

The Parishes of Sacred Heart & St Margaret Mary, & Our Lady of Good Counsel, Leicester

Third Week of Advent

Sunday December 17th 2023



Date	Time and event	Church	Mass Intentions
Saturday 16th	6.30pm Vigil Mass 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Our Lady's Sacred Heart	RIP Baby Paddy Paul Breen RIP Joe Lloyd, Sr Barbara Cleary. GH Benton & Patsy, Allwyn Nunes & Family. B'day Sr Ann. Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit.
Sunday 17th <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	10.15am Mass 11am Mass (Live-streamed)	Our Lady's Sacred Heart	RIP Ashok Dere. RIP Mario Rodrigues, Margaret Young, John, Maria De Monte & Francisco Nunes, Wilf Doyle, Francisco Pereira. GH Benton & Patsy.
Monday 18th	10am Mass 11 am Funeral	SMM Sacred Heart	RIP Mary Glassford, Edward Almeida. GH Olga Remedios. Corrina Pascale RIP.
Tuesday 19th No Holy Hour	10am Whole School Mass	Sacred Heart	Int. Murphy Family, CSJP Leadership USA.
Wed 20th	10am Mass	Sacred Heart	GH Ludgero De Brito, Adelina Fernandes RIP Apolina, Carmina, Galiana & Antonio De Brito, souls in purgatory.
Thursday 21st	10am Mass 10am Club Mass	Our Lady's Sacred Heart	RIP Angela Kelly. RIP Maria Lourdes Albuquerque, Mario Rodrigues, Apolina Braganza. GH Grace Cairns, Mary Thomas, Elsie Kennedy, Mel Glyn-Smith & Virginia & Ged Werner.
Friday 22nd	9am Holy Hour, 10am Mass 5pm Confessions 6pm Mass	Our Lady's Sacred Heart	GH Felix Miranda GH Fr Prince, Benton & Patsy.

Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for our recently deceased
and their families.

Corrina Pascale 18th Dec at 11am at SH.

Lynda Alonsi 18th Dec 11.30am St
Joseph's.

Eamon Donnelly Funeral date not yet
known.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
may they rest in peace. Amen.

We welcome Damien & Saoirse in
Baptism at Sacred Heart this
weekend.



Congratulations to Franco
& Krutika who were
married last Friday &
Uthayaraj & Cherubini who
were married this
Saturday. May God
bless your marriages.



BIG ADVENT CLEAN OUR LADY'S FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER AFTER 10AM MASS.
Please stay if you can to help us to make the church as clean as Possible as we
prepare for Christmas.

Saturday 23rd	6.30pm Vigil Mass 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Our Lady's Sacred Heart	For the lonely and isolated at Christmas. RIP Zarita De Silva. GH Benton & Patsy.
Sunday 24th <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	6.30 Vigil Mass Midnight Mass 6.30 Vigil Mass Midnight Mass	Our Lady's Our Lady's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	RIP Thomas & Veronica Hickey GH Jesus Remedios RIP Gerard Hirst, Jimmie, Sheila & James Mannix & Jean Phillips. GH Benton & Patsy. RIP Petuanilla & Maria Jesus Mendonca. GH Mr & Mrs Dominic Rocha & Family, Orson Noronha & Family. Thanksgiving Ruby anniv. Francisco & Maria Fernandes B'day Francisco Fernandes.

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Parish Priest: Fr David Cain **Assistant Priest:** Fr Prince Kurian MSFS **Parish Deacon:** Rev Séamus O'Looskan

Priest in residence: Fr Joseph Mugara **Retired Priest living in the Parish:** Fr John Tavares

Safeguarding Coordinator: Mrs Mary Hirst **SH Safeguarding Rep:** Ms Martina Guedes 07513 725549

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Live-stream from SH Sunday 11 am Mass on Facebook & YouTube & other services as announced.



Christmas Mass Times



December

Sat 23rd - 6.30pm at Our Lady's & Sacred Heart.

Sun 24th - No Morning Masses.

6.30pm Christmas Vigil Masses at OLGC & SH.

11.30pm Carols and Midnight Mass at OLGC & SH.

