

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND MASS TIMES

Confessions: Friday 21ST December at 6.30pm.

Christmas Eve: Carol Service at 7pm.

Vigil Mass at 7.30pm

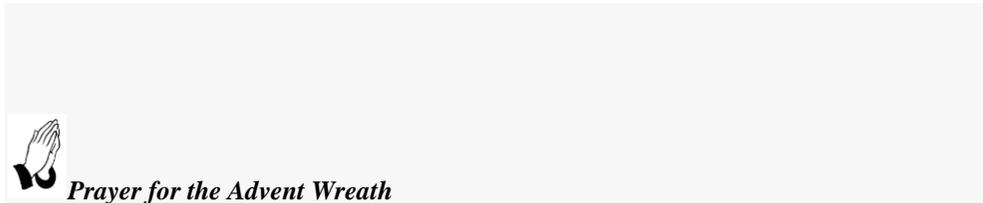
Vigil Mass (Malayalam) at 9pm

Christmas Day Mass: 10am

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

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass: the children of the parish are invited to dress up as nativity characters at this very special mass. In addition, these children will take the lead in singing the carol "Away in a Manger," to the remainder of the congregation. Older children are also invited to take part and dress up as carol singers. We look forward to seeing them all there.

Please Note: The collection at all Christmas Masses will be your offering to Fr. Gabriel. Please use your Gift Aid Envelope.



*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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16th – 23rd December 2018

Gaudete Sunday

Sunday 16.12	10am 11.30am	Kathleen & Mich Queen RIP Steven & Irine Ruzivo-Wedding Anniv	Zephaniah 3:14-18 Philipp 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18
Monday 17.12	10am	Rose Kennedy Intentions	Genesis 49:2.8-10 Matthew 1:1-17
Tue 18.12	10am	Agnes & Bill Quinn & Patrick Ryan	Jeremiah 23:5-8 Matt 1:18-24
Wed 19.12	No Mass		
Thu 20.12	10am	Madana P. A. RIP	Isaiah 7:10-14 Luke 1:26-38
Friday 21.12	10am	Roselyn Tom - Thanksgiving	Song of Songs 2:8-14 Luke 1:39-45
Sat 22.12	10am	Kate Doherty - 4th Anniversary	1 Samuel 1:24-28 Luke 1:46-56
Sunday 23.12	10am 11.30am	Mrs Eunice Gbidi's intentions	Micah 5:1-4 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45

**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: none

Nottingham Diocesan Year Book on sale now @ £3.50.

Third Sunday of Advent.

Today is known as **Gaudete Sunday**. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath. "Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Saviour means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The often repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament. Gaudete Sunday is a joyous celebration.



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. A warm 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 will take place in the hall afterwards. Information from paulinepayne@hotmail.com, katieannejones95@googlemail.com or claudiacoxon@googlemail.com. See poster in church porch.

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.

WEST LEICESTER CATHOLIC 300 CLUB: 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.

Mass Intentions. One of the great gifts we can give to someone is to have a Mass offered for their intention or for the repose of their soul. To request a Mass please use the envelopes found at the back of the church. Please state if the Mass is for a deceased person, birthday or any special intentions. Thank you.

Financial details: Loose Plate £206.92. Envelopes £499.05. Thank you very much for your generous donations.

300 Club: 25/11 £100 O Takaingofa (101). £50 A Woolley (38). £25 N Tsvara (61), H Wilkes (157).

9/12, £50 Miss S Peoples (118). £25 M Spedding (282), K Waldron (96).

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 (or household and community) 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 the donations made by the local community and churches. Your help would be greatly appreciated. The boxes could be filled with toiletries items /chocolates, etc. Thank you.



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

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.



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.

Thought for the week: "Take pride not in love for yourselves but in love for your fellow-creatures. Glory not in love for your country, but in love for all mankind."
~ Bahá'u'lláh

CAFOD World Gift - The true spirit of Christmas giving. Choosing a world gift is a great way to rediscover what it really means to share the love, peace and joy of Christmas. Catalogue available at the back of the Church.