

**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**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – GAUDETE SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER 2024**

**ENCOUNTER**

Date	Time	Service	Intentions
<b>Sat 14 December</b>	5.00pm	Mass – St Joseph	Deceased members of the Ward and Nixon Family
	6.00pm	Mass - St Philip Neri	Clare Grady-Lennon RIP
<b>Sun 15 December</b>	9.00am	Mass - St Philip Neri	Mary Fenton RIP
	9.00am	Mass - St Teresa	Sean Andrew and Paul Tomlinson RIP
	11.00am	Mass - St Patrick	Gordon Sylvester RIP
	11.00am	Mass - St Philip Neri	Michael Conroy RIP
	5.00pm	Mass - St Philip Neri	Brian and Helena Matthews RIP
<b>Mon 16 December</b> Advent Feria	6.00pm	Mass – St Philip Neri	Anne and Mick Fenlon Intentions (60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)
<b>Tue 17 December</b> Advent Feria	9.00am	Mass – St Patrick (In school)	School Community
	9.10am	Mass – St Joseph (In church)	School Community
	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word – St Philip Neri (In church)	
<b>Wed 18 December</b> Advent Feria	9.15am	Mass - St Patrick	Colin Massey 80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Intentions
	12.10pm	Mass - St Philip Neri	Chinnamma Thomas RIP and Joseph Thomas RIP
	6.30pm - 7.00pm	Exposition and Confession - St Joseph Mass – St Joseph	Jess Kisgyorgy Intentions
<b>Thurs 19 December</b> Advent Feria	10.30am	Exposition and Confession – St Teresa	
	11.00am	Mass - St Teresa	People of the Parish
<b>Friday 20 December</b> Advent Feria	12.10pm	Mass - St Philip Neri	Michael Lee RIP
<b>Sat 21 December</b> Advent Feria	10.00am	Mass - St Philip Neri	Katie Creswell RIP
	10.30am – 11.30am	Exposition & Confession – St Philip Neri	
	12noon	Baptism – St Philip Neri	Olivia Matie
	1.00pm	Baptism – St Philip Neri	Filip, Bruno and Lidia Stec
<b>FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT</b>			
	5.00pm	Mass - St Joseph	Ken Finch RIP
	6.00pm	Mass - St Philip Neri	SVP Twinnage
<b>Sun 22 December</b>	9.00am	Mass - St Philip Neri	Fr Stefan Szczepan Bober RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> 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)
	5.00pm	Mass - St Philip Neri	Pat Genever RIP

**All items for the newsletter to be received by Wednesday noon please**

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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  
Third Sunday  
of Advent**

**First Reading**  
Prophet  
Zephaniah  
3:14-18a

**Psalm Response**  
Shout aloud and  
sing praise, for  
great in your  
midst is the Holy  
One of Israel.

**Second Reading**  
Saint Paul to the  
Philippians 4:4-7

**Gospel**  
**Acclamation:**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the  
Lord is upon me,  
he has sent me to  
proclaim good  
news to the poor.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**  
Luke 3:10-18

**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. **Mary Christina Kolat** of St Philip Neri who died on 7 December and **David McCann** of St Teresa's who died on the 9 December. Please remember Jack, Mary, David and their families in your prayers.

**Holy Father's Prayer Intentions December 2024:** We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

### *ADVENT - A TIME OF PREPARATION...*

As part of our preparation for Christmas – perhaps attend a weekday Mass;

There will be a **Service of Reconciliation on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.00pm at St Philip Neri Church.**

Anyone who is housebound/sick and would like to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist before Christmas, please contact the Parish Office and give your contact details.

We will be collecting again for St. Martha's Project in Bethlehem – so please pick up a tube from the back of Church and fill it with coins. The crib offerings will also go to this charity.

