



The Holy Family Parish

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



Saturday 26 th	6.30pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Int. The SVP Society. B'day Gerard Remedios, Mateo Pereira.
Sunday 27 th 26th Sunday of the Year Feast of St Vincent De Paul	9am Mass	St Joseph's	RIP Francis Rosario, Martha Nunes, Sons & Fam, Anthony Mendonca, Fatima Colaco & Fam, Thomas, Kate & Helen Kenny, Margie Rontale. Int. The SVP Society & Friends of British Southern Cameroons.
	10.15am Mass	Our Lady's	RIP Angela Kelly, Rebecca Rebelo, Joseph Remedios, Lakesh Shetty. GH Agatha, Cathleen, Noemia & Tertuliano Da Costa. Int. Steven, Joyce & Fam, The SVP Society.
	11.15am Mass Live-streamed	Sacred Heart	1st Anniv. Anne Hirrell. MM Simão Penha. RIP Margarita D'Souza, Alex & Nelson Fernandes, Engracia, Joaquim, Argentino, Genario Pereira, Christopher, Eileen & John Cooper. Int. The SVP Society.

Refreshments at St Joseph's this Sunday are provided by the Friends of British Southern Cameroons. Donations will help with setting up a library in refugee settlements for children. Thank you for your support.

Sanctuary Lamps: SJ Priv Int. SH In thanks to Sacred Heart.
OLGC Family & Friends of Tom.

Mon 28 th Feria	10am Mass	SMM	1st Anniv. Anne Hirrell. RIP Frank Shepherd, Bridget Clafferty (nee McCarron), Margarita D'Souza.
Tues 29 th Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	9am Holy Hour 10am Mass 11.30am Mass with Yrs 3 & 4 of St Joseph's School.	<i>Parish Int.</i> Sacred Heart St Joseph's	<i>Migrants & Refugees.</i> GH Cedric Pereira. Int. Michael & Lukas.
Thurs 1 st St Therese	10am Mass in Club Room	Sacred Heart	RIP Eileen Martinez. GH Maria Noronha. GH Gianni Fernandes.
Friday 2 nd The Holy Guardian Angels	9am Holy Hour 10am Mass 11am Confessions 11.30am Mass 5.45pm Confessions 6pm Mass	<i>Parish Int.</i> Our Lady's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	<i>Migrants & Refugees.</i> Int. Corrado & Jakob. The People of the Parish. GH Nigel Pereira.

Saturday 3 rd	6.30pm Mass	Sacred Heart	1st Anniv. Feliciano Neto. RIP Clifton Neto.
Sunday 4 th 27th Sunday of the Year	9am Mass	St Joseph's	MM Philomena Carvalho RIP John Fernandes, Johny, Judith, Francis, Jacinto, Maria Periera, Gillian Anne Cox, her late sister & members of the Cox & Thuillier Families. RIP Souls in Purgatory, William Monteiro, Terezina Machado GH/B'day Antonio Machado.
	10.15am Mass	Our Lady's	1st Anniv Marcelino Noronha. RIP Roberto Noronha.
	11.30am Mass Live-streamed	Sacred Heart	

Prayer & Events in our Parishes

Jesus Youth Mondays 6.30pm in SH Parish hall.

Rosary Rally 1.30pm on 1st Sunday of the month.
Next meeting 4th October outside Sports Direct.

Good Shepherd Prayer Group Tuesdays 6-7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Club. All welcome.

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.

'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.



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



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

Lectionary Cycle: A2

THIS 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 this weekend 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.



This Sunday we welcome to Sacred Heart Church our 52 children who will be preparing for their First Holy Communion and their families.

Our First Holy Communion Programme involves the children attending seven preparation sessions where they will learn about God's gifts to us. They will talk about how these gifts can be seen in their everyday lives and how they can try to be more like Jesus. At the same time, parents and carers will meet in the church with Deacon Seamus to find out more about their children's journey, and to consider their own faith life. **Please pray for our First Holy Communion Children and their families over the coming months.**



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 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.

Catechists' Day The Diocese is inviting all Catechists to a day at Holy Trinity Newark on Saturday 17th October entitled: **Reimagining Catechesis**. As a catechist, would you love to see more families involved in parish life and that at the end of sacramental programmes, fewer people would 'disappear'? This day, led by GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) will share how this is happening in their parishes and how it can happen in yours. For information, visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/events

Second Collections We are aware that there are a lot of second collections at the moment. This week is the SVP, next Sunday, 4th October is the Harvest collection for CAFOD (Envelopes available). Following this, we have Missio on 18th October. We know 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.

OLGC Collection 20th Sept.

Loose & Envelopes	£336.75
Standing Orders	£85.80
Contactless	<u>£20.00</u>
Total	£442.55

SH Collection 19th/20th Sept.

Loose & Envelopes	£848.68
Standing Orders	£428.53
Contactless	<u>£87.00</u>
Total	£1364.21

SJ Collections 20th Sept.

Loose & Envelopes	£388.70
Standing Orders	£373.46
Contactless	<u>£45.00</u>
Total	£807.16

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.**

A letter from Fr Vitalis

Dear Holy Family Parish Members,
As my time working among you comes to a close, I wanted to write a few words to express the deep gratitude in my heart for these past two years. Thank you so much for the wonderful send-off last Sunday. Your warmth, kind words, and thoughtful gestures meant more to me than I can adequately express. Looking out at all of you, I was reminded once again of what a truly special community Holy Family Parish is. From my very first day here, you opened your arms and hearts to me. You have been extraordinarily kind, loving, and welcoming, making me feel right at home from the start. I have genuinely cherished your company, the shared moments of faith, the laughter, and the encouragement you so generously offered day in and day out. I am also deeply grateful for the trust and opportunity you gave me to serve and function effectively within our parish. Being able to contribute to the life and mission of this community alongside such dedicated Clergy and individuals has been an immensely fulfilling experience—one that has enriched both my vocation and my mission. Though my official role here has concluded, the memories, friendships, and lessons I have gained at Holy Family will remain with me always. Thank you for your prayers, your support, and for allowing me to be a part of your parish family. Please keep me in your prayers, as you will certainly remain in mine. May God continue to bless the Holy Family Parish, its wonderful clergy, administrative staff and every one of its parishioners abundantly.

With warm regards and heartfelt gratitude, *Fr. Vitalis Akandu*



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!