details will be announced shortly, but for now please keep Sunday 13 December free and encourage children and young people from across our three churches to take part.

Rainbows & Brownies – Christmas Bazaar

Our Rainbows and Brownies are looking forward to supporting this year's Christmas Bazaar! We will be running a chocolate tombola and would be very grateful for any donations of chocolates. Boxes, tubs, bags or individual chocolates would all be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support!

London Marathon 2027 – Pink Ribbon Foundation

In April 2027, Danielle, one of our Rainbow and Brownie leaders, will be running the London Marathon for the Pink Ribbon Foundation, a cause close to her heart following her mum's experience with breast cancer. She will have a small fundraising stall at the Christmas Bazaar, including a raffle with some lovely prizes. Any support would be greatly appreciated!

Advent Carol Service – Saturday 5 December, 3pm, St. Edward's

Everyone is warmly invited to St. Edward's for our Advent Carol Service on Saturday 5 December at 3pm, a wonderful opportunity to come together as a parish, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas. The service will be followed by a festive celebration in aid of Toys on the Table, helping to bring some Christmas joy to children and families in need. We would also be grateful for anyone willing to help with readings or on the day itself. If you can lend a hand, please speak to Fran, Alan, Julie or Marysia.

Saturday 12th December - All are warmly invited to celebrate the beautiful feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the unborn, at Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham NG1 5AE. Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon, followed by a talk (12.45pm) about the incredible story of the apparition of Our Lady in 1531, the image which she left for us, and the enormous impact of this event upon Catholicism. At 1.15pm refreshments and games on a Mexican theme (bring a dish to share), finishing at 3.30pm. There is no cost, although donations are welcome. For more information, contact pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk

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Saturday 7th November - St. Willibrord
5:30pm Confession **St. John Bosco's**
6pm Sunday Mass **St. John Bosco's,** Michael Lawrence RIP

Sunday 8th November - 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
9am Holy Mass **St. Edward's,** Desouza and Fernandes Families RIP

Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Sunday Mass
10:30am Rosary **St. Mary's**
11am Holy Mass **St. Mary's,** All those on November Dead List
2pm Prayers at Graves **Wigston Cemetery**

Sunday 8th November - 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
5:30pm Confession **St. Mary's**
6pm Holy Mass **St. Mary's,** All Parishioners

Wednesday 11th November - St. Martin of Tours, bishop
10am Holy Mass **St. Edward's,** Blessings on Caelum 1st birthday - 15th

Thursday 12th November - St. Josaphat, bishop & martyr
10am Holy Mass **St. Mary's,** Mary-Ellen Coleman RIP
7pm Parish Evening **St. Mary's, An Hour with the Lord**

Friday 13th November (No Meat Today)
10am Holy Mass **St. John Bosco's,** Victims of the Aberfan Disaster

Saturday 14th November
5:30pm Confession **St. John Bosco's**
6pm Sunday Mass **St. John Bosco's,** Bridget McNamara RIP

Sunday 15th November - 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
9am Holy Mass **St. Edward's,** Philip Vaz RIP
10:30am Rosary **St. Mary's**
11am Holy Mass **St. Mary's,** Geraldine Christy RIP
2pm Prayers at Graves **Blaby Cemetery**
3pm Prayers at Graves **Countesthorpe Cemetery**
5:30pm Confession **St. Mary's**
6pm Holy Mass **St. Mary's,** All Parishioners

Saints This Week

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica reminds us that the Church is both a sacred place of worship and a sign of our unity in Christ. St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church, defended the true faith about Jesus Christ and guided the Church through difficult times. St Martin of Tours is remembered for sharing his cloak with a poor man and teaches us that love of God should lead to practical charity. St Josaphat, bishop and martyr, worked for the unity of Christians and gave his life in faithful service to Christ and His Church.

Schools' Word of the Week — Remembrance

Remembrance means taking time to remember people, moments and things that are important. We remember people we love, people who have died, and those who gave their lives to help others. For Christians, remembrance also means remembering God. We remember that God made us, loves us, stays with us, and never forgets us. At Mass we remember Jesus, especially His death and Resurrection, and we pray for those who have died, trusting that they are in God's loving care. At home, at school and in our parish, we can practise remembrance by praying for people, saying thank you, listening to family stories, remembering those who have helped us, and making time each day to remember God.

This week, we can ask:

Who would I like to remember in my prayers?

Can I remember to thank God for something each day?

How can I show that I have not forgotten someone who needs kindness or help?

A Pastoral Change – Funeral Fees

I am very pleased to announce that St Mary's, St John Bosco and St Edward's will no longer charge a parish fee for the funeral of a loved one. This includes the cost of the organist and, should I be unavailable, a visiting priest. This is a decision I have wanted to make because I believe it reflects something fundamental about the Church and her mission. When someone dies, our first concern should be to pray for the departed, commend them to God's mercy, and offer comfort, hope and support to those who mourn. Bereavement is already a difficult and distressing time, with families facing sadness, numerous arrangements and often considerable expense. I do not believe that the Church should add unnecessarily to those burdens. I am very grateful to our Parish Finance Committee for supporting this proposal.

An Hour with the Lord - Thursday 12 November, 7–8pm at St Mary's

This Thursday we will spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration. Catholics do not adore a symbol or merely remember someone who is absent: we adore Jesus Christ himself, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. The same Lord who said, "This is my Body", remains with his Church in the Eucharist, and Adoration is our response of faith, love and worship to his presence.

Although we began our Thursday evenings with Adoration, it is something to which we will return from time to time. Adoration is not an activity to be "done once"; spending time before the Lord is a regular and important part of Catholic life. Some Thursday evenings are for learning, some for discussion or practical activities, and some simply give us the opportunity to stop, be silent and remain with Christ. The hour will include periods of silent prayer, a short reading from Scripture, a Litany in honour of Our Lord, and will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

There is nothing complicated to do. Come before the Lord, speak to him in your heart, bring him your joys and worries, pray for those you love — or simply sit quietly in his presence. Come for the whole hour, or simply come and spend some time with the Lord. Everyone is very welcome.

LACY Big Sing 2026

The LACY Big Sing returns to St Mary's on Sunday 22 November at 3pm, celebrating Christ the King, St Cecilia and National Youth Sunday. Young people, families, parishioners, choirs, musicians and instrumentalists are all warmly invited to come along and join in an afternoon of faith, music and singing. If you play an instrument, you are very welcome to bring it along. For more information, or if you would like to take part as a choir or musician, contact Pauline Payne: 07885 187374 or paulinepayne@hotmail.com.
Everyone is very welcome.

Parish Nativity — Children and Young People Needed

Our whole-parish Nativity will form part of the Nine Lessons and Carols at St John Bosco's on Sunday 13 December at 4pm. All primary-school-age children are warmly invited to take part. There are no speaking roles, so children can join in without having to learn lines. Secondary-school pupils and young people are also especially encouraged to take part by helping with the readings. We would also love to hear from any parishioners who enjoy singing or making music and would like to join in with the carols. Rehearsal