#### **CHRISTMASS MASSES –**

Christmas Eve Children's Masses – 5.00pm at St. Joseph and 5.00pm at St. Philip Neri  
(Children are welcome to come dressed as angels/shepherds)

7.30pm at St. Teresa's Market Warsop

10.30pm Carols and 11.00pm Midnight Mass at St. Philip Neri

Christmas Day 10.00am at St. Patrick's and at St. Philip Neri

Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> – Mass at 10.00am in St. Philip Neri

Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> – Usual Sunday Mass times

**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](mailto: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](mailto:Jeannie_Jackson@outlook.com)) who will advise you accordingly.

**ST TERESA'S CAROLS ON SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER AT 4.00PM:** St Teresa's are having Carols by Candlelight and Nativity by children followed by punch and mince pies. Children, please come dressed as an angel, a shepherd, or a wiseman. All are welcome.



It's 800 hundred years since St. Francis of Assisi created the first nativity scene. Having a crib at home is a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas - reminding us of God's love for us and for all especially those who are poor. A reminder that God is with us in the everyday bits and pieces of our lives.

We are inviting you on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent to bring the Christ Child from your manger scene to Mass on this weekend and have your "infant Jesus" blessed.

#### **SACRAMENTS – CATECHESIS**

**RCIA FOR THOSE WANTING TO BECOME CATHOLIC – Date to be advised.**

**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.



**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/>

#### 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 <b>Tel.</b> 01623 474700
St Joseph's Voluntary Academy (Primary) Headteacher: Langwith Road, Shirebrook, NG20 9RP	Mrs D. Seaman <b>Tel.</b> 01623 742609
St Patrick's Voluntary Academy (Primary) Headteacher: Ling Forest Road, Forest Town, NG18 3NJ	Mrs J. Smedley <b>Tel.</b> 01623 478090
St Philip Neri with St. Bede Voluntary Academy (Primary) Rosemary Street, Mansfield, NG18 6AA Headteacher:	Mr D. Steele <b>Tel.</b> 01623 489010

#### SAFEGUARDING

**St Philip Neri:** Danuta Allsop **Email:** danuta.allsoppsr@dioceseofnottingham.uk and

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 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Poor and Needy Parishes
8 Dec	St Joseph	£103.85	£ 20.00	£ 75.20	<b>£199.05</b>	<b>£ 74.50</b>
8 Dec	St Patrick	£151.00	£140.00	£148.82	<b>£439.82</b>	<b>£176.84</b>
8 Dec	St Philip Neri	£492.65	£196.50	£812.68	<b>£1,471.83</b>	<b>£625.16</b>
8 Dec	St Teresa	-	-	-	<b>To be advised</b>	<b>To be advised</b>
8 Dec	Bolsover		£10.00	£100.15	<b>£115.15</b>	
8 Dec	<b>Digital Giving</b>				<b>£ 78.40</b>	<b>£ 11.00</b>

**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

#### 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 7 December national lottery Bonus ball number was 18. We have a winner who receives £20.

**ST JOSEPH'S CAKE BAKE SALE:** The cake bake made £39 thank you for your support. The Next bake is on Saturday 4 January.

**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.

**ADVENT MUSIC CELEBRATION:** On Friday 6 December, our church choir and the children's choir at St Philip Neri partnered with the Mansfield and District Male Voice Choir to produce a wonderful evening of festive music. An amount of £482.70 was raised for church funds. Thanks to all those who supported this event.

**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.

**LADIES RECOLLECTION:** On Tuesday **17 December 3.30pm - 5.30pm** at St Philip Neri. All are welcome.

**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](mailto: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.

**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](http://www.cafod.org.uk/bollington)

**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/](http://ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities/) or email [michelle.thomas@ndcys.co](mailto:michelle.thomas@ndcys.co)

**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.

**NEXT MONDAY 16 DECEMBER, MARKS THE 200<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF FATHER ROBERT WILLIAM WILLSON:** Nottingham's parish priest who was responsible for the building of Saint Barnabas Cathedral in the 1840s. Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral at 1.00pm that day, and all are very welcome to attend.

**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.