



THE PARISH OF ST. PATRICK & ST. GEORGE

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WEEKLY BULLETIN 4th – 10th DECEMBER 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

Sunday, 4th December	St Patrick's, Forest Town	11.00 am Mass	People of the Parish
Tuesday, 6th December	St Patrick's School	2.15 pm Mass	School Community
Wednesday, 7th December	St Patrick's, Forest Town	9.15 am Mass	James Queally RIP
Sunday, 11th December	St Patrick's, Forest Town	11.00 am Mass	Cory Marsh (Birthday)

ROTAS

Sunday, 4th December	Mass	Greeters:	Jackie & Colin	Reader: Ann
		Minister:	Maria	
		Counters:	Jackie & Colin	Cleaning: Rosie & Sheila
Sunday, 11th December	Mass	Greeters:	Cory & Linda	Reader: Mary
		Minister:	Angela S	
		Counters:	Angela & Andrew	Cleaning: Rosie & Sheila

Your Prayers are requested for: Rita; Michael B; Philip Joseph; Mary C A; Preethy Philip; Alphy George; Adam George; Luka George; Anne W; Janet C; Mary S; 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, Joseph D, Noel De L; Danny De L; Dianna B, Mary M, Theresa D; Ron and Jean M; Claire D and Mrs C. Casey. All those in hospital or housebound and their carers. Peace in the Ukraine. *Please let Fr John know of anyone who would like to be remembered in our prayers.*

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*

APPOINTMENT AS CANON: Fr John will be officially appointed as a Canon at the Cathedral on the evening of **7th December** at a celebration of Vespers on the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The service will take place at 6.30 pm and will be livestreamed. Any parishioner wishing to attend will be very welcome. Five other Canons will be appointed on that evening and they include Fr Stanley Ofoegbu (our former Parish Priest) Fr Stephen Dye and Fr Matthew Jakes, both ordained at St Philip Neri, and Fr Peter Vellacott who served at St Philip Neri between 2003 and 2005. On the following day, **Thursday 8th December**, Fr John will celebrate an evening Mass at St Philip Neri This will be the only Mass in our four churches that day. All parishioners from across our pastoral area are welcome to join Fr John at Mass and in the hall afterwards to continue the celebrations with tea / coffee / a glass of wine and a mince pie.

ADVENT 2022 - 80 MILES ON A DONKEY. Each Sunday of Advent, at the start of Mass – as well as lighting the Advent candle, there will be a short reflection on Mary and Joseph travelling to Bethlehem. Mary, Joseph and the donkey will be out in the Church to remind us of the 80 miles they travelled from Nazareth to Bethlehem. You might like to get the figures of Mary and Joseph and the Donkey from your nativity set and move them around your house. The reflections for the 4 weeks will be on the website.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - known as Bambino Sunday - you are invited to bring the Bambino from your nativity set for a blessing at Mass. This blessing will be at every Mass. You could create a nativity set with your children – and bring their bambino to be blessed. Fr. Gerry has also written a reflection for each day of Advent – this will be on the website – please feel free to download it or read it off the website....

CAFOD Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES / NEW YEAR

SATURDAY 24th DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS EVE

St Philip Neri 10.00 am - 11.30 am Mass, Exposition & Confession
St Joseph's 5.00 pm Children's Mass
St Patrick's 5.00 pm Children's Mass
St Philip Neri 5.00 pm Children's Mass
St Joseph's 8.00 pm Midnight Mass
St Philip Neri 11.00 pm Midnight Mass

30th DECEMBER: FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

St Philip Neri 10.00 am Mass

SUNDAY 25th DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS DAY

St Teresa's 9.00 am Mass
St Philip Neri 9.00 am and 11.00 am Mass
St Patrick's 11.00am Mass

26th – 29th DECEMBER

St Philip Neri 10.00 am Mass

1st JANUARY - NEW YEAR'S DAY

St Philip Neri 9.00 am, 11.00 am, 5.00 pm Mass
St Teresa's 9.00 am Mass
St Patrick's 11.00am Mass

WANTED: Sr Susan is collecting empty Steradent tubes/Vitamin C tubes. Please leave them at the back of church or into the parish office. Many thanks.

THURSDAY EVENINGS You are welcome to join the Sisters at the Convent in Shirebrook on every Thursday at 7.30pm to reflect on the coming Sunday Readings.

FOOD BANK: *The cost of living crisis has meant that the number of people needing the emergency rations that the foodbank can offer has doubled recently. At the same time, donations have dramatically decreased. We need tinned hot and cold meat, tinned fish, tinned vegetables, coffee, tinned fruit, toiletries, cleaning materials and **particularly Size 5 or 6 nappies**. Thank you very much for your continued support. Please leave your donations in the porch of St Patrick's Church. For more information, please speak to Angela Grabowski.*

Diocesan E-news: Register via dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/maillinglist by scanning the QR code on the poster or e-mailing naomi.roberts@dioceseofnottingham.uk. Follow this link for details of the Formation for Mission events: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/formationformission. The October Update is now available.

SCHOOL NEWS: School Masses have restarted and parishioners are warmly invited to attend at 2.15 pm in term time. Further news of our schools' activities is available on their respective websites.

CHURCH HALL: We are hoping to tidy up the Church Hall before Christmas so if anyone has any item in the Hall please remove it or it will be donated to charity.

UKRAINE SUPPORT GROUP: The local support group is working to provide Ukrainian children both in foreign countries and the Ukraine itself with little Christmas gifts has launched a Shoebox Appeal. Further details are on the poster in the church porch or from Emilia on 07865 673287.

FUNDRAISING: Cory and Debbie have re-introduced Bingo sessions on a Thursday at 7.00 pm in the Church Hall. Raffle and LOTTO Hotpicks prizes. Proceeds from the Bingo and the teas and coffees served after Mass on Sundays go to the Emily Harris Foundation. Cory has also started a raffle during the tea and coffee session on a Sunday. They have also decorated their garden on Big Barn Lane with Christmas lights and would welcome donations.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: *If anyone is interested in becoming a member and wish to visit in their own parish, they are welcome to attend St Philip Neri Conference meetings on a monthly basis. Please contact Mary Smith on tel: 01623 632910.*

WORKING PARTY MEETING: On **Monday 28th November** at 6.45pm in St Philip Neri Hall, there will be a meeting of the Working Party towards one Parish.

REPOSITORY STALL: A selection of Advent Calendars, Christmas Cards and other piety items are now available in the church porch.

CAPACITAR WELLNESS EXERCISE – a gentle approach to one's own self-care and well-being. **First Tuesday of every month, in St. Teresa's Church Hall, Market Warsop; 7.30pm – 8.30pm – no cost – just a donation. Come along and bring a friend....**

MANSFIELD CHILDREN'S CHOIR: is an exciting opportunity for children in Mansfield to become singers of the future. Rehearsals will be in St Philip's Hall from 4.30 pm – 5.45 pm every Wednesday. To register your child please see website: <http://www.nottinghamcathedralmusic.com> Further details are on the poster in the church porch.

FINANCES: Sunday, 27th November Envelopes £112.00 Loose £78.32 Standing Orders £ 149.00 Total £330.59
Diocesan Quota £83.67 Mass Stipends £20.00

The parish Financial Report for 2021/22 is now available in the church porch

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