

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

SAT	ADVENT FERIA		
	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
	Vigil Masses		
	5.00pm	St Joseph	Mass <i>Thomas and Eileen Gilgrass RIP</i>
	6.00pm	St Philip Neri	Mass <i>Ann Higgins RIP</i>
SUN	9.00am	St Philip Neri	Mass <i>Thomas and Annie Lalor RIP</i>
	9.00am	St Teresa	Mass <i>Nora and Jim Batey RIP</i>
	11.00am	St Patrick	Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
	11.00am	St Philip Neri	Mass <i>Salvador, Dionisia and Federico RIP</i>
	2.00pm	St Philip Neri	Wedding of Karolina Ignaciuk and Benjamin Gilbert (Invitation only)
	5.00pm	St Philip Neri	Mass <i>Patricia Jennings RIP</i>
MON	ADVENT FERIA		
	6.00pm	St Philip Neri	Mass <i>Michael Ginniver RIP</i>
TUES	ADVENT FERIA		
	7.00pm to 8.00pm	St Philip Neri	Reconciliation Service <i>(No booking required)</i>
WED	ADVENT FERIA		
	9.15am	St Patrick	Mass <i>Gordon Sylvester RIP</i>
	12.10pm	St Philip Neri	Mass <i>Dorothy Tunney RIP (10th Anniv)</i>
	6.30pm	St Joseph	Exposition and Confession
	7.00pm	St Joseph	Mass <i>Anne O'Neil Intentions</i>
THU	ADVENT FERIA		
	10.30am	St Teresa	Exposition and Confession
	11.00am	St Teresa	Mass <i>Theresa Bradley RIP</i>
	2.00pm	St Philip Neri	Syro-Malabar Rite Mass
FRI	CHRISTMASTIDE - CHRISTMAS EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD		
	5.00pm	St Joseph	Mass <i>David Elliott RIP</i>
	5.00pm	St Patrick	Mass <i>John and Sophie Ludden RIP</i>
	5.00pm	St Philip Neri	Mass <i>Peter Keigher RIP</i>
	7.30pm	St Teresa	Mass <i>Fr John Miller RIP</i>
	11.00pm	St Philip Neri	Mass <i>Roger Hammerton RIP</i>
SAT	CHRISTMAS DAY – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD		
	10.00am	St Joseph	Mass <i>Mgr. P. J. O'Dowd RIP</i>
	10.00am	St Patrick	Mass <i>Emily Dowinton RIP</i>
	10.00am	St Philip Neri	Mass <i>Christopher Page RIP</i>
SUN	FEAST THE HOLY FAMILY		
	9.00am	St Philip Neri	Mass <i>Shirley Browne RIP</i>
	9.00am	St Teresa	Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
	11.00am	St Patrick	Mass <i>Andrew Martin RIP</i>
	11.00am	St Philip Neri	Mass <i>Rodulfo Ramirez RIP, Rowela and Genoveva RIP</i>
	5.00pm	St Joseph	Mass <i>Elizabeth Leishman RIP</i>
	5.00pm	St Philip Neri	Mass <i>Mary and Paddy Kyne RIP</i>

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C) Sunday 19 December 2021

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Saint Bernadette	High Street, Bolsover, S44 6HF
Saint Joseph	Langwith Rd, Shirebrook, NG20 9RP
Saint Patrick	Clipstone Rd West, Forest Town, NG19 0BU
Saint Philip Neri	3 Chesterfield Rd South, Mansfield, NG19 7AB
Saint Teresa	High St, Market Warsop, NG20 0AG

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St Philip Neri with St Bede Voluntary Academy (Primary)	Headteacher: Mr D. Steele tel: 01623 489010
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SACRAMENTAL LIFE - CONFESSIONS IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

St Joseph: Wednesdays 6.30pm to 7.00pm St Patrick's: Wednesdays after 9.15am Mass
St Philip Neri: Saturdays 10.30am to 11.30am St Teresa: Thursdays 10.30am to 11.00am
St Philip Neri Reconciliation Service on Tuesday 21 December from 7.00pm to 8.00pm

SECOND COLLECTIONS: Sick and Retired Priests Fund: 16 January 2022

PRAYERS

Those who have died recently, Charles Michael Oskwarek whose funeral service will take place at St Philip Neri on Monday 20 December at 12noon. Phyllis Rowbotham whose funeral Mass will take place at St Philip Neri on Tuesday 11 January at 12noon. Please remember Charles, Phyllis and their families in your prayers. **Funerals - capacity within the social distanced church. Please attend only at the invitation of the family.**

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions December 2021: Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

GENERAL NOTICES

Social Distancing in Our Churches:

Following consultation with Parish Councils and Core Groups, we have come to the following decisions: We will continue to use the Diocesan booking system. Instead of booking an individual place or family pew you will be asked to book the number of seats you require for yourself or your family. Our churches will continue to be socially distanced.

