



The Holy Family Parish

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



Saturday 19 th	6.30pm Mass	Sacred Heart	MM Emmanuel & Brian Fonseca. RIP Rumaldo & Zulema D'Souza, John Sabastian Dias.
Sunday 20 th 25th Sunday of the Year	9am Mass	St Joseph's	RIP Ulin Fernandes, Mary, Joauzit Severin, Bushkin, Joall, Gerald, Auram Pereira, Marazing de Grace, Aranaid, Delphin & Rosario Fam, Zacrius, & Aristot Noronha.
	10.15am Mass	Our Lady's	Int. Soby & Cletty Antony. GH Nina Guedes & Xavier Menezes.
	11.15am Mass	Sacred Heart	B'day Winona Pereira. MM Ishabela Noronha & Aditi Das. RIP Goncalo, Terezinha & Kevin De Souza, Francis Penha GH/B'day Marian Penha, Lidia Lopes. Special Int. Fr Vitalis.

Mon 21 st St Matthew	10am Mass	SMM	RIP Fr Andrew Henson.
Tues 22 nd Feria	9am Holy Hour 10am Mass 11.30am Mass	Parish Int. Sacred Heart St Joseph's	<i>The People of the Holy Land.</i> GH Fr John Lally & Teresa. RIP Marilla Nunes.
Thurs 24 th Our Lady of Walsingham	10am Service in Club Room	Sacred Heart	This is a Service of Word & Communion.
Friday 25 th Feria	9am Holy Hour 10am Service 5.45pm Rosary 6pm Mass	Parish Int. Our Lady's Sacred Heart	<i>The People of the Holy Land.</i> This is a Service of Word & Communion. This is a Service of Word & Communion.

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 4th October outside Sports Direct.

Journeying with the Scriptures in a Time of Grief through Lectio Divina Tuesday 29th September 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.



Saturday 26 th	6.30pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Int. The SVP Society.
Sunday 27 th 26th Sunday of the Year	9am Mass	St Joseph's	RIP Francis Rosario, Martha Nunes, sons & Fam, Anthony Mendonca, Fatima Colaco & Fam. Int. The SVP Society.
	10.15am Mass	Our Lady's	Int. Steven, Joyce & Fam. Int. The SVP Society.
	11.30am Mass	Sacred Heart	1st Anniv. Anne Hirrell. MM Simão Penha. RIP Alex & Nelson Fernandes. Int. The SVP Society

'Risen' Jesus Youth Teens

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

The SVP Chit Chat Club

meet at St Joseph's Church Hall Wednesday 14th October 2pm to 4pm.

Meet people, play games & chat. A couple of hours of company & a chat over coffee & biscuits. All welcome!

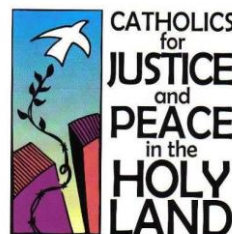
'For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them.'

Matthew 18:20.



Week of Prayer for Palestine and Israel From Sunday 20th

September This week, we are invited to hold the people of the Holy Land, especially its children, in prayer and solidarity, and to let our prayer move us towards action. Pax Christi England and Wales has produced A new prayer resource, 'Written on the Palm of Your Hand – Prayer for Children', offering a simple but powerful way to pray with and for children living amid violence, fear and displacement. Download the prayer leaflet and join in praying for peace, justice and a future where every child can flourish, at <https://paxchristi.org.uk/wpqi-prayer-cards/>



If you are a **Missio Red Box** holder, please could you return your box to the parish in the next few weeks. We hope to have these monies counted and sent to Missio following the Missio collection on Sunday 18th October. Thank you.



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

Lectionary Cycle: A2

Website: www.holyfamily-leicester.rcdon.uk **Facebook, YouTube** sacredheartparishleicester & **Instagram:** thehollyfamilyleicester
Live-stream from SH 11.30am on Facebook & YouTube & other services as announced.



Goodbye & thank you Fr Vitalis

This weekend, we say farewell to Fr Vitalis. Sacred Heart Mass at 11.30am will be offered for his intentions and his time amongst us will be celebrated. During the two years that he has spent with us, we have experienced his spiritual guidance, his gentle, thoughtful and caring nature and his sense of humour. Our loss is his new parishes' gain. Thank you Fr Vitalis, we wish you every blessing, you will be deeply missed.

