs his command. **R.**

He reveals his word to Jacob;  
to Israel, his decrees and judgements.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his judgements. **R.**

### SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.  
*'He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus.'*

1:3-6, 15-18

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

**Alleluia, alleluia.**  
**Glory to you, O Christ, proclaimed among the nations.**  
**Glory to you, O Christ, believed in throughout the world.**  
**Alleluia.**

### GOSPEL

(Shorter form between asterisks)

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*'The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.'*

1:1-18

\*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.\* There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, \*that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the Only Begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.\* John bore witness about him, and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me."'

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only begotten God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Ps. 147

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Sanctify, O Lord, the offerings we make  
on the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son,  
for by it you show us the way of truth  
and promise the life of the heavenly Kingdom.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**To all who would accept him,  
he gave the power to become children of God.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord our God, we humbly ask you,  
that, through the working of this mystery,  
our offences may be cleansed  
and our just desires fulfilled.