

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS, MANSFIELD

St. Philip Neri, Mansfield, St. Joseph's, Shirebrook, St. Patrick's, Forest Town, St. Teresa's, Market Warsop

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 22 DECEMBER 2024

ENCOUNTER

Date	Time	Service	Intentions
Sat 21 December	5.00pm	Mass – St Joseph	Ken Finch RIP
	6.00pm	Mass - St Philip Neri	SVP Twinnage
Sun 22 December	9.00am	Mass - St Philip Neri	Fr Szczepan Bober RIP (1 st Anniversary)
	9.00am	Mass - St Teresa	Sr Rosario O'Holloran Intentions
	11.00am	Mass - St Patrick	Emily Dowinton RIP
	11.00am	Mass - St Philip Neri	Dorothy Tunney RIP (Anniversary)
	4.00pm	St Teresa's Carols Nativity -	
Mon 23 December Advent Feria	5.00pm	Mass - St Philip Neri	Pat Genever RIP
	7.00pm – 8.00pm	(No Mass) Reconciliation – St Philip Neri	Reconciliation Service

CHRISTMASTIDE – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Tue 24 December Christmas Eve	5.00pm	Children's Mass – St Joseph	David Elliott RIP, Lorna Devlin RIP and Patrick Elliott RIP
	5.00pm	Children's Mass – St Philip Neri	Christopher Page RIP
	7.30pm	Mass – St Teresa	People of the Parish
	10.30pm	Carols and Readings – St Philip Neri	Mary and Paddy Kyne RIP
	11.00pm	Midnight Mass - St Philip Neri	
Wed 25 December Solemnity Christmas Day	10.00am	Mass - St Patrick	John, Kitty and Sophie Ludden RIP
	10.00am	Mass – St Philip Neri	Eric Harrison RIP and Bridget Harrison RIP
Thurs 26 December Feast Saint Stephen	10.00am	Mass – St Philip Neri	Norma O'Gorman RIP
Friday 27 December Feast Saint John	10.00am	Mass - St Philip Neri	Allan Smith (Birthday) RIP and Josie Smith RIP
Sat 28 December Feast The Holy Innocents	10.00am	Mass - St Philip Neri	Vincent Lee RIP
	10.30am – 11.30am	Exposition & Confession – St Philip Neri	
	12noon	Baptism – St Philip Neri	Isabella Marie Sludds
	12.30pm	Baptism – St Teresa	Frederick Bernie Burmiston

FIRST WEEK OF CHRISTMASTIDE

	5.00pm	Mass - St Joseph	Sr Victoria Whelan Intentions
	6.00pm	Mass - St Philip Neri	Michael Stenson and Mary Robertson RIP
Sun 29 December Feast The Holy Family	9.00am	Mass - St Philip Neri	Christopher Page RIP (Birthday)
	9.00am	Mass - St Teresa	Maria Morawska RIP (2 nd Anniversary)
	11.00am	Mass - St Patrick	Bronislawa Sopol RIP
	11.00am	Mass - St Philip Neri	Tom Dillon Intentions (Birthday)
	5.00pm	Mass - St Philip Neri	Christine Durkin RIP and Patrick Michael Boyle RIP

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CONFESSIONS

St. Joseph
Wednesday after
7.00pm Mass

St. Patrick
Wednesday after
9.15am Mass

St Philip Neri
Saturday
10.30 – 11.30am

St. Teresa
Thursday
10.30am

**Readings
Fourth Sunday
of Advent**

First Reading
Prophet Micah
5:2-5a

Psalms Response
Bring us back,
O God; let your
face shine forth,
and we shall be
saved.

Second Reading
Hebrews 10:5-10

**Gospel
Acclamation:**
Alleluia, alleluia!
Behold, I am the
handmaid of the
Lord; let it be to
me according to
your word.
Alleluia!

Gospel
Luke 1:39-45

Churches:

St Philip Neri
3 Chesterfield Rd
South, Mansfield,
NG19 7AB

St Joseph
Langwith Rd,
Shirebrook,
NG20 9RP

St Patrick
Clipstone Rd
West, Forest
Town,
NG19 0BT

St Teresa
High Street,
Market Warsop,

Those who have died recently: especially, **Jack Harrold** whose funeral Mass will take place at St Philip Neri on Tuesday 7 January at 12.10pm. **William Roy Halligan** whose funeral service will take place at St Teresa's on Friday 3 January at 1.30pm. **David McCann** whose funeral reception will take place at St Teresa's on Wednesday 8 January at 5.00pm and funeral Mass on Thursday 9 January at 11.30am. Please remember Jack, William, David and their families in your prayers.

