



# The Holy Family

COMMUNITIES OF  
Sacred Heart & St Margaret Mary,  
Our Lady of Good Counsel & St Joseph's



Saturday 13th	6:30pm Vigil Mass	Sacred Heart	RIP Vaoleta & Francisco Brito. <b>GH</b> Justino Brito. <b>B'Day</b> Gavin Colimao.
Sunday 14th <b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> (Live-streamed)	9am Mass  10.15am Mass 11.30am Mass	St Joseph's  Our Lady's Sacred Heart	<b>RIP</b> Sr Catherine Ferguson, Lucy Lobo & Yvette Lopes, Nicolau & Nascimento Rodrigues, Mario & Anthony Rodrigues & Yvonne Steele Rodrigues, Antoni Makowski. <b>Int.</b> Bridgid Geraghty. <b>RIP</b> Renato & Noemia, Jose & Tereza, Doreen Dourado. <b>RIP</b> Joao & Maria de Monte Nunes, Auta Nunes, Francisco Nunes, Celda Miranda, Mary Glassford, John Cooper, Clotildes & Vincent Mascarenhas, Antonio, Amelia & Santos Borgo Fernandes, Francisco Remedios, Delizia Noronha. <b>Thanksgiving</b> for our Lady of Immaculate Conception. <b>Int.</b> Bridgid Geraghty, Yuvaan & Yogesh Chalke. <b>1st B'day</b> Ayaana & Yuvaansh Chalke. <b>GH/B'Day</b> Allwyn Nunes.

Sorry, no refreshments at St Joseph's this Sunday.

We welcome Denisz in Baptism at Sacred Heart this week.



Mon 15th <b>Advent Feria</b>	10am Mass	SMM	<b>RIP</b> Minguell Santano Mendes, <b>GH</b> Philomena De Lacy.
Tues 16th <b>Advent Feria</b>	9am Holy Hour (SH) 10am Mass 11.30 Mass	Parish Int. Sacred Heart St Joseph's	<i>For joy in the world.</i> <b>Int.</b> Fr Bertrand Sawadogo. <b>GH</b> Danny McCarthy & Eileen Collopy.
Wed 17th <b>Advent Feria</b>	10am Mass	Sacred Heart	The People of the Parish.
Thurs 18th <b>Advent Feria</b>	10am Mass in Club	Sacred Heart	<b>RIP</b> Mary Glassford, Gus, Betty, Charlie & Ben O'Gorman & Pat Brennan. <b>GH</b> Virginia Werner & Elsie Kennedy. <b>B'day</b> Olga Remedios.
Fri 19th <b>Advent Feria</b>	9am Holy Hour (OL) 10am Mass 5:45pm Rosary 6pm Mass	Parish Int. Our Lady's Sacred Heart	<i>For joy in the world.</i> The People of the Parish. In thanksgiving for our Parish Clergy.

**Upcoming Funerals** Please pray for all recently deceased and their families.  
**Sr Catherine Ferguson** a sister of St Joseph of Peace whose funeral will be in Ireland this week. *Eternal rest grant unto them oh Lord, may they rest in peace. Amen.*



**Tamil Community Mass and Christmas Party** at St Joseph's THIS Sunday 14th December. Mass at 11.30am with party to follow. All welcome.

## Prayer & Events in our Parishes

**Jesus Youth** Mondays 6.30pm in SH Parish hall.

**Good Shepherd Prayer Group** Tuesdays 6-7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Club. Last meeting before Christmas is 16th December, returning on 13th January. **Special Thanksgiving Adoration** 30th December 8pm-10pm in St Joseph's Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All welcome.

**Monthly Rosary Rally** 1.30pm on Sunday 4th January outside Sports Direct in the City Centre.

**Journeying with the Scriptures in a Time of Grief through Lectio Divina** Tuesday 23rd December **at 10.15am** led by Sarah in St Joseph's Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Followed by Mass at 11.30 and then lunch at The Olive Branch.  
**St Joseph's Blessed Sacrament Chapel** Open daily 9am to 4pm.

**Jesus Youth Teens** Every Thursday (in term time) from 6pm to 7pm in St Joseph's Church Hall.

Saturday 20th	6 pm Carols 6.30 pm Mass  6:30pm Mass	St Joseph's  Sacred Heart	<b>RIP</b> Gordon Crewe & Bown Family, Michael Collopy. <b>RIP</b> Tom, Gerald, Bernadette & Noreen Naan. <b>GH</b> Cathy Smart. <b>NO MASS TODAY.</b>
Sunday 21st <b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> (Live-streamed)	9am Mass 10.15am Mass 11.30am Mass	St Joseph's Our Lady's Sacred Heart	<b>NO MASS TODAY.</b> <b>RIP</b> Luke Waters, Luciana Linda Vaz. <b>RIP</b> Constancio & Francisca, Zarita D'silva, Mario Rodrigues, Margaret Young. <b>GH</b> Celia & Cyril Moraes. <b>GH/B'day</b> Raiyza Rebelo, Ludgero De Brito & Adelina Fernandes.

**The Holy Family Churches:** St Joseph's, 12 Goodwood Road, Leicester LE5 6SG

Our Lady of Good Counsel, 15, Peebles Way, Rushey Mead LE4 7ZB

Sacred Heart, 25, Mere Road, Leicester LE5 3HS

**Parish Priest:** Fr David Cain **Assistant Priest:** Fr Vitalis Akandu **Parish Deacon:** Rev Séamus O'Looskan

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**Live-stream from SH** 11.30am on Facebook & YouTube & other services as announced.

