

A REGISTER OF CHURCH VOLUNTEERS A register of **CHURCH VOLUNTEERS**: Many thanks to all who have completed their forms. Last volunteers to fill out your details? Registration forms are now available In the Narthex or by email. Who does this apply to? Really anyone who helps in any way in the Parish! From Church Cleaner, flower arranger reader, Coffee volunteer, church collection Bazaar Offertory PPC, welcomer and so on.. You can also receive the form by email from parishpriest@olvic.com **PS Just one form is necessary for all your roles in the parish.**



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10th December 2023
 2nd Sunday of Advent
 Psalter Week 2
 Year B

RED BOXES: Many thanks to everyone who continues to find coins to put into their Red Boxes (increasingly difficult in post Covid/card only times) to help the poor and needy in our world. Your support is so much needed and very greatly appreciated. As always, please leave your box on the table in the Cloister and it will be returned after emptying, to the same place. Should anyone wish to help by taking a box, please speak to Father Chris or to Bob and Chris Shepherd. Thank you very much once more.

School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies (Reception Year) - Children born between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020 The deadline for submitting your application for a school place is **15th January 2024**. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a **faith criterion** you **should also complete a supplementary information form**, and return this form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school). You **MUST** also include the supporting **evidence*** as required with this form, eg baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place. *If you do not have the required evidence please contact the parish where your child was baptised for a copy certificate in good time.

If you are a **Gift Aid Declaration Holder** please advise your parish office, or the Diocesan Gift Aid Department (parish.giftaid@dioceseofnottingham.uk) of any change in your circumstances, such as **name change / address change / no longer a taxpayer**. If your spouse has died and the GA Declaration was in his / her name, and you wish to continue to contribute because you are a taxpayer, then a new GA Declaration Form will need to be completed. Please also advise of the date of your spouse's death. **Your continued support of both parish and Diocese is always very much appreciated – thank you!** If you do not Gift Aid your contributions, and you are a taxpayer, and wish to do so, please speak with your parish priest, or contact the parish office for a Gift Aid Declaration Form.

FINANCE	November		READERS		
Envelopes	£972.38		Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
Loose	£1007.91	9 /10 Dec	M. Mihovilovic	J. Thayaseelan	P. Green
Standing Order	£3579.50	16/17 Dec	C. Baldam	R. van der Liet	C. Sellechia
Total	£5559.79				

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

6.00pm Mass: Jim McCabe RIP (Joan)

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish

Coffee after Mass

3.00pm: Parish Carol Service by the Catenians

Monday: Advent Feria

9.00am: November Dead List

Tuesday: Advent Feria

9.00am Mass: Phil Danks RIP (Mary)

Wednesday: St Lucy

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Mikki English (Family)

Thursday: St John of the Cross

9.45am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: Gerald Andrews RIP (Blamires)

Coffee after Mass

11.00am & 6.30pm: Nativities Y1 & 2

No Holy Hour

Friday: Advent Feria

7.00pm Mass: Annie & Wilfred Wagstaff RIP (Joan)

Saturday: Advent Feria

6.00pm Mass: Boswell Family

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish



All mankind will see the salvation of God.

CONFESSIONS

11.00am
 5.15pm



2nd Collection for Poor & Needy Parishes this weekend

FR CHRIS WRITES: What a wonderful day we had on Saturday for our Bazaar. It was wonderful to see so many people come to celebrate and meet each other and have fun from the oldest right through to the youngest baby in a pram. I don't know if you spotted the lovely twins! A big thank you to everybody involved from our committee led by Alan, Stephen and Robert, all arts tool holders and those who worked getting everything ready and clearing up in the end. Optically thank you to our school and the children who provided so many prizes and our after school club who do such a wonderful job with the grotto. There are so many thank yous to make with all the refreshments as well of different sorts including the wonderful cakes. Our final total seems to be about £11,299 after all the costs. But what was a wonderful memory to watch people reaching each other and hugging each other. Many, Many thanks to everyone who supported in whatever way! **NB Prize sheets are on the notice board.**

Next weekend we will have a retiring Collection for the Christmas flowers.

Also the **WEEKLY Rosary Group** meets every Sunday 3.30-4pm outside in front of the statue of Our Lady praying especially for Peace & Reconciliation in Society. Contact Maureen Douglas 07966 515115.

READERS WANTED: I shall soon be compiling the Readers' Rota for 2024. Please would anyone who would like to read at Saturday evening or Sunday morning mass please give their name and contact details to Fr. Chris or Margaret Atkins. If you don't catch me at church, email or call me on margaretatkins52@gmail.com or 01858 446369."

CHRISTMAS MASSES as Christmas falls on a Monday this year which makes things a little complicated!

Sunday Masses at normal 6.00pm sat; 10.00am Sunday

Christmas eve (Sun): 6.00pm & 10.00pm. (Preceded by carols 9.30pm)

Christmas day: 10.00am:

St Stephen's day (Boxing day) 7.00pm

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS: We are going to have to have a special service for the Sacrament of reconciliation **on Tuesday 19 December 7.00pm**. There will be visiting priests available. Many parishes have the celebrations in advent and lent and it is an opportunity to go to another priest other than the parish priest. We can make it a great opportunity to prepare for Christmas in a special way this year with the sacrament of confession. There will be a little introduction a couple of prayers and examination of conscience and the blessed sacrament will be exposed while its confessions are heard. Come along and meet the merciful Lord.

DECEMBER 2023 VICTORY PRIZE DRAW:

Winners for the December 2023 Prize Draw

1st Prize £90 M Ockenden ticket number 272; 2nd Prize £50 R Sanbrook ticket number 113;

3rd Prize £30 P Clifton ticket number 110

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS for adults and also children's booklets & calendars are available at church. They have a meditation for each day based on the readings for Mass each day including the Christmas period. They are a great resource to help us pray in this special season.

Also From the start of December CAFOD is sharing **daily Bible reflections**, 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>

The diocese is producing a **monthly podcast for the Year of Prayer** called **Encounter Prayer**. Each month a different type of prayer will be showcased; this first episode is given by Bishop Patrick who introduces the Year of Prayer, his hopes for it, and shares insights from his own prayer life. The Podcasts can be found on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music and Audible by searching Diocese of Nottingham; they are also on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER: The world in 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. A prayer sheet is available.

Our Parish **CAROL SERVICE** organised by the Catenians is scheduled for **Sunday 10th December at 3.00PM**. St Joseph's children will also be taking part. Come along to take part and listen to the Christmas readings and the wonderful words of the carols.



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL invites you to their Nativities which this year are taking place in our church: Year 1 & 2 Nativity on Wednesday 13th December at 2.00pm, Thursday 14th December at 11.00am & 6.30pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We are now looking forward to First Holy Communion in 2024. Application forms are now available from Fr Chris after any of the Masses. Please return the form by **7 January 2023**. It is for children in year 3 and above. The first meeting for parents will take place on **Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 7.00pm in the Octagonal Hall** when we will introduce the course and give out the plan. The first session for children will take place on Sunday 21 January 2023 from 9.20am - 10.20am and the children will join their parents and the congregation after the Liturgy of the Word .

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Thanks to our safeguarding coordinators, we have nearly got through our DBS checks. I thought we could have an initial meeting to take it forward **after the 10.00am Mass on 17th December**. Many thanks to Fr. Chris.

