

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 WEEK OF ADVENT – 21 DECEMBER 2025

| Date | Time | Service | Intentions |
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| Sat 20 December | 5.00pm | Mass - St Joseph | Patricia Dode RIP |
| | 6.00pm | Mass - St Philip Neri | Michael Stenson RIP and Mary Robertson RIP |
| Sun 21 December | 9.00am | Mass - St Philip Neri | Eric and Bridget Harrison RIP |
| | 9.00am | Mass - St Teresa | People of the Parish |
| | 11.00am | Mass - St Patrick | Emily Dowinton RIP |
| | 11.00am | Mass - St Philip Neri | Maria Dasilva Freitas RIP |
| | 5.00pm | Mass - St Philip Neri | Joseph Holmes RIP |
| | 6.30pm | Funeral Reception – St Philip Neri | Mary Guest RIP |
| Mon 22 December Advent Feria | 3.00pm | Funeral Service – St Philip Neri | Mary Guest RIP |
| | 7.00pm – 8.00pm | (No Mass) Reconciliation – St Philip Neri | Reconciliation Service |
| Tue 23 December Advent Feria | 12.10pm | Mass - St Philip Neri | Dorothy Tunney RIP |
| CHRISTMASTIDE – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD | | | |
| Wed 24 December Christmas Eve | 5.00pm | Children's Mass – St Joseph | Ken Finch RIP |
| | 5.00pm | Children's Mass – St Philip Neri | Christopher Page RIP |
| | 7.30pm | Mass – St Teresa | Mary and Paddy Kyne RIP |
| | 10.30pm 11.00pm | Carols and Readings – St Philip Neri Midnight Mass - St Philip Neri | Pat and Helen Lee Intentions |
| Thurs 25 December Solemnity Christmas Day | 9.30am | Carols | |
| | 10.00am | Mass – St Patrick | People of the Parish |
| | 10.00am | Mass – St Philip Neri | Norma O’Gorman RIP |
| Fri 26 December Feast St Stephen | 10.00am | Mass – St Philip Neri | Sister Mary Immaculata 90 th Birthday Intentions |
| Sat 27 December Feast Saint John | 10.00am | Mass - St Philip Neri | Francis and Mary Farrugia |
| | 10.30am - 11.30am | Exposition and Confession – St Philip Neri | |
| | 5.00pm | Mass – St Joseph | Sr Susan Intentions |
| | 6.00pm | Mass – St Philip Neri | Allan and Josephine Smith RIP |
| FEAST HOLY FAMILY - FIRST WEEK OF CHRISTMASTIDE | | | |
| Sun 28 December | 9.00am | Mass - St Philip Neri | Tom Dillon RIP (Birthday) |
| | 9.00am | Mass - St Teresa | Dale and Sonia Intentions |
| | 11.00am | Mass - St Patrick | Sean Andrews and Paul Tomlinson RIP |
| | 11.00am | Mass - St Philip Neri | Mary Boyle RIP and Patrick Michael Boyle RIP |
| | 5.00pm | Mass - St Philip Neri | Bernadette McHugh Intentions |

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
Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm Response
Let the Lord enter;
he is the king of glory.

Second Reading
Letter of
Saint Paul to the
Romans 1:1-7

Gospel
Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia.
Behold, the virgin
shall conceive and
bear a son, and they
shall call his name
Emmanuel – which
means, God with us.
Alleluia

The Gospel
Matthew 1:18-24

Schools' Word of the Week: Love

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 0BU

St Teresa
High Street,
Market Warsop,
NG20 0AG

Parish Office: The Priests' House, 3 Chesterfield Road South, Mansfield, NG19 7AB **Parish Secretary:** Mrs Catherine Whiteley

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Pastoral Area Team

Canon John Kyne V. G.

Fr Liam Carpenter

Rev John Wynn-Higgins

Pastoral Assistant: Sr Susan Richert PBVM

Contact for St Patrick's - Ken Daly

St Joseph's Convent: Langwith Road, Langwith Junction, Mansfield, NG20 9RP, Tel. 01623 845091,

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Those who have died recently: especially, **Mary Guest** whose funeral reception will take place at St Philip Neri Church on Sunday 21 December at 6.30pm and funeral service on Monday 22 December at 3.00pm. Please remember Mary and her family in your prayers.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions December 2025: Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

SACRAMENTS – CATECHESIS

RCIA FOR THOSE WANTING TO BECOME CATHOLIC – The next RCIA is on Thursday 8 January at 7.00pm and is running for several Thursday evenings. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or you know someone who might be interested, please contact the Parish Office and let Catherine know.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS: Who would come and help with the teas and coffees; stay for the meeting and then help with tidying up so those wanting to join the Church can meet you and other parishioners – especially during the RCIA time. If you are willing to help – even just for one session, please contact Sr Susan asap.

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 16 May 2026. Thank you to those applicants who have registered for this Sacrament. We have now reached the maximum capacity.

St Philip Neri with St Bede's First Holy Communion Day will be on Saturday 6 June at 10.00am.

