

St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, and St. Edward's
Thirty-First Week of Ordinary Time - Psalter Week 3
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Saturday 2nd November – All Souls

9:30pm HMP Fosse Way, **Holy Mass**, Prisoners' Intention

5:30pm – 5:50pm St John Bosco, **Confessions**

6pm St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** for the **Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed – All Souls Day**. All Parishioners

Sunday 3rd November – Thirty-First Sunday of the Year

9am St. Edwards, **Holy Mass** John Callaghan RIP

11am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Luke Simpson RIP (Birthday 10th November)

Confessions after 11am Mass

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits after both morning Masses in the Halls

1:30pm Leicester City Centre, Opposite Sports Direct **Rosary Rally**

2pm Saffron Hill Cemetery, **Blessing of graves**

Monday 4th November – St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

6:15pm St. Mary's, **Choir Practice**

Tuesday 5th November – Feria

10am St John Bosco, **Holy Mass** – Holy Souls

Confessions after 10am Mass

3:20pm – 4:20pm Holy Cross School, **First Holy Communion Group**

6pm – 7pm St. Mary's Hall, **Young Adult's Group**

7:10pm St. Mary's, **Exposition, Adoration and Benediction**

7:45pm St. Mary's **Discipleship** – What it means to be a Catholic, All Welcome.

Wednesday 6th November – Feria

10am St. Edward's, **Holy Mass** Holy Souls

Confessions after 10am Mass

7:30pm St. Mary's Hall, **Confirmation Course** For All Desiring Confirmation

Thursday 7th November – Feria

10am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Holy Souls

Confessions after 10am Mass

6pm – 7pm St John Bosco Hall, **First Holy Communion Group**

6:30pm St. Mary's Porch, **Encounter** For adults seeking baptism or entry into the Church

Friday 8th November – Feria

1pm-4pm St. Edward's, **Chat, Craft & Games**

Saturday 9th November – Anticipation of the Thirty Second Week of the Year

12-3pm St Edward's Hall, **Autumn Fayre**

5:30pm – 5:50pm St John Bosco, **Confessions**

6pm St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** All Parishioners

Sunday 10th November – Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year

9am St. Edwards, **Holy Mass** Holy Souls

11am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass for Remembrance Sunday** Sid Hickey RIP

Confessions after 11am Mass

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits after both morning Masses in the Halls

2pm Wigston Cemetery, **Blessing of graves**

Questions 91 - 96 of the Catechism of Christian Doctrine (Penny Catechism)

91. Is the Pope the Shepherd and Teacher of all Christians?

The Pope is the Shepherd and Teacher of all Christians, because Christ made St Peter the Shepherd of the whole flock when he said: 'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep'. He also prayed that his 'faith' might never fail, and commanded him to 'strengthen' his brothers. (John 21:15-17, Luke 22:32)

92. Is the Pope infallible?

The Pope is infallible.

93. What do you mean when you say that the Pope is infallible?

When I say that the Pope is infallible, I mean that the Pope cannot err when, as Shepherd and Teacher of all Christians, he defines a doctrine concerning faith or morals, to be held by the whole Church.

94. Has the Church of Christ any marks by which we may know her?

The Church of Christ has four marks by which we may know her: she is One - she is Holy - she is Catholic - she is Apostolic.

95. How is the Church One?

The Church is One because all her members agree in one Faith, have all the same Sacrifice and Sacraments, and are all united under one Head.

96. How is the Church Holy?

The Church is Holy because she teaches a holy doctrine, offers to all the means of holiness and is distinguished by the eminent holiness of so many thousands of her children.

Finances	Balance as of 3pm on 31/10	Change from 24/10 (Insurance paid this week)
SM & SJB	£36,442.44	-£3,150.34
SE	£34,663.21	-£1,712.62

Donations via Bank Transfer

Acc. Name: St Mary and St J B S Wigston RCP

Sort Code: 30-15-97, Account Number: 00346385

Acc. Name: St Edward Conf Leicester RCP

Sort Code: 30-15-97, Account Number: 00554352

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Alan Evans RIP

Willow, Keith Moore, Laurence and Margaret Toner

Mass Intentions: Do offer Masses for your loved ones. Dated intentions are offered as near to the requested date as possible. We are running out of intentions.

The next Retiring Collection: 8th December – Poor and Needy Parishes

Pro-Life Prayer – Sunday 3rd November: - *“As the Church has commemorated the Feast Days of All Saints and All Souls these last two days, we ask Almighty God to especially care for all those approaching the end of their lives. May they be granted a peaceful, natural death with dignity and the appropriate palliative care. Lord hear us”.*

Get Equipped -Vote on Assisted Suicide in UK Parliament: The key debate and vote will take place on **29th November**. Watch actor and disability rights advocate Liz Carr’s BBC documentary on assisted suicide, **Better Off Dead?** where she examines the impact of one of the world’s most extreme assisted suicide laws in Canada. **Watch for free online:** righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead Please urgently write to your MP opposing this Bill. See also www.spuc.org.uk/assistedsuicideuk for further information on this Bill that could affect us all. See Poster. **The Bishop’s Letter that he read out last week is on our website.**

URGENT - A PAIR OF HANDS NEEDED: Do you have any spare time on a Tuesday between 3.00pm and 4.30pm? Because of record numbers attending the 1st Holy Communion class in Holy Cross school this year, an extra pair of hands is urgently required. If it is a pair of hands with a DBS already attached, that would be brilliant, but, if not, the process can begin. Please contact Hilari on 07734690611 if you can help. Thank you.