Mon 25th - 10.15am at OLGC & 11am at SH.

Tues 26th - 10am at Sacred Heart.

Wed 27th - 10.00am at Sacred Heart.

Thurs 28th - 10.00am at Our Lady's. No SH Club Mass.

Fri 29th - 10.00am at Our Lady's.

6.00pm at Sacred Heart.

Sat 30th - 6.30pm at Sacred Heart.

6.30pm at Our Lady's (previously advertised as no Mass at OLGC)

Sun 31st - 10.15am at OLGC & 11am at SH.

11pm Holy Hour & Midnight Mass at OLGC.

Mon January 1st - 10am Mass at SH. No SMM Mass.

Christmas Reconciliation Times

St Pius X, Narborough - Monday 18th December at 9am.

Sacred Heart - Friday 22nd Dec. 5pm-6pm before 6pm Mass.

Sacred Heart Christmas Reader Volunteers

If you would like to read at one of our Christmas services, please put your name on the list at the back of church but please put your name down only once.

Sacred Heart Christmas Steward Volunteers

We need as many stewards and welcomers as possible for our Christmas Masses. Please try to help out where you can and sign up on the list at the back of church.

Weekend Mass changes from January 2024

With Fr Joseph returning to Zimbabwe at the end of his sabbatical year in January and our priests helping to care for St Joseph's parish through Fr Daley's illness, we need to consider changes to our weekend Mass schedule next year. This will have a bigger impact on Our Lady's, and so an information leaflet and questionnaire is included in Our Lady's newsletters this weekend. Please read it carefully and answer the questions thoughtfully.

Advance Notice

The Parish office will be closed between Christmas and New Year. The newsletters for both Christmas and New Year will be printed early on Friday 22nd December.

This year's Crib Collections at both churches will be in aid of CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal. At this time, our prayers for peace are so desperately needed, as are our donations to support those working in war-torn parts of our world. Please give as generously as you can this Christmas.

Message from Tony Kendall: "On behalf of the 12/74th Leicester Scouts and Guides can I thank you for attending our dinner last Sunday. 43 Senior Citizens sat down to a 3 course turkey dinner, many thanks."

We would like to thank Tony, the scouts and all who worked hard to provide such a lovely Christmas dinner and festive occasion. A great time was had by all.

St Paul's School Christmas Market and Carol Service Tuesday 19th December

Join the family of St Paul's School between 4pm and 6pm for their Christmas Market, food and drink and raffle and stay for the annual Carol Service at 6.15pm. All welcome. If anyone would like market stall of their own at a cost of £20, email Mrs Conaghan at: sconaghan@st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer:

Very often it happens that we do not pray, we don't feel like praying, or many times we pray like parrots, with the mouth, but our heart is not in it. This is the moment to say to the Spirit: "Come, come Holy Spirit, warm my heart. Come and teach me to pray, teach me to look to the Father, to look to the Son. Teach what the path of faith is like. Teach me how to love and, above all, teach me to have an attitude of hope."

An extract from the Council of Priests:

The ongoing reorganisation of the diocese, enabling us all to become more missionary in a way which recognises that we now have fewer clergy and fewer parishioners, continues to make steady progress. To date the 108 parishes we had in 2017 have been reduced to 88, with 32 parishes having been amalgamated to form 12 new larger parishes. Parishioners in all our parishes are on a journey of working more closely together, in a more missionary fashion, in our united effort to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ, and to put that love into practice across the East Midlands.

Envelopes are now available at the back of the churches for your Christmas Offerings for our clergy.

Second Collection this weekend for Christmas Flowers.

OLGC Collections 9th/10th Dec		SH Collections 9th/10th Dec	
Loose & Envelopes	£553.16	Loose & Envelopes	£511.58
Standing Orders	£135.25	Standing Orders	£482.50
Total	£688.41	Total	£994.08

SH Parish Account: Sacred Heart Leicester RCP Account number: 00949284 Sort Code: 30-15-97 **Please put a reference when paying into the account eg. Collection, Mass intention,** etc Cheques made payable to: Sacred Heart RCP

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