*This Christmas, our prayer for you is that you experience
the joy and peace, the wonder and awe of
Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Angels and Wise Men
at the birth of our Saviour.
May your New Year be blessed with HOPE
as we celebrate the Holy Year as Pilgrims of Hope*



*Canon John, Fr Liam, Deacon John
Catherine, Sr Mary and Sr Susan.*

Masses on Dec. 30th and 31st will be at 10.00am in St. Philip Neri

New Year's Day Mass 1st January 2025 12.10pm at St Philip Neri

CHILDREN'S ROLES IN THE CHRISTMAS MASSES - If your child would like to be involved in the Family Mass at Christmas, please contact our chaplains, Clare and Luke (via c.lund@ololcatholicmat.co.uk) who will advise you accordingly. It's also a great time to get an extra wear out of those wonderful nativity costumes, so please remind your children that they can wear these to the Christmas Masses.

The Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent at **St Patricks Church** will be led by the children. Children are welcome to come dressed as Nativity Characters. There are roles for children both reading and non reading, if your child would like to be involved in the Family Mass, please contact our catechists (via Jeannie_Jackson@outlook.com) who will advise you accordingly.

SACRAMENTS – CATECHESIS

RCIA FOR THOSE WANTING TO BECOME CATHOLIC – Begins again on Thursday 9 January at 7.00pm at St Philip Neri.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION – By appointment with the Parish Priest.

BAPTISM PREPARATION – By appointment with Mrs Ann Marie Pearson (via Parish Office).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION IN OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS PARISH FOR CHILDREN YEAR 3 AND ABOVE NOT ATTENDING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: At St Philip Neri the First Holy Communion Day will be on Saturday 3 May 2025. Thank you to those applicants who have registered for this Sacrament. We have now reached the maximum capacity. At St Joseph's, St Teresa's and St Patrick's the dates are to be confirmed.

SCHOOL NEWS – We wish our students and staff a very happy Christmas.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – In all Churches. SPN during the 11.00am Mass only. Will resume after the Christmas holiday.

MASS STIPEND FOR CELEBRATION OF MASS: If you would like us to arrange the offering of Holy Mass for your intention at St Joseph's, St Patrick's, St Philip Neri and St Teresa's, please complete the Mass stipend envelope at the back of church or contact the office.

Next Mass in BOLSOVER: At St Mary and St Laurence Mass will be celebrated on Friday 3 January at 10.00am

EVERY FRIDAY - there is prayerful reading and reflection on the Sunday Gospel at the Convent in Shirebrook 7.00pm – 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome - just turn up.

MEN'S SPIRITUAL EXERCISES, MONDAY 31 MARCH – SATURDAY 5 APRIL: A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men (whether lay or ordained), this retreat will be preached at the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire, by the Benedictine Monks of Saint Joseph's Abbey, France. Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>

CAFOD: Is organising a Christmas Fun Run on Friday 27 December in Bollington (SK10 5JR). For more information see the poster at the back of church, or visit www.cafod.org.uk/bollington

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP

CATHOLICS EXPLORING OUR FAITH: Have you questions about your Faith? On the second Monday of the month – at 7.00pm - 8.15pm in St Philip Neri Hall, we explore aspects of our faith and the questions you have. Each session begins with an experience of a different type of prayer (20 minutes). For the next few months we will look at the Mass. At 8.00pm there will be a response to any general questions that have been asked at 8.10pm. - time to record any other aspects of the faith that people would like to explore. **The next meeting is on Monday 13 January at 7.00pm.**

SCHOOLS

All Saints Voluntary Academy (Secondary) Headteacher: Broomhill Lane, Mansfield, NG19 6BW	Mr C. Cuomo Tel. 01623 474700
St Joseph's Voluntary Academy (Primary) Headteacher: Langwith Road, Shirebrook, NG20 9RP	Mrs D. Seaman Tel. 01623 742609
St Patrick's Voluntary Academy (Primary) Headteacher: Ling Forest Road, Forest Town, NG18 3NJ	Mrs J. Smedley Tel. 01623 478090
St Philip Neri with St. Bede Voluntary Academy (Primary) Rosemary Street, Mansfield, NG18 6AA Headteacher:	Mr D. Steele Tel. 01623 489010

SAFEGUARDING

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Theresa Croll **Email:** theresa.crollpsr@dioceseofnottingham.uk

St Joseph: Kate Gilbert **Email:** kate.gilbertPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk

St Teresa: Margaret Booth **Email:** maggie.boothPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk

St Patrick: Cath Henson **Email:** catherine.hensonpsr@dioceseofnottingham.uk

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

If you know anyone in hospital who would like a visit, please contact the Parish Priest on tel: 01623 623458.

