



St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, and St. Edward's
Jubilee Newsletter for the Second Week of Christmastide

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Retiring Collection for Sick and Retired Priests on Sunday 12 January

Saturday 4th January – Anticipation of The Epiphany of the Lord

12pm St. Edward's **Jubilee Wedding Mass** Hitem Patel & Louise Wallace

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

Sunday 5th January – Epiphany of the Lord

9am St. Edwards, **Holy Mass** Dawn Peridge (Well-being)

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

Monday 6th January – Monday after the Epiphany

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

Tuesday 7th January – Tuesday after the Epiphany

10am St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** Thomas and Phyllis Connolly RIP

12pm St John Bosco Hall, **Friendship Club**

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

7:45pm St. Mary's Hall, **Liturgy Planning Meeting**

Wednesday 8th January – Wednesday after the Epiphany

10am St. Edward's, **Holy Mass** Claude Mesias and Mario Hargreaves RIP

7:30pm St. Mary's Hall, **Confirmation Programme**

Thursday 9th January – Thursday after the Epiphany

10am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Jackie Williams Thanksgiving

6:30pm St. Mary's, **Encountering Christ in His Church/RCIA**

Friday 10th January – Friday after the Epiphany

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

Saturday 11th January – Anticipation of The Baptism of the Lord

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

2pm St. Mary's, **Bereavement Mass** Roseline Ojong RIP

6pm St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** Walter Walsh RIP

Sunday 12th January – Baptism of the Lord

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

11am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Frank Hartley RIP

Confessions 5:30pm on Saturday at St. John Bosco & after all Masses

Teaching

Questions 126-127 of the Penny Catechism

126. What is venial sin?

Venial sin is an offence which does not kill the soul, yet displeases God, and often leads to mortal sin.

127. Why is it called venial sin?

It is called venial sin because it is more easily pardoned than mortal sin.

Venial sin weakens, but does not wholly destroy, sanctifying grace, which is the life of God in the soul, whereas mortal sins destroy sanctifying grace.

Liturgical Questions: If you have any questions about the Liturgy, please email them to Fr. John and over time he will post Church approved responses on the updated website under Liturgical Questions. Do look through the liturgical handbooks from our Bishops and from the Teaching Office of the Church on our website as they contain all we are trying to do at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

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.

Prayer

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Frank Hartley RIP, James Donnelly RIP, Elaine Clooney RIP, Maureen Harrison RIP, Rosemary Hartley, Ken Harrison, Keith Moore, Laurence and Margaret Toner, John McDonagh, Annie McGloin

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

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING: Please bring some chalk to church to be blessed on Saturday 4th January or Sunday 5th 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 2024 is the year.

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door or porch as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 24

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 four 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.

World Day of Prayer: This will take place at St. Mary's Church at 2pm on 7th March. All Welcome. See Jackie Wesley for more information.

Notices

Is God calling me to be a priest? Do you feel that God might be calling you to the priesthood? If so, please contact Fr Neil Peoples - Vocations Director at vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk to book a place at the next discernment meeting. Taking place in Cathedral House, Nottingham after the 10am Mass on **Saturday 11th January**.

News From LACY (Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth):

Congratulations to our young people in the Uniform Groups, the Chaplaincy Team of Year 6 at St. John Fisher and the Chaplaincy Team of Year 7 at St. Paul's. These young people helped to create a fantastic crib for the Leicester General Hospital, which was blessed by Deacon Seamus O'Looskan. It was a great opportunity to work with them all and with the Chaplain at the General

Hospital, Ed Pike. We were impressed by everyone's commitment and inspiration in wanting to support the hospital, the patients and visitors who would be using the Chapel over the Christmas period. "Love Shone Down!"

Awakening Evangelisation & Healing Convention: Bethel Convention Centre, West Bromwich, B70 7JW. **25 January** 9am-4pm. See Poster

Our Website: The website will be undergoing changes that will make the site much more usable and informative. Do bear with us as the changes roll out.

Thank You

As the Magi approach the sacred child of Bethlehem at Epiphany, bringing their gifts, so I would like to thank you all for your kindness to me and my family this Christmas, it is so overwhelming how generous you are, and we are always humbled by it. With hearty thanks, Fr. John and family

Finances	Balance as of 2/1/25	Change from 26/12/24
SM & SJB	£38,263.56	+£227.29
SE	£38,215.27	-£609.24

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

Easy Fundraising: We currently still only have 15 people signed up to this. If you shop online, please go through the link at the end of this newsletter. There is no cost to yourself, but over 8000 companies give donations to us. So far, we have raised £512.45.

With prayers and blessings, Fr. John

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