A Prayer for Fr Vitalis:

Lord, we thank you for Fr Vitalis's dedicated service to our communities. As he moves to his new parish, guide his steps, protect his heart, and give him the wisdom to lead your people with love. Fill his new communities with joy and welcome. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Year 7 Secondary School Applications

If your child is currently in Year 6, please note that the closing date for applications for Year 7 places is **31 October 2026**. Families are encouraged to submit their application on time, as late applications could reduce the chance of securing a place at a preferred school. Applications must be made through your Local Authority. The link to the application information form will be on the website of the school you would like your child to attend. If your child is a Baptised Catholic, please ensure that

Next Sunday, 27th September is the Feast of St Vincent De Paul.

We have a superb SVP group serving our Parish and the local area. They work for the benefit of those in need, particularly for those who are lonely, housebound or encountering poverty. Members will be at our Masses next Sunday, to tell us more about what they do and to ask us for our help, be that with time or finance. There will be a second collection at this Mass. Please give as generously as you can. **Thank you** from the SVP to all those who have contributed to the Poor Boxes in each church. The Parish continues to send these funds on to the SVP.

First communion Preparation 2026-2027 begins NEXT Sunday, 27th September. This is your final opportunity to sign up. If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like them to celebrate their First Holy Communion in our churches next May, please fill in a FHC Form to be found at the back of the Church and return it to the Parish Office before Wednesday 23rd September. Children gather with their catechists on the 4th Sunday of the month in the Club Room at Sacred Heart beginning next Sunday at 10.15am followed by celebrating the 11.30 am Mass together. If you have already signed up but **have not** received an email from the Parish with dates and details, please let the office know.

OLGC Collection 13th Sept.

Loose & Envelopes	£323.05
Standing Orders	£85.80
Contactless	<u>£50.00</u>
Total	£458.85

SH Collection 12th/13th Sept.

Loose & Envelopes	£429.89
Standing Orders	£428.53
Contactless	<u>£10.00</u>
Total	£868.42

SJ Collections 13th Sept.

Loose & Envelopes	£443.30
Standing Orders	£373.46
Contactless	<u>£90.00</u>
Total	£906.76

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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Retreat Day Led by Sr Marie-Kolbe Zamora, OSF,

S.T.D - A day of prayer and reflection

31st October 2026 10am—3pm

(Arrivals and refreshments from 9.30am)

At St Joseph's Church, Goodwood Road, LE5 6SG

Booking Essential, Email: Jackie.williams@dioceseofnottingham.uk
(NOT the Parish Office)

This retreat day has been organised by Fr David for The Holy Family Parish but it has been opened to all Parishes across Leicester & Leicestershire. More information is included on the posters in all churches. **Please do your best to come along and book early with Jackie to avoid disappointment.**

Children's Liturgy at St Joseph's begins again this Sunday.

There will be no Children's Liturgy on the weeks of First Holy Communion Preparation (which will usually be the 4th Sunday of the month). It would be wonderful if two or three more people could volunteer to lead our Children's Liturgy so that we can have a rota and the same people don't have to lead it every week. If you are a parent whose child attends, perhaps you could offer your own services once or twice a month to enable our current volunteers to have a week off.

If you are interested, speak to Kerry or Julie and they'll tell you a bit about what is involved or just go along with your child, watch and take part and see if it's for you. Thank you!



evidence of your child's Baptism is sent directly to the school where you are applying for a Year 7 place, along with a completed Supplementary Information Form (SIF) which can be obtained from the school.

Second Collections We are aware that there are a significant number of second collections at the moment.

This week is Home Mission Sunday, next week is the SVP and 4th October is the Harvest collection for CAFOD (Envelopes available from this weekend). We understand that it is not always possible for everyone to support every 2nd collection but please do give what you can to those charities that you feel are most important. Perhaps take some time in prayer to discern who most needs your support.

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.



Please Gift Aid your donation if you can.
A £10 donation gives your church £12.50 - a £20 donation gives £25!