



THE PARISH OF ST. PATRICK & ST. GEORGE



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WEEKLY BULLETIN 28th NOVEMBER – 4th DECEMBER

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

Sunday, 28th November	St Patrick's, Forest Town	11.00 am Mass	Christine Casey RIP
Tuesday, 30th November	St Patrick's School	2.15 pm Mass	School Community
Wednesday, 1st December	St Patrick's, Forest Town	9.15 am Mass	Patrick Casey Intentions
Saturday, 4th December	St Patrick's, Forest Town	12.00 noon	First Holy Communion Mass
Sunday, 5th December	St Patrick's, Forest Town	11.00 am Mass	Cecilia Casey Intentions

ROTAS

Sunday, 28th November	Mass	Stewards:	Cory & Linda	Reader: Angela G
		Minister:	Marion	
		Counters:	Ken & Rosie	Cleaning: Rosie & Sheila
Sunday, 5th December	Mass	Stewards:	Jackie & Colin	Reader: Karen
		Minister:	Andrew	
		Counters:	Jackie & Colin	Cleaning: Rosie & Sheila

OTHER LOCAL MASSES FROM SEPTEMBER 2021

Saturday	St Joseph, Ollerton 5.00 pm	St Joseph, Shirebrook 5.00 pm	St Philip Neri 6.00 pm
Sunday	St Teresa's, Warsop 9.00 am	St Philip Neri 9.00 am, 11.00 am and 5.00 pm	

Honouring Sunday: During the pandemic, public worship was suspended for a time and there have been re-strictions on parish life. As a result, people have been exploring other ways to practice their faith including Spiritual Communion via live streaming. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our spiritual and pastoral life. The Sunday Eucharist is a gift; as God's holy people we are called to praise and thank God in the most sublime way possible. When the Church speaks of the Sunday obligation, it reminds us that attending Mass is a personal response to the selfless offering of Christ's love. We now encourage all Catholics to look again at the patterns which they have formed in recent months with regard to going to Mass on Sundays. The Sunday Mass is the very heartbeat of the Church and of our personal life of faith. We gather on the "first day of the week," and devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers (Acts 2:42).

Your Prayers are requested for: Mary S; Stephanie W; Garry; Malcolm S; Jay; Liz T (Anne's niece); Jackson L (in thanksgiving for a recovery from his operation); Martin M; Rosemary S; Tina T; Mary C, KP (Karen's brother-in-law), Joseph D, Noel De L; Danny De L; Dianna B, Mary M, Theresa D; Ron and Jean M; Claire D, Richard G-O and Mrs C. Casey . All those suffering from the coronavirus and those working in the NHS or Care Services; those working in essential services to keep our country functioning. *Please let Fr John know of anyone who would like to be remembered in our prayers.*

Prayer for the Year of Saint Joseph: *Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Fr Shalbin Marottikudy MSFS: It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that Bishop Patrick, has been able to appoint a third priest to our pastoral team which at this moment serves four churches, four schools and Kings Mill Hospital. Fr Shalbin is from India and is a member of the Missionary Order of St Francis de Sales. He is the third priest from this Order who has begun working in our diocese in the last few months. Fr Shalbin will take up his appointment on 1st December and he will be assured of a warm welcome. Fr John

Walk With Me Advent Meditation Booklets: Now on sale in the church porch at £1.00 each.

Food Bank: As we come to the end of the year, I have reflected on the very generous donations that have been made to the foodbank. This year we have given enough food to make 2,200 meals as well as all the toiletries and cleaning materials. I have also regularly taken a very substantial amount of cash to the foodbank which is used to buy the food that we need to give out which hasn't been donated. Thank you for your continued support. The foodbank is very grateful and amazed at our generosity every week of the year. Please continue to donate tinned meat and fish, UHT milk, tinned fruit and vegetables, coffee, fruit juice, nappies, toiletries and cleaning materials. Angela.

First Holy Communion : *The children would like to warmly invite the parish to attend the **First Holy Communion Mass on Saturday 4th December at 12 noon.** Any biscuits/wrapped cakes or **support with serving refreshments after Mass** would be very gratefully received. Everyone in our school and parish is most welcome to be part of this very special event. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for this group will take place on **Sunday 28th November** after Mass. The children and catechists have asked to be kept in your prayers. The next First Holy Communion programme will take place in the new year and further details will be given via the parish newsletter once the dates have been confirmed.*

FIVE BIBLE STUDIES ON THE ADVENT SUNDAY GOSPELS: Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Advent Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. As a result, you will experience Sunday Mass in a new way! Five Wednesdays: 24th November/1st December/8th December/15th December/22nd December (7-8pm UK Time). Free of Charge LIVE sessions on YouTube. Info & Registration: <https://comeandsee.org/advent>

SYNOD PRAYER

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray
from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of
the Father and the Son, forever and ever.*

Amen

Synod 2023: Last Wednesday we had a most productive meeting in St Philip's Church Hall with representatives from all our communities across our pastoral area. The meeting was facilitated by Sr Mary Deane and Sr Susan Richert, who have both contributed so much to the Synodal process in our pastoral area. The results of the consultation within our churches and schools were shared as we considered the next stage in the process. There will be a further report at all our Masses on 4th/5th December.

Fellowship and Formation for Young Adults 18-35: Join the Diocesan team at their next monthly meeting on 2nd December 2021 St Barnabas Cathedral commencing 6.30pm with prayer followed by talk and discussion at 7.30pm and then at 8.00pm, moving to the local pub to continue the conversation. For further information contact the Vocation Director Fr Neil Peoples at vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk or Fr Liam Carpenter at Our Lady & St Edward's, Nottingham 0115 9501064

FAITH IIN FAMILIES: COVID restrictions mean that there is no toy and gift collection this year but the charity will be providing needy families with food vouchers before and after Christmas. Donations can be made on www.faithinfamilies.org or by cheque to the office (7, Colwick Road, West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire NG2 5FR) or given to Jackie and Colin Massey.



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 speak to one of your parish representatives who are named below; you may know one of them from the 11:00 am Sunday Mass. 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/>

Parish representatives: Neil Harris (current President) and Karol Grabowski

*** The Circle is holding an Advent Service followed by mince pies at 7:00 pm on Wednesday 22nd December in St Patrick's Parish Hall, Clipstone Road, Forest Town. Everyone, including children, is very welcome to join us. ***

SCHOOL NEWS: Details of our schools' activities are available on their respective websites and also at www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk from which you can access the **Be Inspirational** website for our younger parishioners. Parishioners are most welcome to come to the school Mass in term-time on Tuesdays at 2.15 pm

BINGO IS BACK: Cory and Debbie are re-introducing Bingo Sessions on a Thursday at 7.00 pm in the Parish Hall. Raffle and Scratchcard prizes and refreshments. Proceeds to the Emily Harris Foundation. All welcome. Cory and Deb have also prepared a spectacular Christmas Lights display at their house on Big Barn Lane. Go and have a look and if possible make a donation.

FINANCES: Sunday, 21st November Envelopes £215.00 Loose Plate £81.60 Standing Orders £135.00 Total **£431.60**
Piety **£233.85**

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