

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND MASS TIMES

**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.

**A Christmas Prayer by Robert Louis Stevenson**

*Loving Father*

*Help us to remember the birth of Jesus,*

*That we may share in the song of the angels,*

*the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.*

*Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.*

*Let kindness come with every gift and good desires*

*with every greeting.*





*Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings,*

*and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.*

*May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children,*

*and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,*

*forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

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23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas**

Sunday 23.12	10am 11.30am	Mr Eunice Gbidi's intentions	Micah 5:1-4 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45
Monday 24.12	7.30pm 9pm	Florence Perkins Hanna Kelly RIP	2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-11,16 Luke 1:67-79
Tue 25.12	10am	Tom Joseph - Thanksgiving	Isaiah 9:1-6 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14
Wed 26.12	6.30pm	Kath Whomsley RIP & Jacob & Vincy - Thanksgiving	Acts 6:8-10;7:54=59 Matthew 10:17-22
Thu 27.12	10am	Anne Bara	1 John 1:1-4 John 20:2-8
Friday 28.12	10am	The deceased members of Walsh & Kenny Families	1 John 1:5-2:2 Matthew 2:13-18
Sat 29.12	10am	<b>Eucharistic service</b>	1 John 2:3-11 Luke 2:22-35
Sunday 30.12	10am 11.30am	Rose Kennedy - Thanksgiving	Sirach 3:2-6,12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:41-52

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: Tuesday, The Nativity of the Lord.**

Wednesday, St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr. Thursday, St. John, Apostle and Evangelist. Friday,  
 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs. Saturday, St Thomas of Canterbury, Martyr.

### Fourth Sunday of Advent.

The Advent wreath, four candles on a wreath of evergreen, is shaped in a perfect circle to symbolize the eternity of God.

During each Sunday of the Advent season, we focus on one of the four virtues Jesus brings us: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. Others consider the lighting of the first candle to symbolize expectation, while the second symbolizes hope, the third joy and the fourth purity. The Christ candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day reminding Christians that Jesus is the light of the world.

The order and exact wording vary among churches, but the wreath continually reminds us of whom we are called to be as followers of Jesus.



**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.

**Financial details:** Loose Plate £225.14. Envelopes £324.40. Donation £50. Thank you very much for your generous donations.

**300 Club:** 16/12 £50 M Pipes (230). £25 B Ambler (201), Mrs M Bobs (199) .

### 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.



faith in families 

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.

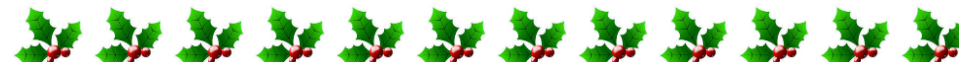
**Thought for the week:** Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, that is why we call it the present. **Bill Keane**



Please keep in your prayers all the sick and housebound people of the parish. If you know of anyone who would like a visit from Father Gabriel, please let him know.

**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.

**Nottingham Diocesan Year Book on sale now @ £3.50.**



To all Parishioners and our Supporters, a wish of a very joyful and peaceful Christmas with God's Blessings from Fr. Gabriel.

