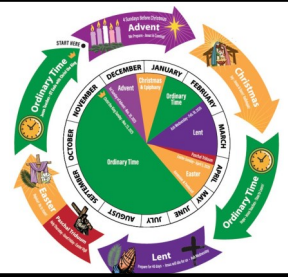




The Holy Family Parish

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



Saturday 11th St. Benedict	6.30pm Mass	Sacred Heart	RIP Tiago Dimiranda. Luis & Graca & fam. Jose, Madelina, Anthony & Janet Brito. Pedro Rosario. Antonio, Sulema & Maria DeRebello. Int. Our Parish Clergy.
Sunday 12th Fifteenth Sunday of the Year Live-Streamed	9am Mass 10.15am Mass 11.30 Mass	St. Joseph's Our Lady's Sacred Heart	RIP Nicolau & Nascimento Rodrigues, Mario & Anthony Rodrigues & Yvonne Steele Rodrigues. MM Joseph Remedios. RIP Romeo DeSouza. Int. Celine & Fam. Thomas Curran RIP Julia Mannix, Anthony Chakkalakkal B'day Elroy & Isham.

CAFOD—DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD, is working with the DEC to support the people of Venezuela after the devastating earthquake. You can give to this important appeal on our contactless machines, or, should you wish to Gift Aid your donation, make your donation directly through the CAFOD




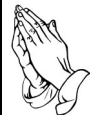
Sanctuary Lamps: SH: Katrina Creighton
OLGC: Unborn children.



We welcome Daisy in Baptism in our Parish this weekend.

Mon 13th Feria	10am Mass 5.30pm	SMM Sacred Heart	Kath Gambin & Fam. Anna Sexton & Fam. Ord Anniv Deacon Seamus Reception of Michael McCarthy.
Tues 14th Feria	10am Mass 11.30 am FUNERAL MASS 11.30 Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart St Joseph's	CANCELLED RIP Michael McCarthy Service of Word & Communion
Wed 15th	10am Mass	Sacred Heart	CANCELLED
Thurs 16th Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10am Club Mass	Sacred Heart	RIP Norma & Horace Bullock, Jose & Galiana Brito. In thanks. GH Joy & Hope, Flavan & Neviana Noronha
Friday 17th Feria	9am Holy Hour 10am Mass 5.45pm Rosary 6pm Mass	Parish Int. Our Lady's Sacred Heart	4Mission Summer Camp People of the Parish 1st Anniv. Jace-Cummins Hirrel. 25th Ordin Anniv. Int. Fr Chris Thomas.

Upcoming Funerals Please pray for all recently deceased and their families.
Michael McCarthy Reception into Sacred Heart Church Monday 13th July 5.30pm. Funeral Mass Tuesday 14th July 11.30am.
Eternal rest grant unto them oh Lord, may they rest in peace. Amen.

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. All welcome.

Rosary Rally 1.30pm on 1st Sunday of the month. Next meeting 2nd August outside Sports Direct.

Journeying with the Scriptures in a Time of Grief through Lectio Divina Tuesday 28 July 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 6pm.

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

Saturday 18th Blessed Virgin Mary	6.30pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Int 4Mission Summer Camp
Sunday 19th Sixteenth Sunday of the Year Live-Streamed	9am Mass 10.15am Mass 11.30 Mass	St. Joseph's Our Lady's Sacred Heart	In thanks Jesus & Mary. Peter & Theodolina Fernandes. Int Alka RIP Souls in Purgatory, Tom Curran, Teodorico Fernandes. RIP Fr Aidan Murray, Tom Thornton, Carol Bracey. GH Yvette, Ian Pereira & Fam.

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

Retired Priest in the Parish: Fr John Tavares **Safeguarding Coordinator:** Mrs Mary Hirst

Safeguarding Reps: SH Martina Guedes 07513 725549 **OLGC** Skeeter DaCosta 07513 725402 **SJ** Julie Spencer 07513 725514.

Parish Office Manager Anne Cartwright **Contact:** holyfamilyleicester@dioceseofnottingham.uk
Parish Administrator Elle Pinel or 0116 251 1437

Website: www.holyfamily-leicester.rcdon.uk **Facebook, YouTube** sacredheartparishleicester & **Instagram:** theholyfamilyleicester
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



Please take this newsletter home with you.

Jesus Youth Run Mini Fete at Sacred Heart Church

Sunday 19th July after the 11.30am Mass Come along for an hour or two for fun, food and fellowship to fundraise for our church. Something for everyone; food, games, information, faith-filled goodies to buy, raffle and more. Contact Jesus Youth at jesusyouthleicester@gmail.com to volunteer or donate something for the event.



