

**THE ANGELUS**

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,  
 R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary, ...  
 V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
 R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word. Hail Mary, etc...  
 V. And the Word was made flesh,  
 R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary, ...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
 R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.  
 Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your Grace into our hearts;  
 that as we have known the incarnation of Christ, your Son by the message  
 of an angel, so by His passion and cross  
 we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.  
 Through the same Christ, our Lord.  
 Amen.

**New Year's Prayer**

**God, thank you for a new year.  
 May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew  
 with a clean slate.  
 We know that you are always ready to forgive us.  
 Help us to be willing  
 to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.  
 As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values  
 and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness  
 that comes from doing what you want us to do.  
 Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past,  
 so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.  
 Amen**

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**The Holy Family of Jesus,  
 Mary and Joseph**

**30<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Sunday 30.12	10am	Rose Kennedy - Thanksgiving Marcin Ostrzowski 6th birthday	Sirach 3:2-6,12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:41-52
Monday 31.12			
Tue 1.01			
Wed 2.01			
Thu 3.01	10am	John Kangudia RIP & Stephy Tom - Thanksgiving	
Friday 4.01			
Sat 5.01			
Sunday 6.01	10am	Claire Flanagan RIP Martin Bodkin RIP	

**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, Mary the Holy Mother of God.  
 Wednesday, Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors.

**"Everything Except Temptation"** Performances on Thursday 3rd January and Friday 4th January at 7.30pm and Sunday 6th January at 4.30pm at the Mary Forryan Centre, St. Peter's Catholic Church in Hinckley. Tickets £4.00 adults and £3.00 concession available from St. Peter's Priory, Leicester Road, Hinckley LE10 1LW □ hinckleypriory@gmail.com □ 01455 634443

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Nevers** by Coach June 15th - 22nd 2019. (Pick up in Nottingham, Derby and Leicester). The cost is £565 per person. This price includes Coach and Ferry travel, overnight stay with Bed and Breakfast at the Welcome Break hotel in Orleans on the way out, full board at the Hotel Irlande in Lourdes, half board at the Kyriad Hotel in Nevers on the way back. In addition to this there's an optional excursion to Gavarnie, a Ski Resort in the Pyrenees. For more information and a booking form please contact Fr. John McCay at jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk or 0115 9810320

**Parish Pilgrimage to Alencon and Lisieux** by Coach April 1st - 5th 2019. (Pick up in Nottingham, Derby and Leicester). The cost of the Pilgrimage is £345. We will begin our Pilgrimage by travelling to Alencon to visit and celebrate Mass at the place where St. Therese was born. We will then continue to follow in her footsteps with a Guided visit to the Cathedral in Lisieux, to the Basilica dedicated to St. Therese, to the house where she grew up and to the Carmel where she lived and died. For more information and a booking form please contact Fr. John McCay at jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk or 0115 9810320.

**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.

**300 Club:** 23 December £50 T Dwyer (268). £25 L Holloway (262), J Day (131).

**Pope Francis January Intentions: Evangelization - Young People**  
That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

**Thought for the week:** A little smile, a word of cheer, a bit of love from someone near. A little gift from one held dear. Best wishes for the coming year. These make a Merry Christmas! ~ **John Greenleaf Whittier**

Nottingham Diocesan Year Book on sale now @ £3.50.



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.



**Christmas Appeal 2017 - Shoe Boxes**

Thank you so much to all who have donated to this cause.



A very big thank you to the choir who sang so well at the Carol Service.  
And also to the Malayalam Community for decorating the church so beautifully and especially for the lovely Nativity Scene.  
And also thank you to everyone

That throughout the year, have contributed to clean, vacuum and polish the church. The Organist and Choir, The Flower Ladies, The Catechists, The Church Committee, The Readers, The Special Ministers, The Altar Servers,  
And all our Supporters.

Father Gabriel would also like to thank you for your Christmas greetings and generous gifts.

*To all Parishioners and our Supporters  
Best wishes for a wonderful and peaceful New Year 2018.*