**St Margaret Mary Community Mass**  
at St Paul's Polish Church, Wakerley Rd, LE5 4WE

Lectionary Cycle: A2



## Christmas Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 20th Dec at 6.00pm at St Joseph's. Carols by the tree in the garden and process into church for Mass.  
Refreshments to follow in the hall served by The Friends of British South Cameroons  
No 6.30pm Mass at Sacred Heart on 20th Dec & No 9am Mass at St Joseph's on 21st Dec.



## All for Music Christmas Concert

All for Music who hold their music lessons at Sacred Heart Church and halls are holding a Christmas Concert at Sacred Heart Church on Thursday 18th December at 7pm.  
All are welcome to come along and listen to these budding musicians perform.



## St Paul's School Christmas Market

Wednesday 17th Dec from 4pm with Carols at 5.45pm. Please come and support the school.  
More info on our website and socials.



## Final Christmas Market 2025

**Sacred Heart after 11.30am Mass THIS Sunday, 14th December.**

Please **bring cash** along with you and support our parish. If you're unable to make it, you can make a donation using the card machines in all churches. Just select Christmas Market and give what you can. *Thank you to all who organised, ran stalls and supported St Joseph's Christmas Market last weekend.*  
*Over £1500 was raised! If you missed the market, you can still give using the card machine in the church.*



## Christmas Mass Intentions

Please get your Christmas Mass intentions to us as soon as possible. If you would like an intention at a Christmas Eve/Day Mass, please state which Mass you would like. The Parish Office will be closed from 2pm on 23rd December until Monday 5th January. Mass intentions during this time of office closure will need to be handed to the Priest at Mass. No emailed Mass intentions will be actioned during this time.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

## WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS FOR 6TH FORM STUDENTS NEEDED

### CAN YOU HELP?

- Do you own or work for a company who would like to give back to the community and offer one of our Year 12 students a one week work experience placement?
- This is an opportunity for our students to gain and develop employability skills in the workplace.
- Opportunities can be from ANY industry or area of work.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The placement must take place between Monday 19th to Friday 23rd January 2026.
- Please contact our Careers Leader - Mrs. McDonagh by calling 0116 2414057 or emailing [zmcdonagh@st-pauls.leicestersch.uk](mailto:zmcdonagh@st-pauls.leicestersch.uk) if you are able to offer a placement or would like further information.



**Christmas Offerings envelopes** are available in all churches this weekend for your Christmas offering to our Priests. If you want your offering to go directly to our priests, please do put it into an envelope. Thank you!

**OLGC Collection 7th December**  
Loose & Envelopes £336.84  
Standing Orders £118.31  
Contactless £0.00  
**Total** £455.15

**SH Collection 6th / 7th December**  
Loose & Envelopes £784.13  
Standing Orders £476.85  
Contactless £5.00  
**Total** £1265.98

**SJ Collections 7th December**  
Loose & Envelopes £336.40  
Standing Orders £444.23  
Contactless £0.00  
**Total** £780.63

Please make the most of the card machines in all of our churches to give your weekly donation.

With Gift Aid, a £10 donation gives the church £12.50. A £20 donation gives £25!

**Parish Bank Account Details:** **SH:** Sacred Heart Leicester RCP Account number: 00949284 Sort Code: 30-15-97 **OLGC:** Our Lady of Good Counsel Leicester RCP Account number: 51819560 Sort Code: 30-94-97. **SJ:** St Joseph's Leicester RCP Account number: 51763560 Sort Code: 30-94-97. **Please put a reference detailing the nature of your payment when paying into our Parish accounts.**



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## Christmas Dates & Times

**20th Dec Carols 6pm** at St Joseph's Church followed by Mass. *No Evening Mass at Sacred Heart & No morning Mass at St Joseph's on Sun 21st Dec.*

**22nd Dec All Altar Servers Practice 11am to 1.30pm** at St Joseph's Church, followed by Buffet Lunch.

### 24th Dec Confessions

9am to 10.30am St Joseph's  
10.30am to 12 noon Our Lady's  
12 noon to 1.30pm Sacred Heart



### 24th Dec Christmas Masses

**St Joseph's** - 4.30pm Family Mass and 9.30pm Carols followed by 10pm Night Mass.

**Our Lady's** - 6.30pm Vigil Mass and 11.30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass.

**Sacred Heart** - 6.30pm Vigil Mass and 11.30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass.

### 25th Dec Christmas Day Masses

9am St Joseph's, 10.15am Our Lady's, 11.30am Sacred Heart.

### 26th Dec Feast of St Stephen /Boxing Day Mass

10am at Sacred Heart Church.

### New Year Masses

31st Dec 11pm Holy Hour followed by Midnight Mass at Our Lady's.

1st Jan 10am Mass at Sacred Heart.

## Sensory Friendly Mass & First Holy Communion Preparation - Saturday 17th January at Sacred Heart Primary School, Mere Close, Leicester

11am First Holy Communion Prep, 11.30am Sensory Friendly Mass.

We are delighted to host a special Sensory Friendly Mass for those with additional needs one Saturday a month presided at by Fr David and supported by specialist teaching staff from our local schools. Our 11.30am Mass on Sunday 11th January will be a Sensory Friendly Mass for all to attend. First Holy Communion Day will be Saturday 4th July at Sacred Heart Church. For information, speak to Fr David or call the Parish Office.

Thank you for your donations to the Poor & Needy Parishes Collection last week. Across all three parishes we raised £755.32.

## Upcoming 2nd Collections Local Hospices 21st December.

Following the Assisted Dying Bill, this 2nd collection has been introduced to support Hospices across the Diocese to provide valuable palliative care to those who need it.

**Donations can be made by card machine.**

