

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND MASS TIMES

Confessions: Friday 21ST December at 6.30pm.

Christmas Eve: Carol Service at 7pm.

Vigil Mass at 7.30pm

Vigil Mass (Malayalam) at 9pm

Christmas Day Mass: 10am

Christmas Carol - If you would like to sing solo please do let Fr. Gabriel know.

On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle is lit. This candle typically represents love. Some traditions call this the "Bethlehem Candle," symbolizing Christ's manger: "This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." (Luke 2:12, NIV)



**Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ,
for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people.
He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.
He is the Saviour of us all.**

**O Lord,
let your blessing come upon us as we light
the first (purple) candle of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation.
May He come quickly and not delay.
We ask this in His holy name.
Amen.**

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9th - 16th December 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 9.12	10am 11.30am	Patrick O'Connor RIP 1st Anniv. Christine Hipwell RIP Anniv.	Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:4-6,8-11 Luke 3:1-6
Monday 10.12	No Mass		
Tue 11.12	10am	Malcom & Bridget McMillan - Birthdays	Isaiah 40:1-11 Matt 18:12-14
Wed 12.12	6.30pm	November dead list	Isaiah 40:25-31 Matt 11:28-30
Thu 13.12	10am	Sr Anne Ariwodo 60 th Birthday	Isaiah 41:13-20 Matt 11:11-15
Friday 14.12	10am	November dead list	Isaiah 48:17-19 Matt 11:16-19
Sat 15.12	10am	Henry Robince & Jomon Alex - Thanksgiving mass	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Matt 17:10-13
Sunday 16.12	10am 11.30am	Kathleen & Mich Queen RIP Steven & Irine Ruzivo-Wedding Ann	Zephaniah 3:14-18 Philipp 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1 hour each day before weekly Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass on Saturday, or whenever required.**

Feasts of the week: Thursday, St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr.
Friday, St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church.

Nottingham Diocesan Year Book on sale now @ £3.50.

Fundraising: for West Leicester Catholic 300 Club. Congratulations to all members of our West Leicester Catholic 300 Club for supporting our fundraising for our three parishes of Mother of God, Blessed Sacrament and St Peter's. Thanks to your generous contributions, we have realised a dividend of £8,100 for the year ending October 2018. As usual, this will be split equally - £2,700 for each of our parishes - and be available for the vital work within our church and communities. Many thanks to all collectors and committee members who have worked hard throughout the year to help manage the process that has achieved this great result.

WEST LEICESTER CATHOLIC 300 CLUB: Thank you to those members who are up to date with their subscriptions for the current year commencing November 2018. For those members choosing to pay yearly by cash or cheque, please note some payments are now overdue, and members are kindly reminded that subscriptions are due in advance of the draw, in accordance with the membership rules, and as is the case with those who are contributing by standing order. Winning cheques will only be paid once we have verification of up to date subscriptions. Can members please ensure they are up to date with subscriptions by Sunday 9th December - either yearly £60 or monthly for the first two months. In the event of non-payment of subscriptions by mid-December, it will be assumed that membership is to be withdrawn and the number will be re-allocated to those on our waiting list to join. Where appropriate, the draw will be re-run, in fairness to our members, and announced retrospectively.

BUILDING WORK

You may have noticed that some building work is going on around the church and presbytery. This work has been identified by a 5 yearly inspection required by the Diocese and has highlighted some items which required action in order to avoid problems in the future. Briefly the work and approximate costs are as follows:

- Replacement of the Presbytery windows - £13,800
- Replacement of the Presbytery facias and gutters, plus roof repairs - £12,800
- Replace the church low level facias and gutters plus some roof repairs - £6,500
- Replace high level windows in the hall - £13,900

As Fr Gabriel announced recently this will use up all the parish savings. If you would like to know more details of the work please contact a member of the PPC. The PPC is also investigating costs for electrical work in the hall which is expected to cost approx. £30,000 and will need to be financed by a loan from the Diocese.

Leics Active Catholic Youth: LACY, will be celebrating an Advent Youth Mass on Sunday 16th December 2018 - the Third Sunday of Advent - at St. Mary's Catholic Church, South Wigston, LE18 4PG. 6pm. An invitation is extended to all young people, their families and friends for a Celebration of Mass led by our Youth! We will look with hope, joy and enthusiasm towards the coming of the Christ child. Those interested in helping with the different ministries of the Mass come along with your skills and talents to the Church at 5pm. Pizza and Light Refreshments in the hall afterwards. Information from paulinepayne@hotmail.com, katieannejones95@googlemail.com or claudiacoxon@googlemail.com. See poster in church porch.

Rosmini Centre. Healing Mass on Friday 7 December at 7pm. With Fr. Denis Labartette IC.

VACANCY: The directors of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust are seeking to appoint 3 lay chaplains. For further information on these vacancies please visit their website www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk . Closing date 19 December



It will soon be Christmas! Please buy your Christmas cards, diaries, candles etc. from the Repository Stall. Also Christian postage stamps, which are available at any major Post Offices.

Financial details: Loose Plate £164.14. Envelopes £285.20. Thank you very much for your generous donations.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: £1,653. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

300 Club: 2nd December £50 J Wood (160). £25 C Cusack (208), T Tims (283).

Christmas Appeal - Shoe boxes.

This year we would like to support **Community of Grace** which is a Charitable Trust and recognised as a Mission Project within the United Reformed Church. It has helped homeless people in Leicester since the 1960s. The Community attempts to create and sustain something like home and family with and for men who have long since lost their own home, or even never really had one, and to keep up that attempt with each individual for as long as he needs. Community of Grace is run on a completely voluntary basis and survives because of donations made by the local community and churches. Your help would be greatly appreciated. The boxes could be filled with toiletries items /socks/gloves/chocolates, etc. Thank you.

Thought for the week: "Don't believe everything you think. Thoughts are just that - thoughts." ~Allan Lokos



If You have a charity box please bring it to church to be emptied. Thank you. Also collect your free 2019 Calendar.

***** CAFOD: World Gift Catalogue available at the back of the Church *****

Pope Francis December Intentions: Evangelization - In the Service of the Transmission of Faith. That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.