Masks will continue to be worn in church. Our attendance at life-cycle ceremonies will continue to be by family invitation only and be limited to the socially distanced capacity of our churches. The reception of Holy Communion has returned to its rightful place within the Mass, and takes place with the assistance of our stewards and our Eucharistic Ministers, who have returned to service in the sanctuary. We are in the process of reviewing our procedures. Thanks, as always to all our stewards for keeping us safe at Mass. Fr John

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

1 JANUARY 2022 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

11.00am St Philip Neri

11.00am St Patrick

Our Crib Offerings this year are for 'St Martha's Project': St Martha's care for the elderly in Bethlehem. Please try and make a special visit to the crib as a family and to pray together. Please give generously.

BIBLE STUDIES ON THE ADVENT SUNDAY GOSPELS

Mauro Iannicelli will continue the Advent Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. As a result, you will experience Sunday Mass in a new way! Wednesday: 22 Dec (7-8pm UK Time). Free of Charge | LIVE sessions on YouTube. Info & Registration: <https://comeandsee.org/advent>

BOOK FOR MASS - WWW.MASSBOOKING.UK

For all our churches we are using the diocesan booking system on www.massbooking.uk to pre-book your individual places at Mass. Please book the number of seats you require for yourself or your family. **Face masks to be worn and distancing to be observed at all times.**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK FOR ALL MASSES USING THE BOOKING SYSTEM ON OUR WEBSITE

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL: We would like to express our thanks to all who do so much for our wonderful parishes throughout the year, and we wish everyone a happy and holy Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.

May the blessings of God be showered on you today, tomorrow and into the New Year. From Fr John, Fr Marc, Fr Shalbin, Sr Susan and Sr Mary.

Faith in Families: From 5 January Faith in Families will be merging with a larger charity and agency called "Adoption Focus" who are based in the West Midlands. It has its roots in Catholic Community and whilst Faith in Families will no longer exist, it is hoped that it will give financial stability. Therefore, there will be no more collections of Faith in Families boxes. If you wish to send any final donations to Faith in Families, please give them to Ann Neale by the end of December so that final amounts can be sent before their January deadline. Thank you to all those who have contributed in the past and I am sure if you wish to continue to contribute to a Catholic based adoption society, then Adoption Focus will be pleased to receive your donations.

ST BERNADETTE'S COMMUNITY

Next Mass at St Mary and St Laurence will be celebrated on Friday 7 January 2022 at 10.00am.

ST JOSEPH

Christmas Mass: Children can come dressed up as angels or shepherds to the Christmas Mass.

You are invited to donate a poinsettia in memory of someone at Christmas - these will be used to decorate St Joseph's church. They can be left at the backdoor of the Presbytery in Shirebrook - with a card.....

ST PATRICK'S

St Patrick's Christmas Masses on Friday 24 December at 5.00pm (Children's Mass) and Saturday 25 December at 10.00am: In light of the increasing numbers of infections from COVID-19, we will operate a booking system for the two Christmas Masses at this church. To book a place, please e-mail patrickftmass@gmail.com; telephone 01623 622705; or sign the list in the church porch, giving details of which Mass you wish to attend and the names of all attending (including children) and a contact telephone number or e-mail address. Sunday Mass on 26 December is at the normal time of 11.00am and there is no need to book.

ST PHILIP NERI

Anne and Roger Chambers 60th Wedding Anniversary: Anne and Roger will be having refreshments after Mass on Wednesday 5 January and all are welcome.

ST TERESA

Decorating the church at St Teresa's will take place on the 4th Sunday of Advent, you can help:

- Bring the names of loved ones on a gift tag. These will be placed on our Tree of Remembrance (Gift tags are in church).
- Make a donation to the cost of flowers in the collection for flowers taken on 12 December.
- Bring a bauble for the Christmas tree (max 2).
- Give a few minutes on 19 Dec after Mass to move our decorations from Advent to our Christmas celebration.

