

Cycle of prayer during Ordinary Time (Winter).

- Peace on Earth;
- Openness to the Word of God;
- Christian Unity;
- The Sick and Those who Care for them; especially on Tuesday 11th February.
- Victims of Trafficking and those who Work to Combat it; especially on Saturday 8th February.
- The Unemployed, especially on Sunday 2nd March.

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.

FOODBANKS. We are extremely grateful to all the parishioners who donates food for the FOODBANKS. It is very much needed. Please continue to donate, if you can.
A huge thank you to all of you!

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

If you wish to contribute to the Parish Funds, please use these Bank Details. If you are a tax-payer, please request a gift aid declaration form from the parish via email, so that we can reclaim for the parish fund money you pay in tax to the government.

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Jubilee Prayer

God our Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, awaken in us this Jubilee Year a missionary heart for the coming of your Kingdom. May the gift of your grace transform us, Pilgrims of Hope, into your missionary disciples, blessed with the gifts and talents you give us.
Strengthen us to share our Saviour's message of love, joy, and peace with all the people we meet this year, so that we may help build up your Kingdom on earth.
To you our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be glory and praise for ever and ever.
Amen

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The Presentation of the Lord
Candlemass

Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

2nd – 9th February 2025

Sunday 2.02	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Elizabeth & Walter Wisher RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	The Pope's prayer intentions for FEBRUARY 2025 For Vocations To The Priesthood And Religious Life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.
Monday 3.02	No Service		
Tuesday 4.02	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St Gilbert of Sempringham, religious (memorial)	
Wednesday 5.02	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St Agatha, virgin and martyr (memorial)	
Thursday 6.02	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - SS Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs of Japan (memorial)	
Friday 7.02	9.30am 10am 5pm 5:30pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Saturday 8.02	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Sunday 9.02	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an ancient celebration in the Church. It is also called Candlemas because, on this day, candles are blessed in many parishes. These candles remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World. The feast is celebrated on February 2, forty days after Christmas. It recalls the day when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to present Him to God. This event is rooted in Jewish tradition. According to the Law of Moses, every firstborn son belonged to God. Jewish parents were to bring their son to the Temple and offer a small sacrifice in thanksgiving. By bringing Jesus to the Temple, Mary and Joseph followed God's law faithfully. This act shows their humility and obedience to God.

Rosary Rally, at 1:30pm. Opposite Sports Direct, Leicester City Centre,
Monthly every first Sunday, Contact Maziano on +447737 158224

Please keep in your prayers all the sick and housebound people of the parish.
We continue to pray for Ukraine and its people, for the people of Israel and Palestine, Lebanon and Syria and for all the war-torn countries in the world. Let's also pray for all the people that have been affected by climate change and have lost their home and livelihood.

Background on the Gospel Reading Luke 2:22-40.

Simeon recognizes the infant Jesus as the promised Messiah.

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon.

This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted -and you yourself a sword will pierce- so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

300 Club Results 26th January 2025: £100 R K 249. £50 R K (102). £25 J C (197), M U (84).
300 Club: New Members. More members are required. Application forms are available on the notice board at the back of the church. Please return your completed forms to John Gray.
Existing members - You are reminded that winning cheques are sent by post, so please ensure that you advise of any change of address.

Head Teacher vacancy. Job Reference No: EDV/2025/SPCVA/82933. Location: Mill Lane, Earl Shilton, Leicestershire, LE9 7AW. Permanent Contract. Full Time Position. Salary: £70,293.00 - £81,441.00 Annually (Actual). **Closing Date: 9:00am, 5th Feb 2025.** Start Date: Advent (Autumn) Term 2025, or earlier Positions Available: 1. Interview Date(s): 10th February 2025. Link address to apply: <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/146133/EDV-2025-SPCVA-82933>.

A Year of Hope: An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development. 2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? How will the Church be celebrating it? How can I get involved? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more in this lively start to the Jubilee. Hear highlights of how we're celebrating as a church and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse.

Our next online Faith and Footprint workshop online, Monday 17th February 7pm. Faith and Footprint is our regular opportunity to explore how our faith calls us to live on the Earth - and to put it into practice. Join us to answer the call to care for our common home. At this session we'll:

- Introduce the **Laudato Si Animators'** programme which starts on 28 April - it would be great to have a group from Nottingham Diocese following it together
- Share plans for the **2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope** which converges on Nottingham in September
- Exchange practical ideas for reducing our parishes' environmental footprint and decarbonising your buildings.

Everyone welcome. You'll find the workshop especially useful if you are involved in the CAFOD Livesimply scheme or a diocesan Pioneer Parish - but everyone who is praying and working for a greener Church and world is invited. [Book now for Faith and Footprint](#)
[Find out about the Laudato Si Animators' programme.](#)

Cathedral Hall, Nottingham, Thursday 13 February 1.00 - 5.00pm, If you're involved in, or would like to set up, a parish-run community café, warm space or drop-in join us at this event to get inspired, connected and equipped. Volunteers and organisers are very welcome from across our diocese. The event is organised by the ecumenical network Transforming Notts Together which Caritas belongs to. It is an opportunity to hear inspiring stories from projects like your parish's, find mutual support and encouragement, connect with NHS and other partners, and be equipped for your service with training and insight from leading experts. Speakers include:

David Barclay, Warm Welcome Spaces Campaign Director and Partner in the Good Faith Partnership.

Nigel Adams, Places of Welcome co-ordinator for Notts, founder of Hope Nottingham, author of 'Communities of Hope'. [Ask for further details on 'What next for Warm Spaces'.](#)

Jubilee of Marriage. Bishop Patrick warmly invites all married couples to Saint Barnabas Cathedral (NG1 5AE) on **Sunday 16th February** when we will celebrate Mass at 3.00pm to mark the **Jubilee of Marriages**. The Bishop will lead a Renewal of Vows during the Mass, impart a special Jubilee Blessing, and afterwards host a Reception in Cathedral Hall. All married couples (and their families) are very welcome to attend, especially those recently married, and those celebrating significant anniversaries this Jubilee year.

Fish & Chip Lunch: The fish & chip lunch is taking place on **Tuesday 18th February** in the hall at **Blessed Sacrament**. Mass will be at midday followed by lunch at 1pm in the hall, it would be lovely to see you. Senior parishioners from Mother of God, Blessed Sacrament & St Peter's please sign up on the list at the back of the Church to reserve a space and if you have any questions, please call Karen on 07935381771. We look forward to welcoming you to food & good company! This event is being funded by the Francis Caus Charity.

Retreat Day for Parents. 11:00 am - 4:00 pm Our Lady of Lincoln, Lincoln. Sunday 16th March. Every family is unique, but there are foundational disciplines that moms and dads need to focus on and prioritise. In this retreat, Mike and Alicia Herson (of the Messy Family Ministry) will explain each discipline, show why it is essential, give examples of different ways it can be practiced, and offer some conversation starters for couples to discover how these disciplines should be lived out in their unique situations. We aim to offer activities for Children during the day if you are unable to get childcare. The day will begin with Mass, after registration and dropping off children, couples will be invited to enjoy some tea and coffee before beginning the retreat. Each talk will end with time for reflection and private couple discussion, as well as time to ask questions of Mike and Alicia. We will end the day with adoration. Cost of the event is £25 per couple and registration is required - if you can't afford the cost of the day please still come. Couples are asked to bring a packed lunch. March 16th 2025. [Register Here.](#)