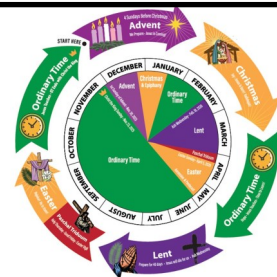




The Holy Family Parish

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



Saturday 18th	6.30pm Mass	Sacred Heart	RIP Dad, Mum & John Fernandes, Elsa Colimao & Camilo Noronha. 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. RIP Peter & Theodolina Fernandes. Int Alka. RIP Souls in Purgatory, Thomas Curran, Teodorico Fernandes. GH/B'day Benita Dias. RIP Fr Aidan Murray, Tom & Kathleen Thornton, Carol Bracey, Apolinario, Carolina & Teodorico Fernandes, Augustine & Mary Rebello. GH Yvette, Ian Pereira & Fam, Vasco Fernandes.

Jesus Youth Run Mini Fete at Sacred Heart Church Sunday THIS SUNDAY 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.



We welcome Anisha in Baptism in our Parish this weekend.



Mon 20th <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass 	SMM	RIP Geraldine Skilbeck.
Tues 21st <i>Feria</i>	No Holy Hour or Mass at Sacred Heart today		
	11.30 Mass	St Joseph's	
Wed 22nd <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	10am Mass	Sacred Heart	Mass in the courtyard led by the young people. (Weather dependent!)
Thurs 23rd <i>St. Bridget</i>	10am Club Mass Funeral Mass 12 Noon	Sacred Heart  Sacred Heart	RIP Alex & Nelson Fernandes, Tom Curran. Samuel Wamdeo RIP.
Friday 24th <i>Feria</i>	9am Holy Hour 10am Mass 5.45pm Rosary 6pm Mass	Parish Int. Our Lady's Sacred Heart	Our fragile planet. RIP Tom Curran. RIP Eamon Lloyd.

Upcoming Funerals Please pray for all recently deceased and their families.

Samuel Wamdeo Funeral at Sacred Heart 23rd July. Respects from 12 noon, Funeral at 12.30pm.

Geraldine Skilbeck Funeral at St Thomas More Church 23rd July at 10am. (Geraldine was a regular parishioner of SMM for many years)

Pat Treacy Reception into Sacred Heart Church 6pm on 30th July, Funeral Mass 11am on 31st July. *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 25th St James	6.30pm Mass	Sacred Heart	RIP Eamonn Lloyd.
Sunday 26th Seventeenth Sunday of the Year Live-Streamed	9am Mass 10.15am Mass 11.30 Mass	St. Joseph's Our Lady's Sacred Heart	RIP Eileen Clifford. RIP Custodio & Anarita Barreto. B'day Ray Kelly 92 yrs. RIP Jimmie, Sheila & James Mannix, Jean Phillips, Julieta, Joao, Romao, Julia Mendonca, Tiburcio Lopes, Adriano, Marcelina & Dec'd Rocha Fam, Ancy Dourado & Mary Rebello.

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.

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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



4Mission Summer Camp Returns this week at

Sacred Heart. Please pray for our children and their young volunteer leaders who meet throughout this week. They will spend time praying together and playing together and enjoying a day trip to Walsingham and Hunstanton on Thursday. **We hope you all have a wonderful week.**

P.S. If you're someone who donated to the Mission Enabling Campaign in any of our churches, this is the kind of mission activity that is being funded by the campaign so thank you.



Mission Together: Introducing synodality to our parishes

Led by **Dr Austen Ivereigh**, biographer of Pope Francis and an invited expert at the synod on synodality

Workshop for everyone!

Explore how to hear together the voice of the Holy Spirit and carry out God's mission in today's world. Everyone welcome, in the Diocese of Nottingham and beyond.

Saturday 12 September 2026, 10.00 – 3.00

Holy Cross Priory, Leicester LE1 6HW



Find out more at bit.ly/synodalityleics
or scan the QR code



St Peter's Women's Group invite you to their annual picnic on Sat 8th August, 1pm-5pm at Everard's Meadows, Fosse Park LE19 2NA. Everyone is welcome to celebrate togetherness and fellowship. Games, social time and fun for all ages. Bring some food and enjoy!

The Government's **Great British Summer Savings Scheme** takes place between **25th June and 1st Sept** with a temporary reduction on VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts, exhibitions and other attractions. In addition, there is to be free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England. Full details can be found at: <https://summersavings.gov.uk>

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.

Olive Branch Café Holiday

Advance notice that the Olive Branch Café will be closed for their summer holiday from 30th July to 9th August. Reopens on Monday 10th August.



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!

OLGC Collection 12th July	
Loose & Envelopes	£378.35
Standing Orders	£85.80
Contactless	<u>£20.00</u>
Total	£484.15

SH Collection 11th/12th July	
Loose & Envelopes	£404.11
Standing Orders	£428.53
Contactless	<u>£45.00</u>
Total	£877.64

SJ Collections 12th July	
Loose & Envelopes	£270.50
Standing Orders	£373.46
Contactless	<u>£50.00</u>
Total	£693.96

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.

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



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.

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.



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