Back by popular demand!



70s/80s Disco with DJs Muz & Hayes

14th August in St Joseph's Hall 7pm-10pm .

£8 per person. All in aid of the SVP & the

Parish. Raffle, drinks vouchers available and food can be purchased from the Olive Branch at £5 per person.

(Please buy food tickets in advance to help Tash with numbers for catering.) Disco & Food tickets can be purchased from Joyce, Julia or Sam.

See them at Mass or call Sam on 07742 526917.

Coach Trip to Matlock Bath—Thursday 20th August 2026

Tony Kendall is arranging a trip to Matlock from 10am to 6pm on 20th August. The cost is £15 per person. Coach leaves from The Charny, Spinney Hill Road. Parking available at the church. Fill in a form, available in church or call Tony on 0116 2510971 or 07721 586845 for more information.

4Mission Summer Camp Returns

Monday 20th to Friday 24th July 10am - 2.30pm at Sacred Heart Church for children in years 3-8. Sign up sheets for both volunteers and children available in all churches.



STELLA MARIS

Living Faith Books

July to September now available in all churches. Please make a minimum donation of £1 per book.

Sea Sunday 2026

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult and dangerous conditions. Conflicts around the world are increasing risks to their safety, especially for crews travelling through regions such as the Strait of Hormuz. Many also face abandonment by employers, long separations from family, stress, and poor mental health. *Stella Maris* (formerly known as *Apostleship of the Sea*) is the maritime charity of the Catholic Church. Its chaplains and ship visitors provide practical help and pastoral care to seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world. Please support our 2nd Collection this weekend.

Do you volunteer at St Joseph's or Our Lady's?

If volunteer in any capacity, we need you to complete a Volunteer Registration Form. Pick up a form from the back of the church, complete it and return it to the office. Thank you!

SMM Collections June Average £77.84 per week.

2nd Collection for Stella Maris Sunday 12th July

OLGC Collection 5th July

Loose & Envelopes £373.57
Standing Orders £121.76
Contactless £
Total £495.33

SH Collection 4th/5th July

Loose & Envelopes £449.16
Standing Orders £418.96
Contactless £
Total £868.12

SJ Collections 5th July

Loose & Envelopes £160
Standing Orders £445.77
Contactless £
Total £605.77

Please make the most of the card machines in all of our churches to give your donations & offerings.

Parish Bank Account Details: Holy Family Leicester RCP Account number: 00949284 Sort Code: 30-15-97
Please put a reference detailing the nature of your payment when paying into our Parish account.

Please Gift Aid your donation if you can.

A £10 donation gives your church £12.50 - a £20 donation gives £25!



Holy Family Parish Reducing to One Priest

Last week, Bishop Patrick confirmed that The Holy Family Parish, made up of the Sacred Heart & St Margaret Mary, Our Lady of Good Counsel and St Joseph's worshipping communities, will reduce to one priest. Congratulations to Fr Vitalis who will become a Parish Priest in September. He isn't able to say where at this time until the Diocesan moves are formally announced later in July. The reason for the reduction in priests is two-fold; there aren't enough young men answering the call to priesthood and the Government's visa policy is reducing the possibility of international priests coming to our Diocese. We have been preparing for this and our weekend Mass schedule enables one priest to cover all the Masses. However, you'll notice changes with one priest:

The 2026 Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve: 4pm at St Joseph's, 10pm at Our Lady's & Midnight at Sacred Heart (normal Christmas Day schedule)

The 2027 Holy Week Schedule:

7pm Holy Thursday at St Joseph's, 3pm Good Friday at Sacred Heart & Our Lady's [Deacon Seamus presides], 7pm Easter Vigil at St Joseph's (normal Easter Day schedule)

These will involve all those in ministries working together which will provide fruitful opportunities to reflect our nature as The Holy Family Parish in Leicester. Thank you to our retired priests who continue to provide help but they cannot be overworked to the point that will make them ill. They should be enjoying a well earned retirement as we make provision to provide for our own liturgies with the resources that we have at our disposal. I think it's a great opportunity but I realise that the transition will be difficult for many and we'll try to ease that as best as we can.

Fr David

Sacramental Programmes 2026/2027

In September, we begin our next year of Sacramental Programmes. Forms for both First Holy Communion, year 3 and above and for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) are now available in all churches.

Please complete the forms and hand them into the Parish Office.

We will email those who have signed up with more information in late August/early September.



CHEQUES for ANY of our churches must now be made payable to: 'Holy Family Leicester RCP'.

All standing orders now to the Holy Family Account. Details below.



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