



# The Holy Family

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



Saturday 20th	6 pm Carols 6.30 pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	<b>RIP</b> Gordon Crewe & Bown Family, Michael Collopy, Tom, Gerald, Bernadette & Noreen Naan. <b>GH</b> Cathy Smart. <b>NO MASS TODAY.</b>	Join us on 20th for Carols in the garden at St Joseph's at 6pm with Mass at 6.30pm. Then stay and partake of some refreshments while supporting the Friends of British Southern Cameroons.
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>1st Anniv.</b> Threza Fernandes. <b>RIP</b> Luke Waters, Luciana Linda Vaz, Angela Kelly, Luis & Olga Machado, Agnelo, Savio & Ludavina Machado, Maria Braganza. <b>GH</b> Felix Miranda, Winston Almeida <b>RIP</b> Constancio & Francisca, Zarita D'silva, Mario Rodrigues, Margaret Young, Marcos Lopes, Augustine & Mary Rebelo, Benjamin Rodrigues. <b>GH</b> Celia & Cyril Moraes, Flaviana Brito. <b>GH/B'day</b> Raiyza Rebelo, Ludgero De Brito & Adelina Fernandes.	

We welcome Mateo in Baptism at Sacred Heart this weekend.



**Christmas Eve Confessions 24th Dec SJ's 9am-10.30am. OL's 10.30am-12 noon. SH 12 noon-1.30pm.**

Monday 22nd <b>Advent Feria</b>	10am Mass	SMM	<b>GH</b> Luis & Shaniyana Noronha, Mary Thomas.
Tuesday 23rd <b>Advent Feria</b>	9am Holy Hour 10am Mass 11.30 Mass	Parish Int. Sacred Heart St Joseph's	<i>For Peace in the hearts of all this Christmas.</i> <b>RIP</b> Sirvila Maria Fernandes DeSouza. <b>RIP</b> Patrick Commins.
Wednesday 24th <b>The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day</b>  (Live-streamed)	4.30pm Family Mass 6.30pm Vigil Mass 6.30pm Vigil Mass  9.30pm Carols & 10pm Mass 11.30pm Carols Midnight Mass 11.30pm Carols Midnight Mass	St Joseph's Our Lady's Sacred Heart  St Joseph's Our Lady's Sacred Heart	<b>RIP</b> James Stones, Gerard Hirst, Ron Parkin. <b>GH/B'day</b> Gabriella Rozario.  <b>RIP</b> Meliza Joseph D'Sa <b>GH</b> Joaquim Brito & Family & Fatima Fernandes. <b>RIP</b> Nelson Fernandes. <b>GH</b> Johnson Sandes & Fam.  <b>GH</b> Belino Mendonca.  <b>RIP</b> Maria Jesus Mendonca & Dec'd Mendonca Fam. <b>Int</b> Louise Phillip, Bemice Teague & Theo. <b>GH</b> Orson Noronha & Family, Dominic & Vilma Rocha & Adrian & Erica Rocha, Zulema Remedios & Fam.
Thursday 25th <b>The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day</b> (Live-streamed)	9am Mass 10:15am Mass  11.30am Mass	St Joseph's Our Lady's  Sacred Heart	<b>GH</b> The Murphy Family. <b>RIP</b> Eileen Martinez, Francisco Xavier Cardoza, Milagros L Canapi & Rufino P Canapi.  <b>RIP</b> Alex & Nelson Fernandes, Jimmie, Sheila, James Mannix & Jean Phillips, Ancy Dourado. <b>GH</b> Bridget Harrigan & Nora & John.
Friday 26th St Stephen	10am Mass <b>NO MASS AT OUR LADY'S</b>	Sacred Heart	<b>RIP</b> Alex Fernandes. <b>GH</b> Muzella Miranda. <b>In Thanksgiving.</b>

## Sanctuary Lamps:

SH GH Graduates & post Graduates of De Montfort University & Leicester University.

## 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 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.

**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 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.



## Sacred Heart Christmas Market

raised over £1600 and received a generous donation of £1000 from the Zimbabwean Community who are great supporters of Sacred Heart Church. Our thanks goes out to everyone who helped with organising the event or running a stall and to everyone who attended.

The markets were wonderful events in all three of our churches. Thank you!



## Christmas Mass Intentions & Christmas Office Closure

Mass Intentions for 24th December to 9th January need to be received by the office by the end of the day on Monday 22nd December in order to be printed in the newsletter.

The newsletters for Christmas, New Year and up to 9th January will all be printed early on 23rd December. Mass intentions not on the newsletter can still be given to the Priest at Mass.

**The Parish Office will be closed from 2pm on 23rd December until Monday 5th January.**

**Please collect your Christmas Offerings envelope.** Available in all churches for your offering to our Priests. If you want your offering to go directly to our priests, please do put it into an envelope. Thank you!

**Our Crib Collection** in all churches this year is for Intercare, a local charity founded in 1974 and supported by Bishop Patrick. Their mission is to save lives and alleviate suffering by providing surplus medical resources to their partners in sub-Saharan Africa. Find out more at: <https://intercare.org.uk/>



## Blessed Sacrament & St Peter's Parish Pilgrimage to Rome 15 to 20 February, 2026:

A place on this pilgrimage has become available due to a cancellation. The approximate cost is £265 (bed, breakfast & travel to London City Airport). Flights, travel insurance, entrance fees & travel in Rome and to Assisi are extra. If interested, please contact Angela Bailey as soon as possible. E: [angelab1066@yahoo.ie](mailto:angelab1066@yahoo.ie)

**St Joseph's Church - External Renovation** Thank you to the kind sponsors of the extensive woodwork repairs and painting at the front of St Joseph's Church which is hugely appreciated. You might also notice that the previously headless stone apostle has been renovated too, which is terrific! Thank you to the workers on this project who have produced wonders. It was getting into a really poor state so it was essential that we addressed this. If you see something in any of our churches that looks in a poor state and you'd like to sponsor the repair or renovation - please do contact Fr David.

**The Great Awakening Convention run by the AFCM, Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries.** 24th January 2026 at Bethel Convention Centre, West Bromwich B70 7JW. From 9am to 4.30pm. Holy Mass, confessions, praise and worship, adoration, talks, spiritual sharing and children's sessions. All are warmly invited to attend. Bus available from Holy Cross Church. Please contact Arun on 07392928576 for more information.

**Living Faith Prayer Books**  
January to March available in all churches, £1 each.

**The Olive Branch Café** will be closed over the Christmas period from 24th December, reopening on Monday 5th January.

## Choral Evensong Choir of Leicester Cathedral

Wesley Hall Methodist Church  
Hartington Road, Leicester LE2 0GN  
Sunday 11th January at 4pm. All welcome! Refreshments available after the performance.

## Upcoming Good Shepherd Prayer Group Events

Thanksgiving Adoration - 30th December  
8pm to 10pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Joseph's Church.  
Retreat Day - Saturday 17th January  
11am to 3.30pm at Our Lady's Church.

## Second Collection THIS Week for Local Hospices

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.**

OLGC Collection 14th December  
Loose & Envelopes £362.65  
Standing Orders £118.31  
Contactless £10.00  
Total £490.65

SH Collection 13th / 14th December  
Loose & Envelopes £544.42  
Standing Orders £476.85  
Contactless £15.00  
Total £1036.27

SJ Collections 14th December  
Loose & Envelopes £331.50  
Standing Orders £444.23  
Contactless £55.00  
Total £830.73

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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