

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

First Week of Advent

Sunday December 3rd 2023



| Date | Time and event | Church | Mass Intentions |
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| Saturday 2nd | 10am Mass 6.30pm Vigil Mass 6.30pm Vigil Mass | Sacred Heart Our Lady's Sacred Heart | St Francis Xavier Feast Mass. GH Nicholas, Nicola & Iszac. RIP Joe Lloyd. GH Benton & Patsy, Mr & Mrs Bertoldo Lopes & Family. |
| Sunday 3rd <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> | 10.15am Mass 11am Mass (Live-streamed) | Our Lady's Sacred Heart | GH Raja, Renita, Reina & Reyn, Pearson Miranda. MM Carolina Suzana Fernandes. RIP Deceased Rodrigues & Dias Families, Luiz Jose Tome Pereira, Gracy Dias, Antonio, Amelia & Santos Borgo-Fernandes, Dec'd of Goan Community, All souls. Thanksgiving to St Francis Xavier, St Anthony, The Sacred Heart & Our Lady of Fatima. GH Mario Colimao & Family, Lancy Miranda, Benton & Patsy. |

We welcome Reyn & Reina in Baptism at Our Lady's this weekend.



St Margaret's Community— Mass at St Paul's Polish Church, Wakerley Rd LE5 4WE followed by refreshments. All welcome.



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

SH The Lee Family. **OLGC** Fam & friends of Tom.

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| Monday 4th | 10am Mass | SMM | GH James Dwyer & Mike Stevenson. |
| Tuesday 5th | 9am Holy Hour, 10am Mass | Sacred Heart | RIP Delizia & Carmelo Noronha. B'day Fr David Cain. |
| Wed 6th | 10am Mass | Sacred Heart | For the Parish. |
| Thursday 7th <i>St Ambrose</i> | 10am Mass 10am Club Mass | Our Lady's Sacred Heart | For the Parish. GH Mel Glyn-Smith. |
| Friday 8th <i>Immaculate Conception</i> | 9am Holy Hour, 10am Mass 6pm Mass | Our Lady's Sacred Heart | RIP Maria Ana Almeida GH Benton & Patsy. |

Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for our recently deceased and their families.

Joan McEneaney 5th Dec at 12.30pm at Gilroes.

Julia Augusta Fernandes 13th Dec at 10am at SH.

Baby Paddy Paul Breen 15th Dec at 11am at SH.

Corrina Pascale 18th Dec at 11am at SH.

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



Tamil Community Mass at Our Lady's next Sunday 10th December at 11.30am followed by Christmas Party. All are welcome.

BIG ADVENT CLEAN AT SACRED HEART FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER AFTER 6PM MASS.

Please stay after Mass if you can to help us to make the church as clean as Possible as we prepare for Christmas.

Big Clean at Our Lady's Friday 22nd Dec. after 10am Mass.

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| Saturday 9th | 6.30pm Vigil Mass 6.30pm Vigil Mass | Our Lady's Sacred Heart | RIP Frank Llewellyn Maylan, Nicolau & Nascimento Rodrigues, Mario & Anthony Rodrigues, Yvonne Steele Rodrigues, Franklin & Anthony Estibero, Mr & Mrs Santano & Lucy Marques RIP Joe Lloyd. Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart. GH Benton & Patsy. |
| Sunday 10th <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> | 10.15am Mass 11am Mass (Live-streamed) | Our Lady's Sacred Heart | B'day Albertina Pereira. RIP Anthony Castanha. GH Benton & Patsy. |

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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

OLGC Safeguarding Rep: Tammy Pereira 07513 725402

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 - 6.00pm at Sacred Heart. No OLGC Mass.

Sat 30th - 6.30pm at Sacred Heart only. 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.

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.

Please Help!

I am a teacher at a local school. I desperately need volunteers to help out with reading skills in the afternoons.

I am looking for someone who enjoys being with infant children and who enjoys reading and can talk about a story with a child and ask questions.

You would be paid with children's hugs and possibly biscuits!

If you can help, please contact Alex Pos at:

apostlethwaite@merrydale-inf.leicester.sch.uk

Many thanks, Alex. Please note, A DBS check will be done.

You are invited to join **LACY (Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth)** at St. Thomas More Church, 75 Knighton Road, Leicester, LE2 3HN for an afternoon of craft and liturgy, on **Sunday 10th December 2023** creating cards with Christmas messages to be distributed to the sick and housebound, both at home and in hospital. Help us to pass on the Christmas message of hope, love and peace. Our afternoon begins at 3.00 p.m. and ends with a short liturgy at 4.30 p.m. The LACY team will be joined by one of the Chaplains from the Leicester Hospitals, Ed Pike, and your presence will make the afternoon very special. Christmas treats, mince pies and drinks will be served in the hall during the afternoon. **We're looking forward to seeing YOU!** More information if required from Pauline Payne – Tel: 07885 187374 or e mail joshearer@hotmail.com/paulinepayne@hotmail.com.

Second Collection next weekend for Poor and Needy Parishes.

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

OLGC Account: Our Lady of Good Counsel Leicester RCP Account number: 51819560 Sort Code: 30-94-97. **Please put a reference when paying into account.** Cheques made payable to Our Lady of Good Counsel RCP.

Christmas Reconciliation Times

St Thomas More - Wednesday 13th December at 7pm.

Holy Cross - Saturday 16th December at 3pm.

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

Sacred Heart - Friday 26th Dec. 5pm-6pm before 6pm Mass.

Joint Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

Following our PPC nominations a few weeks ago, the nominees have been emailed this week and asked to prayerfully consider whether this service to the church is right for them. At the end of January, we will vote for those who put their names forward and once chosen, the newly formed PPC will meet to begin their planning for the future of our Parish Cluster.

This First Sunday of Advent begins the Church's Year of Prayer.

Pope Francis says, "The world is divided in two: those people who do not give thanks and those who do; those who take everything as if it is owed them, and those who welcome everything as a gift, as grace. The prayer of thanksgiving always begins from here: from the recognition that grace precedes us."

You could begin your own year of prayer by using the Walk with Me prayer books available at the back of our churches at a cost of £1 per book, or by following CAFOD's daily reflections which include stories of our global family, prayers and practical ideas for action, as we create a space to prepare for the coming of Christ. This online Advent calendar of daily prayer and reflection will offer an opportunity to pause, reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Christmas. To sign-up for the Calendar, visit:

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar>

Calling all Eucharistic Ministers at Our Lady's

Please email Anne in the office to let us know if you wish to continue this ministry and would like to be on a rota for our weekend Masses. Please say which Mass you usually attend.

Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner



The Scouts and Guides will be serving a three course Christmas Dinner to Senior Citizens on Sunday 10th December from 12.30 to 3.00pm. This will include entertainment and a game of bingo.

If you would like to attend or know someone who would, please add their name to the list at the back of the church.

OLGC Collections 25th/26th Nov

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| Loose & Envelopes | £547.67 |
| Standing Orders | <u>£135.25</u> |
| Total | <u>£682.92</u> |

SH Collections 25th/26th Nov

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| Loose & Envelopes | £507.79 |
| Standing Orders | <u>£482.50</u> |
| Total | <u>£990.29</u> |