FINANCE: WEEKLY GIVING:

Date	Community	Standing Orders	Envelope	Loose	Total	2 nd Collection Poor and Needy Parishes
15 Dec	St Joseph	£103.85	£ 30.00	£ 74.51	£ 208.36	-
15 Dec	St Patrick	£151.00	£325.00	£140.83	£ 616.83	-
15 Dec	St Philip Neri	£492.65	£193.50	£1033.81	£1,719.96	-
8 Dec	St Teresa	£75.00	£5.00	£58.81	£ 138.81	£37.20
15 Dec	St Teresa	£75.00	£5.00	£41.00	£ 121.00	-
15 Dec	Digital Giving				£ 48.00	£15.00

PLEASE NOTE – the “Standing Orders” total from each community indicates the **average weekly sum** received.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: Sick and Retired Priests Fund – 11/12 January 2025

CANON JOHN, FR LIAM, SR SUSAN AND SR MARY: Would like to express their thanks to all who do so much for our wonderful parish throughout the year, and they wish everyone a happy and holy Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.

MANY THANKS! DIGITAL/ONLINE GIVING TO THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS, MANSFIELD

Many thanks again for your generous use over the last few months of either the electronic donation machine at St Philip Neri or the QR code to contribute to the parish. As you will have seen, it is not complicated..... and not just for the ‘younger’ ones! Thank you also for taking the time to gift aid the majority of these donations.

To repeat, this giving works alongside our current methods of collections – there is no need to change the way you currently give.

The QR code [‘mydona.com’] is here....



Thank you for your donations, in whatever form, to our wonderful parish.

The Finance Committee

IF YOU ARE A GIFT AID DECLARATION HOLDER: Please advise your parish office, or the Diocesan Gift Aid Department (parish.giftaid@dioceseofnottingham.uk) **of any change in your circumstances, such as name change / address change / no longer a taxpayer.** If your spouse has died and the GA Declaration was in his/her name, and you wish to continue to contribute because you are a taxpayer, then a new GA Declaration Form will need to be completed. Please also advise of the date of your spouse’s death. **Your continued support of both parish and Diocese is always very much appreciated – thank you!** If you do not gift aid your contributions, and you are a taxpayer, and wish to do so, please speak with your parish priest, or contact the parish office for a Gift Aid Declaration Form.

CORE GROUP MEETINGS – these are open to anyone wishing to come – if they are via Zoom – the office will give you the link.

St Joseph, Shirebrook, Monday 3 February at 7.00pm via Zoom.

St Patrick, Forest Town, Thursday 16 January at 7.00pm in the hall.

St Philip Neri, Mansfield, Monday 10 February at 7.00pm in the hall.

St Teresa, Market Warsop, Tuesday 21 January at 7.00pm.

ST JOSEPH'S WEEKLY DRAW: Saturday the 14 December national lottery Bonus ball number was 3. We have no winner this week as this is a spare number.

ST JOSEPH'S CAKE BAKE SALE: The Next bake is on Saturday 4 January.

ST TERESA'S TURKEY & TINSEL CHRISTMAS DINNER: A sum of £300.50 raised. A big thank you to all who helped and supported this event.

ST TERESA'S COMMUNITY CAFÉ: The Café is next open on Saturday 11 January from 11.30am – 1.00pm. Offering a 'Warm Space' and 'Hot Lunch'. Although this is our Outreach initiative to help the most vulnerable and lonely in our local community, everyone is most welcome.

ST PHILIP NERI - CARDS FOR ALL OCCASIONS: In the room just before the hall, there is a wonderful array of Christmas cards etc, gifts and calendars at cheap prices, when compared to the shops. If the room door is closed please ask someone for help. Please have a look. Money can be placed in the box provided.

BELLISSIMA LADIES' CHOIR CONCERT: On Sunday 22 December at 2.30pm at St Philip Neri Church, there will be congregational carols during the concert and festive refreshments in the hall afterwards. Tickets £7 each (under 18's free) in advance from choir members or on the door.

FOOD BANK: Thank you very much for your continued support. Please leave your donations in the back of each church.

