

NEW CATECHIST FORMATION COURSE: There is a new formation course for catechists which begins in January. It is designed to build confidence and knowledge to live this wonderful ministry. If you are starting out as a Catechist or have been one for a number of years there will be something here for you. It looks rather good and can be attended in person or online. It is less burdensome than the previous one. It involves three shorter courses that feed into each other. Pick up a leaflet from the table in the cloister to find out more. The parish will pay any cost for the course.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS for adults and also children's 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.

School admissions to St Joseph's Catholic Academy (Foundation Year) - Children born between 01/09/2018 and 31/08/2019 The deadline for submitting your application for a school place is **15th January 2023**. Application forms are available on the [Leicestershire Local Authority Admissions](#) website. When applying to a Catholic school, if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you *must also complete a supplementary information form*, and return this form to **St Joseph's** by the deadline, (Please contact the School Office on 01858 465359 to obtain a form). You **MUST** also include the *supporting evidence* as required eg baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked is 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.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS IN CHURCH: During COVID we have been taking the Collections as we leave Church. However the time has come, I think to take them once again in Church which is the norm. we tried it last week at the 11.00am Mass. So I am asking for volunteers or indeed families who would like to be responsible the collection and Offertory procession at a given Sunday mass. Hopefully we can produce a rota. The person on duty could ask someone to help them that day. There is a list in the Cloister for you to sign up with name Mass and contact details. Many thanks.

THIRD WORLD GROUP: Due to the ongoing limitations on social events for fund-raising, our main source of income at the moment is selling items on eBay, but our stock is dwindling. If we are to keep our promises to our beneficiaries we must maintain this activity. Please look through your cupboards, drawers, lofts, even sheds and garages, for good quality items that you no longer need. Clothing is the most popular but anything as long as it is in good condition and still has some value. Our box is under the table opposite the noticeboard in the cloister.

		Sat. 6.00 pm	Sunday, 9.00 am	11.00 a.m.
Readers	10/11 December	C. Baldam	C. Goddard	M Douglas
	17/18 December	E. Andrews	C. Reed	M. Lewin



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11th December 2022
Third Week of Advent
Psalter Week 3

Times of Services

Sunday: 3rd of Advent - GAUDETE SUNDAY

Sat. 6.00pm: Bieganski-Perka Family

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Arthur Johnson

3.00pm: Parish Carol service

Monday: Advent FERIA

9.00am Mass: Phil Danks RIP Birthday)

Tuesday: St Lucy

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

Wednesday: St John of the Cross

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Fr Robin Sanders RIP (Blamires)

Thursday: Advent FERIA

9.45am Rosary

10.00am: Bridie Cannon RIP (McGlone)

Coffee after Mass

Friday: Advent FERIA

6.30pm: Exposition

7.00pm Mass: Sean Murray RIP

Saturday: Advent FERIA

6.00pm Mass: Mary Maguire RIP anniv (Scott)

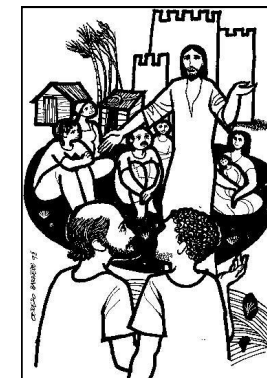
Sunday: 4th of Advent

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Michael Gatens RIP (Taylor)

2nd Collection for Flowers this weekend

PLEASE NOTE: *Please sanitise as you enter the church and we encourage people to wear masks but please respect those who do not. Please to not come to Mass if you have any symptoms of a viral infection.*

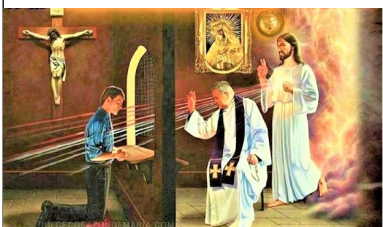


*Are you the one who
is to come, or have
we got to wait for
someone else?*



CONFESSIONS
11am &
5.15 - 5.45pm
Saturdays

FR CHRIS WRITES: We have celebrated the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception which always marks a special moment in as it seems to move our focus of Advent waiting and expectation nearer to Christ birth as we look forward and long for the Son of Mary. That becomes all the more intense on the 17th December which marks the second part of Advent with intense longing of all the faithful along with Mary and of course Elizabeth and Zacharias.



CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS: We are going to have to have a special service for the Sacrament of reconciliation on Monday 19th December at 7.00pm. There **will** visiting priests available. Fr Peter Wade Fr John Hoe Maloney and Fr Jim Cahill. Many parishes have the celebrations in advent and lent and it is an opportunity to go to another priest other than the parish priest. I know it's been difficult with COVID but

so many to go to confession over these last two or so years. 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.**

Grand Raffle remaining prizes with Fr Chris		
Prize	Ticket No.	Winner
8 th Bottle of Whiskey	0618	Liz H
10 th Clotted Cream Fudge	3446	Emma Chester
Repository Draw	Christmas Goodies	Blue 416-420

This Sunday 11 December 3.00pm: OUR PARISH CAROL SERVICE organised by the Catenians is scheduled for **3.00PM**. we will be joined by children from our School. This year there is no limit for places. Thank God!!



ADVENT is a time of hope and expectation and above all encounter with Christ. Advent is a spiritual season to grow closer to Christ and prepare for his coming to us in a new or deeper way. The words of John the Baptist ring true for this time: *prepare away for the Lord. Can we make space and time for him in these coming weeks?*

We will have some extra devotions: Morning prayer a quarter of an hour before Mass on Wednesdays and Rosary before Mass on Thursday and Exposition on Fridays at 6.30pm so that we may encounter Our Lord in a special way as we prepare to welcome him at Christmas as the word made flesh among us.

VICTORY PRIZE DRAW WINNERS: 1st Prize £100 M Sparks ticket number 175: 2nd Prize £50 B Stewart ticket number 16: 3rd Prize £30 M Ockenden ticket number 272.

Annual members are reminded that their fees are due in January 2023 and can be forwarded to K Shiers 23 Fairfax Road Market Harborough LE16 9JT cheques made out to Victory Prize Draw. Thank you all for your support,

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION . We are now looking forward to First Holy Communion in 2023. Applications forms are now available from Fr Chris after any of the Masses. Please return the form by 8 January 2023. It is for children in year 3 and above, The first meeting for parents will take place on **Thursday 19th January 2023 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 22 January 2023 from 10.20am-11.20am and each session will take place in between the Masses with the children join-

FIRST COMMUNION: We are still looking for new people and some from a younger generation who would like to be part of a team to prepare our children for next July. This is a very great ministry and full of great blessings. Please speak or ring Fr Chris. A DBS clearance would need to be done.

'GOING DEEPER' Do you want to go deeper into your Catholic spiritual life and prayer life? A monthly 'Going Deeper' gathering will continue on Tuesday 20 December at 6.30pm and continue thereafter on the third Tuesday of the month. It will begin in the Kavanagh Room. The main components of the meeting will be: the evening prayer of the Church; discussion of a classic text on prayer by one of the great spiritual teachers, a period of silent prayer. The plan is to finish around 8pm. For more information, email Cyprian Blamires on cpblamires@aol.com or phone him on 01858 468224 or 07714 651756.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: As Christmas fall on a Sunday we will follow the usual weekend mass times with the addition of the 10pm Mass

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

Christmas day: 9.00am & 11.00am:

On Sunday the Masses will be the normal 9.00am & 11.00am.

St Stephen's day (Boxing day) 11.00am



READERS FOR 2023: Reading at mass is a very important and satisfying ministry. If you would like to read at one of the weekend masses please could you contact Margaret Atkins, in person or phone 01858 446369 or email margaretatkins52@gmail.com, giving your name, the time of the mass you normally attend and your contact details, phone and email, or write down these details and hand to Fr Chris.

WELCOMERS NEEDED: We're very short of welcomers at the 11am Mass, so if you mostly go to that Mass and think that you could spare a half hour or so, once a month (or less often if that's what you can manage) to welcome your fellow parishioners we'd love to hear from you. New volunteers to welcome at other Masses would be very helpful too. Please contact Theresa Kendrick on 07748 591398 or Beatrice Stewart on 01858 465492, or just have a word with Fr Chris.