



**St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, and St. Edward's**  
**First Week of Christmastide**

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**Calendar**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December – Anticipation of the Holy Family**

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

**5:30pm** St. John Bosco, **Confessions**

**6pm** St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** Holy Souls

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December – The Feast of the Holy Family**

**9am** St. Edwards, **Holy Mass** All Parishioners

**11am** St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** William Brendan Kelly RIP and unwell family

**Retiring Collection for the Diocesan Quota Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December, this funds the Curial infrastructure which supports the Bishop and parishes**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December – Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December – Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas**

**10am** St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** Brian Heaney RIP

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

**7:45pm** St. Mary's Hall, This is our Fatih Catechesis, All Welcome

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January – Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Solemnity)**

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

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**

**10am** St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Rosemary Fallows RIP

**6:30pm** St. Mary's, **Encounter** For those wanting to join the Church

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Christmas (Before Epiphany) Feria**

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

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Anticipation of The Epiphany of the Lord**

**12noon** St. Edward's **Wedding Mass**, Hitem Patel and Louise Wallace

**5:30pm** St. John Bosco, **Confessions**

**6pm** St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** Lily and Martin Merrigan RIP

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany of the Lord - Solemnity**

**9am** St. Edwards, **Holy Mass** All Parishioners

**11am** St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Denis Thornton RIP

**Confessions available after all Masses**

**Teaching**

**Questions 121-125 of the Penny Catechism**

**121.** What is mortal sin?

**Mortal sin is a serious offence against God.**

**122.** Why is it called mortal sin?

**It is called mortal sin because it is so serious that it kills the soul and deserves hell.**

**123.** How does mortal sin kill the soul?

**Mortal sin kills the soul by depriving it of sanctifying grace, which is the supernatural life of the soul.**

**124.** Is it a great evil to fall into mortal sin?

**It is the greatest of all evils to fall into mortal sin.**

**125.** Where will they go who die in mortal sin?

**They who die in mortal sin will go to hell for all eternity.**

**Jubilee of Hope Priorities:**

1. Preach the undiluted Catholic faith clearly.
2. Attain more parishioner involvement in the life of the Church.
3. Reach out to those who may have lapsed for various reasons.
4. Increase the number of new converts into the Church.
5. Simplify admin across all Church activities.
6. Help all three Churches to remain open through increased giving.

The goal of the PARISH priorities is to keep us on a firm foundation, all focused around the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, prayer and adoration.

**Link to Sung Mass Parts**

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL90387B3131632F39&si=Vwaw85tRdQhV7kmu> Church Music Association of America YouTube Channel.

**The Holy Family**

As we celebrate the Holy Family this week let us remember that the family is the foundation of society, it is the place where people should feel affirmed and loved for who they are, regardless of what they do, offer or have. Sadly, this is not always the case, but everyone should always be able to find a family of love and support in the parish community. Let us ask the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph to bless our families in this Jubilee year.

**Jubilee of Hope 2025 Prayer Cards:** The Jubilee prayer will be said at every Sunday and Holy Day Mass during the Jubilee Year.

## Prayer

### Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Frank Hartley RIP, Rosemary Hartley, Keith Moore, Laurence and Margaret Toner and John McDonagh

**Sick and Housebound Parishioners:** If you know of any sick or housebound parishioners who would desire a visit from someone at Church, please do let us know so that they do not feel left out of parish life.

## Notices

**SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING:** Please bring some chalk to church to be blessed on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January or Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January for a special blessing for your home. The Church has a custom of blessing homes on the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Family and friends gather to ask God's blessing on their homes and those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk blessed during the Solemnity of the Epiphany and write above the home's entryway, 20 + C + M + B + 25. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the Cross, and 2025 is the year.

*Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door or porch as follows:*  
20 + C + M + B + 25

*As you do so, say the following:*

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty five years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

*Finally, all present pray this prayer:*

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the joy of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may share your love with each other and with all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

## Christmas Flowers

More thanks must go to both those who did the flowers at all our Churches to make Christmas look resplendent for the Lord and to those who donated towards them. It is really appreciated.

### Invisible Angels!

There are many people who keep our churches running smoothly, but who are never seen by other people. Some of these are the people who clean our churches and halls each week. I think most of us take it for granted that all the churches look lovely and clean and polished whenever we enter them. A HUGE THANK YOU to those that do the cleaning. You know who you are!

### 9 Lessons and Carols + Everdale Grange

Thank you to Hilari, the Choir and all the young people from our three Churches who took part in the 9 Lessons and Carols in Advent. It was a lovely event in preparation for Christmas and all did a wonderful job bringing to life the story of our Lord's birth. Also a thank you to those who went to Everdale Grange and sang with the residents there, it went down very well.

Finances	Balance as of 26/12/24	Change from 19/12/24
SM & SJB	£38,036.27	+£375.35
SE	£38,824.51	+£1,404.55

### 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**

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Let us put both the Christ and the Mass back in Christmas. Blessings, Fr. John

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**Diocesan Future Events:** [dioceseofnottingham.uk/events](https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events)

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