CAPACITAR: The next session will be on Tuesday, 7 January 7.30pm – 8.30pm in St Teresa's Church Hall: Through CAPACITAR's gentle practices, which we use in a prayerful way, we care for ourselves and our well-being. The body, mind and spirit Practices developed by Capacitar are being used by many people around the world to empower healing, wholeness and peace, both in the individual and in the world, as we heal ourselves *we can become effective partners in healing our world.* Come in November for a "taster" - the sessions are stand alone and there's no cost. Come with a friend - to St Teresa's Church Hall, first Tuesday of the month 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

CENTENARY YEAR OF CELEBRATIONS OCTOBER 2025 - PROPOSED FLOWER FESTIVAL

Theme: The music of flowers and hymns

Dates: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8, 9 and 10 October 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm.

It has been suggested we hold a centenary flower festival next year. Our theme will be the music of flowers and hymns. These will reflect the different times of the liturgical year, starting with Advent to Christ the King celebration. We are looking for volunteer flower arrangers. A discussion meeting will be held in the New Year to finalise details. Please contact Francesca Holmes on 01623558153 if you would like to be involved.

LOURDES 2025 - We currently have about nine young people, from the parish and school, who have showed a commitment to serving the Diocese as volunteers for the 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. We will, once again, be looking for your support and are seeking sponsorship for these excellent volunteers. If you or your business or someone you know is/are able to sponsor the young people, please contact Clare and Luke via c.lund@lolcatholicmat.co.uk . The young people will be running stalls and fundraising events over the coming months, so watch this space! As ever, we are so very grateful for all your do as a parish to support the young people, both financially and through your prayers and encouragement.

SAINT BARNABAS CATHEDRAL CHOIR: Is singing **Bach's Saint John Passion** on **Saturday 29 March** at 7.45pm. A QR code is available on the poster at the back of church, together with a 20% discount for bookings before Christmas.

THE CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE OFFERS A WEEKEND COURSE FOR COUPLES PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE: Most suited to couples who are engaged and practicing their faith, and who wish for a deeper, theological and spiritual reflection on the Sacrament of Matrimony. Structured around scriptural texts, the weekend explores the Church's understanding of human love in the Divine plan using Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body. The weekend is held between Friday 3rd and Sunday 5th January, and for more information and to book, visit:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation-2025/>

THE UK'S LARGEST CATHOLIC YOUTH EVENT, FLAME'S UNSTOPPABLE: Is happening on Saturday 15th March at London's Wembley Stadium. The Diocesan Youth Service, NDCYS, is offering young people a wonderful opportunity to be involved, with tickets and return coach travel packages. For more information, please visit ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities/ or email michelle.thomas@ndcys.co

EVERY DAY EVANGELISING: Explore sharing your faith Join Bishop Patrick on Saturday 25 January (10.00am-3:30pm) at Holy Trinity Parish, Newark, for a day focused on how we can share our faith in simple ways every day! The day will be led by Deacon David Palmer (Birmingham Archdiocese) who will help us develop ways to live our baptismal calling to be Jesus' ambassadors in the world. There is no cost to the day but please bring a packed lunch. Book your place here: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/every-day-evangelising

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TO CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMIES (RECEPTION CLASS) - CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 1ST SEPTEMBER 2020 AND 31ST AUGUST 2021: The deadline for submitting applications for a school place is 15 January 2025. Application forms are available on 'home' Local Authority websites. For every Catholic school application where a child is to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion there should also be a supplementary information form, completed and returned to the school by the deadline; these forms are available from the LA and the school. Applicants must also include the supporting evidence as required with this form, eg baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable; contact the parish of baptism for a copy if needed, in good time). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean the child is ranked in a lower criterion, which may affect chances of a place.

JOIN CAFOD ONLINE ON SATURDAY 18 JANUARY 2025 FROM 10.30AM UNTIL 12.00 NOON FOR GET JUBILEE READY: A general introduction to the Jubilee Year with some special guests. Hear what Jubilee years are all about, how we're celebrating as a global and national Church, and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. Visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/a-year-of-hope-an-introduction-to-the-jubilee-year>

ACN (UK) HAS LAUNCHED AN OPEN LETTER CAMPAIGN: Calling on Foreign Secretary David Lammy to make persecuted religious communities priority recipients of UK Overseas Development Aid (ODA). They need your help to reach their goal of 10,000 signatures, which will trigger a response from the Government. Please sign their open letter today: <https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/red-wednesday-advocacy-letter>. Together, we can help Christians and other religious minorities trapped in modern slavery, extreme poverty and worse.