Stella Maris – Seafarers Mission in Immingham Christmas Shoe Boxes 2024: The boxes with flyers inside for what is requested, are in the churches. Please take one (or more). Ian Wesley and Trevor Curry will be collecting and delivering the boxes shortly after the deadline of 1st December.

Confirmation: This course started last week. Anyone who wishes to be Confirmed in 2026 should attend this course. It takes place on **Wednesday evenings** in St Mary’s hall from **7:30pm - 9pm**. New candidates are welcome to join us.

New Missals: As you will have noticed, we are now using the new Lectionary so you will need the new Missals you have ordered to follow the readings. The Missals are available in all three churches. If you ask Ann at St Edward’s, Rita at St John Bosco or Jo at St Mary’s you can receive your new Missal on receipt of full payment. Thank you.

Skills List: Following the Bishop’s visit last weekend where he encouraged everyone to support the Parish in any way they can, I do encourage you to complete and return the Skills List that was handed out the other week. If you have mislaid it, or did not receive one, there are more copies in all three church porches. Currently only two have been received back. Thank you.

Blessings of Graves - Sundays in November: Wigston - 10th at 2pm; Blaby - 17th at 2pm; Countesthorpe - 17th at 3pm; Kirby Muxloe - 17th at 2pm; Thurmaston – 17th at 2pm; Gilroes – 24th at 2pm.

Month of the Holy Souls: Envelopes are available in the porch for names to be given for the deceased whom you would like to be included in a **Mass for our Deceased Family, Friends and Loved Ones during November**. Please return them as soon as possible with your offering.

Autumn Fayre: **Saturday 9th November at 12-3pm** at St. Edward’s Hall, Aylestone Road. Many exciting stalls, Crafty gifts, Raffle and Lunch. **Donations** of unwanted gifts, chocolates, bottles etc needed. Raffle Tickets are now available. Please bring your donations as soon as possible and **do come and support this event**. Contact Julie or Ann for more info or to volunteer.

Remembrance Sunday 10th November: The Saffron Road, Blaby Road, Countesthorpe Road junction, around St Thomas Church will be **closed** to traffic from **about 10.45am to 11.15am**.

Christmas Fayre: Saturday 30th November at 10am – 2pm at St. John Fisher School. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year as well as an amazing social event. If you are able to distribute fliers around where you live, please let us know and we will supply the fliers. Please start to bring in donations as soon as possible so we are not panicking!! Let Keith, Hilari, Lynne, Jo, Helen or Rita know if you can help in any way. This is your Parish, please help us to maintain our Missionary Church in the community. Thank you.

Travelling Cribs: We are hoping to have 4 Travelling Cribs altogether available this year to be shared round the parish during Advent - 2 at St Edward’s end, and 2 at St Mary & St John Bosco end. Please read the flier. The sign-up list is in the porches of all three churches this weekend.

Mondays in Advent: St. Edward’s 7pm. 2nd 9th 16th and 23rd December. **Advent Reflections.**

Nativity Carol Service: St. Edward’s 3pm. Saturday 7th December.

Parish Advent Event: The celebration of 9 Lessons and Carols will take place again this year. This is for children, young people, singers and musicians from all three churches. This event is taking place on **Sunday 15th December in St Mary’s church at 4pm (tbc)**. If you enjoy a good *Carol Sing* then this is for you. There will be traditional and more unusual carols; A nativity drama and tableau from our children and readings by our young people. We have started practising some of the more unusual carols at the **choir practice in St Mary’s on Monday evenings at 6.15pm**. Anyone who can sing is welcome - if you can sing parts even better!!! Everyone is welcome to come and have a go. Other instruments are also welcome

Online Talk: New Lectionary Explained Tuesday 5th November at 7pm. QR code on Poster or. <https://dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/our-new-lectionary-explained> and/or watch a YouTube presentation by Bishop Hugh Gilbert of Aberdeen on “Introducing the English Standard Version” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9VmjpVoxkWg>

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 email michelle.thomas@ndcys.com or see ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities

Easy Fundraising: Please sign up for this (see link below) to help raise funds just by shopping online as normal and the companies make donations. No extra cost to you.

With every blessing for the coming week. Fr. John

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Newsletter: Contact newslettermje@gmail.com to be added to the email list.

Facebook: facebook.com/SMandSJB

Easy Fundraising: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-marys-and-st-john-bosco-rcp/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-en-nl

Diocesan Future Events: dioceseofnottingham.uk/events

Bishops Conference of England and Wales: cbcew.org.uk

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