At St Joseph's First Holy Communion Day will be on Saturday 27 June. St Teresa's and St Patrick's dates are to be confirmed.

SCHOOL NEWS - We hope our students and staff are enjoying their Christmas holiday.

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

THE CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME AT ST PHILIP NERI: Will begin in the new year, with session dates to follow, and Bishop Patrick is coming to celebrate the sacrament in November 2026. If your child is currently in Years 7, 8 or 9 and you'd like to express an interest in them joining the programme, please complete the link and our catechists will be in touch: [Confirmation Enrolment Form 2026 – Fill out form](#).



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 2 January at 10.00am**

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP

CATHOLICS EXPLORING OUR FAITH: The next meeting is on Monday 12th January at 6.45pm and then every other Monday in the Hall in St. Philip Neri Church. We are going to explore what Pope Francis said about the Holy Year of Hope and then we will go on and look at what HOPE is and means and what we can do to increase our hope.

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

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: Kate Gilbert **Email:** kate.gilbertpsr@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.

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, Tuesday 3 February at 7.00 via Zoom.

St Patrick, Forest Town, Wednesday 4 February in the hall.

St Philip Neri, Mansfield, Tuesday 17 March at 7.00pm in the hall.

St Teresa, Market Warsop, Tuesday, 20 January at 7.00pm via Zoom.

FINANCE: WEEKLY GIVING:

| Date | Community | Standing Orders | Envelopes | Loose | Total | 2 nd Collection |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 14 December | St Joseph | £103.85 | £ 5.00 | £ 45.00 | £ 153.85 | |
| 14 December | St Patrick | £151.00 | £315.00 | £ 144.60 | £ 610.60 | |
| 14 December | St Philip Neri | £492.65 | £203.00 | £1,277.34 | £1,942.99 | |
| 14 December | St Teresa | £ 75.00 | £ 10.00 | £ 65.68 | £ 150.68 | |
| 14 December | Digital Giving | - | | | £ 206.25 | |

SECOND COLLECTION 2025: Sick and Retired Priests - 10/11 January 2026

THANK YOU TO ALL FOR DIGITAL/ONLINE GIVING TO OUR PARISH

Thanks once again for your generous electronic donations, using the machine at St Philip Neri or the QR code to contribute to the parish. Thank you also for taking the time to gift aid many of these donations.



To reiterate, this giving works alongside our current methods of collections – there is no need to change the way you currently give. The QR code [‘myдона.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.

ST JOSEPH’S WEEKLY DRAW: Saturday 13 December National Lottery Bonus ball number is 59. We have a winner.

ST JOSEPH’S CAKE BAKE SALE: The next cake bake will be on **Saturday 7 February** (No cake bake in January).

ST TERESA’S COMMUNITY CAFÉ: The Community Café is open on **Saturday 10 January.**

PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER AT ST TERESA’S: A big thank you to all who helped and supported this event.

TEA AND COFFEE: Served in the hall after Sunday Mass at St Teresa’s and St Patrick’s. Tea and coffee are served at St Philip Neri after 9.00am Sunday Mass. The drop-in at St Philip Neri after Mass every Wednesday.

SOCIAL EVENTS: If anyone is organising social events in the parishes, please check with the parish office before confirming the date so that we don’t have clashes of dates in the diary.

BELLISSIMA LADIES’ CHOIR CONCERT: On Sunday 21 December at 2.30pm at St Philip Neri Church, there will be congregational carols during the concert and refreshments in the hall afterwards. Tickets £10 each (under 18’s free) on the door.

300 CLUB WINNERS: October draw: 1st prize no. 197, 2nd prize no. 186, 3rd prize no. 56

November draw: 1st prize no. 89, 2nd prize no. 58, 3rd prize no. 73.

REMINDERS FOR THOSE WITH A DBS - Subscription to the Update Service: Volunteers who are subscribed to the update service need to action the email sent by DBS every 12 months to renew their subscription, otherwise it will be deactivated and we will need to carry out a new DBS check when their 3-year renewal is due.

ID Cards Renewal Process: ID cards for those who visit homes have an expiry date that corresponds to the date the DBS is due for renewal. Expired ID cards should be sent to the Diocese Safeguarding Office and a new one will be issued if the DBS has been renewed.

JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT: With the Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service as we await the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, with a printable Advent prayer journal produced by the Team. To download your free copy visit www.ndcys.com/advent2025/

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

LADIES RECOLLECTION: On Tuesday 30 December 3.00pm - 5.00pm at St Philip Neri Church. All are welcome.

JUBILEE

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: EMMANUEL – GOD WITH US

"Just stay with him." "But can't I do something to help?" "No, just stay with him – he can't communicate but he knows you are there." Genuine compassion is not doing something to help a person in trouble or pain. Compassion is shown, mainly by being with those in need. Emmanuel means God-with-us. This is the greatest form of compassion that God our Father can show us – to be with us. When we pray for our needs and the needs of the world, too often it is what is in our minds rather than what is in our hearts. We can be a bit like children drawing up their list for Santa Claus, thinking of concrete things that they might ask for. When one little girl was asked what she really wanted to Christmas she said, "I want Daddy to come home." She was speaking from the heart. If the Lord asks you what you want most for Christmas, will you find yourself saying, "I want you to come home?" Because that is what Emmanuel means.



