

St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, and St. Edward's

First Week of Advent - Psalter Week 1

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Saturday 30th November – Anticipation of First Sunday of Advent

10am – 2pm St John Fisher School, Christmas Fayre. All Welcome.

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

Sunday 1st December – First Sunday of Advent

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

11am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Arthur and Grace Stanley RIP

Confession after 11am Mass

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits after both morning Masses in the halls.

1pm St. Edward's, **Baptism** Kasey Pampliega

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

Monday 2nd December – Advent FERIA

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

7pm St. Edward's, **Advent Reflections**

Tuesday 3rd December – St Francis Xavier, Priest

10am St John Bosco, **Holy Mass** Paddy McGloin RIP

Confession after 10am Mass

3:30pm St. John Bosco, **Children's First Reconciliation**

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

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

Wednesday 4th December – Advent FERIA

10am St. Edward's, **Holy Mass** All Parishioners

Confession after 10am Mass

12pm St Edward's Hall. **Winter Club**, Soup and a film

7:30pm St. Mary's Hall, **Pre-Confirmation Course**

Thursday 5th December – Advent FERIA

9:30am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Harry Green RIP

11am Deanery Meeting

6pm St John Bosco, **Children's First Reconciliation**

Friday 6th December – Advent FERIA

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

Saturday 7th December – Anticipation of Second Sunday of Advent

3pm St. Edward's Nativity Carol Service

5:30pm – 5:50pm **Confessions**

6pm St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** Joe and Bridget McGloin RIP

Sunday 8th December – Second Sunday of Advent

9am St. Edwards, **Holy Mass** Krystyna Aftanska RIP

11am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Marion Prutrill RIP

Confession after 11am Mass

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits after both morning Masses in the halls.

Please note that the new translation for Lectionaries and Missals MUST be used from the First Sunday of Advent.

Questions 109 – 111 of the Catechism of Christian Doctrine (Penny Catechism)

109. How do you prove that there is a purgatory?

I prove that there is a purgatory from the constant teaching of the Church; and from the doctrine of Holy Scripture, which declares that God will render to every man according to his works; that nothing defiled shall enter heaven; and that some will be saved, 'as one who has gone through fire. (Matt. 16:27. Apoc. 21:27. 1 Cor. 3:15)

110. What is the tenth article of the Creed?

The tenth article of the Creed is, 'the forgiveness of sins'.

111. What do you mean by 'the forgiveness of sins'?

By the forgiveness of sins I mean that Christ has left the power of forgiving sins to the Pastors of his Church. (John 20:23)

If you wish to make financial contributions to the churches to help in their upkeep, please use the following bank details. Thank you.

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

Mass Intentions: Do offer Masses for your loved ones for **2025**. Dated intentions are offered as near to the requested date as possible.

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Rosemary Fallows RIP St. Mary's, 10am Funeral Mass, Thursday 19th December,

Willow, Keith Moore, Laurence and Margaret Toner

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

The Assisted Suicide Bill result that was debated and voted on, on Friday 29th November will be announced in next week's newsletter. Thank you to all who took the time to contact your MP requesting he or she voted against this Bill. Please continue to pray for Pro-Life issues and upholding the sanctity of life from conception to the grave.

Christmas Fayre: Saturday 30th November at 10am – 2pm at St. John Fisher School, LE18 3QL. This is your Parish, please support it. Thank you.

Stella Maris – Seafarers Mission The deadline for the return of filled boxes is **1st December**. If there are still empty boxes in the churches, these can be taken and filled during 2025 ready for next year.

Young Adults Group: on Tuesday 3rd December is cancelled.

Wednesdays at 12pm – Winter Club at St. Edward's Hall: With vegetable soup, followed by a film. Please let Julie know if you are going to ensure there will be enough soup.

Travelling Cribs: Please read the flier. Sign-up lists are in all three porches.

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: Sunday 15th December in St Mary's church at 4pm (tbc). If you enjoy a good *Carol Sing* then this is for you. 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.

Walk With Me Advent Booklets are available. Please put monies in the tray provided. Thank you.

Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Booklets are available. **Please take a free copy.** Donations are gratefully received.

Caritas Leicester and Leicestershire Advent Calendar: in this Advent season, we are amplifying the reach of some local charities which aim to bring light into darkness. There are, of course, many others. Please have a look and join us in raising hopeful voices. See <https://bit.ly/3ZmMGul>.

All Young Adults are invited on **Friday 13th December** to Sacred Heart church, Leicester, for Carols, Vespers, Mince Pie, and Mulled Wine with **Bishop Patrick**. The evening starts at 7pm, but please join us from 5:45pm for the Rosary and Mass.

Schools Admission to Catholic Primary Academies – See Poster

Repository: Several boxes of Christmas cards are now on sale in the church repositories. We also have some Advent candles, some Nativity books for young children, and candles for those who have lost loved ones. A new selection of Mass intention cards is also available.

St Mary's Hall Users: Please ensure that the tables are put back out ready for the next group if you need to put them away for your group. Please also ensure the carpet has been vacuumed ready for the next group. Thank you.

Groups and Meetings: Could all leaders contact the newsletter with dates and times of meetings during the Advent/Christmas season – when they cease, when they recommence and any changes to dates, please. Thank you.

With every blessing for the coming week. Newsletter Team

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