

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 WEEK OF ADVENT – GAUDETE SUNDAY - 14 DECEMBER 2025

Date	Time	Service	Intentions
Sat 13 December	5.00pm	Mass - St Joseph	Bolsover Rosary Group Intentions
	6.00pm	Mass - St Philip Neri	Clare Grady-Lennon RIP (Anniversary) and Kevin Grady RIP
Sun 14 December	9.00am	Mass - St Philip Neri	Frank Leadbeater RIP
	9.00am	Mass - St Teresa	Kitty and Donie Lalor Intentions
	11.00am	Mass - St Patrick	Kitty Ludden RIP (Anniversary)
	11.00am	Mass - St Philip Neri	Clive Harris RIP (1 st Anniversary)
	5.00pm	Mass - St Philip Neri	Chinnamma Thomas RIP
Mon 15 December Advent Feria	12.10pm	Mass – St Philip Neri	Bonnie Chapman RIP
Tue 16 December Advent Feria	9.00am	Mass – St Patrick (In school)	School Community
	9.10am	Liturgy of the Word – St Joseph (In church)	
	9.30am	Mass – St Philip Neri (In church)	School Community
Wed 17 December Advent Feria	9.15am	Mass – St Patrick	Ann and Mick Fenlon Intentions
	12.10pm	Mass – St Philip Neri	Annie Clarke RIP
	6.30pm	Exposition & Confession – St Joseph	
Thurs 18 December Advent Feria	7.00pm	Mass – St Joseph	Dorothy Bray RIP
	10.30am	Funeral Mass – St Joseph	Mary Margaret Elliott RIP
	10.30am	Exposition & Confession – St Teresa	
Fri 19 December Advent Feria	11.00am	Mass - St Teresa	Private Intention
	12.10pm	Mass – St Philip Neri	Kevin Grady RIP
Sat 20 December Advent Feria	10.00am	Mass - St Philip Neri	Fr Colum Kelly Intentions
	10.30am - 11.30am	Exposition and Confession – St Philip Neri	
	5.00pm	Mass – St Joseph	Patricia Dode RIP
	6.00pm	Mass – St Philip Neri	Michael Stenson RIP and Mary Robertson RIP

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

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

All newsletter items to be received by Wednesday afternoon please

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Pastoral Area Team

Canon John Kyne V. G.

Fr Liam Carpenter

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CONFESIONS

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
Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Psalm Response
Come, Lord, and save us.

Second Reading
Letter of Saint James 5:7-10

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

The Gospel
Matthew 11:2-11

Schools' Word of the Week: Scripture

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

Those who have died recently: especially, **Mary Margaret Elliott** whose funeral Mass will take place at St Joseph's Church on Thursday 18 December at 10.30am. **Marie Makings** whose funeral service will take place at Mansfield Crematorium on Monday 15 December at 2.15pm. **Mary Guest** whose funeral service will take place at St Philip Neri on Monday 22 December at 3.00pm. Please remember Mary, Marie, Mary and their families 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 18 December 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 - Parishioners are warmly invited to attend our weekly school Masses.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – In all Churches. SPN during the 11.00am Mass only.

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: Mr C. Cuomo **Tel.** 01623 474700

Broomhill Lane, Mansfield, NG19 6BW

St Joseph's Voluntary Academy (Primary) Headteacher: Mrs D. Seaman **Tel.** 01623 742609

Langwith Road, Shirebrook, NG20 9RP

St Patrick's Voluntary Academy (Primary) Headteacher: Mrs J. Smedley **Tel.** 01623 478090

Ling Forest Road, Forest Town, NG18 3NJ

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 Poor & Needy Parishes
7 December	St Joseph	£103.85	£ 35.00	£ 46.52	£ 185.37	£ 47.60
7 December	St Patrick	£151.00	£245.00	£143.73	£ 539.73	£193.77
7 December	St Philip Neri	£492.65	£174.50	£977.15	£1,644.30	£720.23
7 December	St Teresa	£ 75.00		£ 63.60	£ 138.60	£ 25.00
7 December	Bolsover		£ 10.00	£ 91.00	£ 101.00	-
7 December	Digital Giving	-	-	-	£ 528.00	£ 32.00

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 ['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.

ST JOSEPH'S WEEKLY DRAW: Saturday 6 December National Lottery Bonus ball number is 40. We have a winner.

ST JOSEPH'S CAKE BAKE SALE: Cake bake raised £40.00. The next cake bake will be on **Saturday 7 February** (No cake bake in January).

CAROL CONCERT HELD AT ST PHILIP NERI ON 5 DECEMBER: Thank you to all who supported the Carol Concert held last Friday evening. It was lovely to welcome the choir from All Saints Catholic Academy to our church, to join the church choir for an evening of readings, carols and choir pieces. A total of £624.00 was raised for church funds.

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

PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER AT ST TERESA'S: On Sunday 14 December at 1.30pm. Tickets are now available £20 per ticket. Come and enjoy a pre-Christmas afternoon of great food and lots of fun. We would appreciate any donations for our tombola stall at this event. To book tickets please text or call Ann Marie on mobile 07743 032981. Numbers will be limited so please book your ticket as soon as possible.

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.

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

3rd Sunday of ADVENT: GAUDETE SUNDAY

The word “Gaudete” is Latin for “Rejoice.” In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God, who loves us, is still in charge, and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.



Pope Francis reminded us that if we put Jesus at the centre of our lives, it is possible to have a joyful faith....."This is joy: to point to Jesus."

St. John the Baptist "undertook a long journey to come to bear witness to Jesus. The journey of joy is not a walk in the park. It takes work to always be joyful."



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

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

ALL YOUNG ADULTS ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN FOR A YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY: At Saint Mary's, Derby, for Mass, mulled wine, mince pies, games, and prizes on **Sunday 14th December** from 2.00pm. No sign up required. Contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk for more info!

THE AFRICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CHOIR, NOTTINGHAM: Warmly invites you to its Christmas Carol service **A Christmas Story: The Coming of the Lord on Friday 19th December** at 7.00pm, in Saint Teresa's Catholic Church, Nottingham (NG8 3EP). Come and experience the beauty of the season through scripture, music, and reflection as we prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ. All are welcome to share in this evening of faith, song, and community spirit.

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).