Encountering God in your daily work – For four Wednesdays, starting on 12 January at 7.00pm, the diocese will be running an online course looking at how we can encounter Jesus in our daily work and how it can help us to grow in holiness too. We spend more hours in a week at work than doing most other activities (including going to church) so let's make an experience of daily glory rather than a daily grind. For more information visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/onlineevents

Mansfield Foodbank: Hello everyone and I hope you are as well as possible during these what seems always uncertain times.

Thanks again to each and every one of you who have so generously supported us at The Stanhope Centre. I cannot overemphasise how much your consistency and obvious care for those in the Mansfield community has meant to us all and particularly for those individuals for whom your donations have helped. We could not have continued without it.

It is therefore, with heavy heart that events have now meant that our service will be winding down and will no longer operate at some point early next year.

There are a number of factors which have forced this decision, not least that The Methodist Church and Stanhope Centre are now formally up for sale. I understand that a lot of interest has been shown from the business sector and we would therefore, have no way of operating as we do.

On a personal note, a move to Northumberland early next year means that it would no longer be viable to continue and there is a huge commitment which would be difficult for someone to continue! I have been so lucky to have had some fantastic people who have stepped up and helped to continue as long as we have. The challenges we have faced have been huge!

However, it is almost a natural conclusion and if I am honest, I feel I need to have rest! It has been a huge learning curve and it is quite an emotional thing to give up as I have met and had conversations with people with issues and situations I would not have imagined. Many have become names that we at The Stanhope Centre have come to care a great deal about. We know them and they trust us as we strive to be non-judgemental even when at times we have been faced with some challenging and difficult behaviour.

Your donations have helped and supported very many people in the Mansfield community and I have always talked to many about your Church support. I am currently unable to give a final date of closure but any donations you may wish to donate I can confidently say would be distributed to the less fortunate.

A really big thank you to Catherine, your wonderful Father John for their patience and to Maureen Tunney who has championed this vitally important issue. She has alerted others who I have had the privilege to meet and talk with around the problems of homelessness and the subsequent problems around it. Unfortunately, it is not something which is going to be eradicated.

Finally, I would on behalf of everyone at The Stanhope Centre like to wish you all a peaceful, joyful Christmas and a hopeful New Year.

If I could hug you all I would! Love Lu xx.

Vacancy for Lay Chaplain at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi- Academy Trust:

Location: De La Salle Hub – All Saints' Catholic Voluntary Academy, and its feeder primaries – Holy Trinity in Newark, St Joseph's in Boughton, St Joseph's in Langwith Junction, St Patrick's in Mansfield, and St Philip Neri with St Bede in Mansfield.

Closing date: 9.00am, Monday 24 January 2022.

Details of this post and an application form are available on our website www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/vacancies

Honouring Sunday

During the pandemic, public worship was suspended for a time and there have been restrictions on parish life. As a result, people have been exploring other ways to practice their faith including Spiritual Communion via live streaming. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our spiritual and pastoral life. The Sunday Eucharist is a gift; as God's holy people we are called to praise and thank God in the most sublime way possible. When the Church speaks of the Sunday obligation, it reminds us that attending Mass is a personal response to the selfless offering of Christ's love. We now encourage all Catholics to look again at the patterns which they have formed in recent months with regard to going to Mass on Sundays. The Sunday Mass is the very heartbeat of the Church and of our personal life of faith. We gather on the "first day of the week," and devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers (Acts 2:42). **Extract from CBCEW** [https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-statement honouring-Sunday](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-statement-honouring-Sunday)

Theme - No waste Christmas

Reduce Waste goods

- Buy less
- Buy Second Hand goods
- Use Recyclable Wrapping Paper for Christmas Presents
- Think carefully about the Christmas Present you give. Perhaps consider donating to a Charity or suggesting to someone that they do that instead of giving you a gift. CAFOD's World Gifts are a good way of doing this. They can be found here: www.cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

Reduce Waste food

- Only buy what food you can use eg. Buy a size of turkey suitable for the number of guests
- Use leftovers in another recipe
- Use the freezer for leftovers
- Make soup with vegetables left in the fridge at the end of the week.
- Use unexpected parts of vegetables eg stalks, outside leaves of cabbage, broccoli in soups and casseroles
- Understand the difference between sell by and use by dates