On the 24th December 1775, a small event happened that was to ripple through the world. At the age of 57, Nano Nagle along with 3 companions- Mary Ann Collins, Mary Fouhy and Elizabeth Collins founded the Congregation of the Presentation Sisters.

Today, Presentation Sisters, Friends of Nano, Associates and those who collaborate with us are to be found in every continent. Christmas Eve marks the beginning of the Congregation and a Jubilee Year of Celebration.

From the Pastoral Team

May you have a blessed Christmas
And may the gift of Faith, the blessing of Hope
And the Peace of God's Love be yours
In the coming New Year.
Fr John, Fr Liam, Deacon John
Sr Mary and Sr Susan



ACCORDING TO AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED 5.4 BILLION PEOPLE (2/3 OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION) LIVE IN COUNTRIES Where **individuals and entire communities suffer violations of religious freedom**. More than 220 million Christians are at direct risk of persecution. In response, ACN has initiated a petition calling on governments around the world to implement in full Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the gold standard of religious liberty - the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, the right to change religion and the right to manifest religion in teaching, practice, worship and observance. Parishioners are invited to stand with persecuted Christians and all those who suffer for their beliefs by signing the ACN Article 18 petition, by visiting: <https://acnuk.org/article-18-petition-religious-freedom-human-right-not-privilege>. Please continue to pray for all those who suffer for their faith.

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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, 22nd 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.

ADVENT FUNDRAISING FOR ST. MARTHA'S PROJECT IN BETHLEHEM: 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 and return around the 6th January. The crib offerings will also go to this charity.

CAROLS BY CANDLE-LIT AND THE NATIVITY STORY BY THE CHILDREN.... Sunday 21st December at 4.00pm in St. Teresa's church followed by coffee and mince pies. Children, please come dressed as a nativity character.

CHRISTMAS 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. 26th/27th – Mass at 10.00am in St. Philip Neri

Dec. 27th/28th – Usual Sunday Mass times

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS: Gifts that give back, gifts for everyone and supporting your global family, please visit:
www.worldgifts.cafod.org.uk

THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST NOTTINGHAM: is seeking to appoint a part-time **Parish Administrator** to support the day-to-day running of the parish. The role will be for 10 hours per week (preferably Friday, and one other weekday) at Band 4 (£14.17 per hour). The parish is looking for a candidate with proven experience in administration and finance, ideally within parish, school, or charity settings. The successful applicant will play a key role in supporting parish operations and financial processes. For an informal chat about the role, contact Canon Stanley Ofoegbu stanley.ofoegbu@dioceseofnottingham.uk and to request an application form, email office@dioceseofnottingham.uk The closing date is Monday 29th December.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TO CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMIES (RECEPTION YEAR) - CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 01/09/2021 AND 31/08/2022: The deadline for submitting an application for a school place is 15th January 2026. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you should also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school). You must also include the supporting evidence as required with this form, ie a baptism certificate (photocopies are acceptable; contact the parish of baptism if you don't have a copy); failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place.

THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION: Is an association for Catholic men from the age of 19 upwards, and has a group based in Mansfield. We refer to our local group as a **Circle**, and it is made up of Catholic professionals who meet monthly. We support our local youth, community, parish, and clergy in a variety of ways, and we hold social activities where like-minded individuals, and their families, can enjoy each other's company.



If you would like to know more about what we do and what our aims are, please have a look at the poster in the narthex – it has a photo of Cardinal Nichols, a comment from him and a QR code which will allow you to access our Association website where you will find further details about the Association.

The Mansfield and Dukeries Circle has a website where you can also read more about our history and activities; please use this URL to access the site: <https://catenians197.wordpress.com/>

You can also contact us directly by completing the Contact Form which is on the "Contact Us" page of the website or by using the contact email address: contactCatenians197@gmail.com (please tell us your name, parish and best contact details).

“PEACE BE WITH YOU ALL: TOWARDS AN ‘UNARMED AND DISARMING’ PEACE” The theme of Pope Leo XIV’s Message for the World Day of Peace (1st January 2026) invites humanity to reject the logic of violence and war, and to embrace an authentic peace based on love and justice. This peace must be unarmed, that is, not based on fear, threats or weapons. And it must be disarming, capable of resolving conflicts, opening hearts and generating mutual trust, empathy and hope. It is not enough to call for peace; we must embody it in a way of life that rejects every form of violence, whether it be visible or systemic. The greeting of the Risen Christ, “Peace be with you” (*John* 20:19), is an invitation addressed to everyone — believers, non-believers, political leaders and citizens — to build the Kingdom of God and to work together to build a humane and peaceful future.