The Holy Family Parish

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

Saturday 28th	6.30pm Mass	Sacred Heart	**RIP** Filomeno, Aurelio & Francisco De Brito, William Monteiro. Francisco Fernandes, Staline Rocha, Adriano, Marcelina, Adolf & Jose Colimao & Fam. **GH** Piedade Rosario,
Sunday 29th **1st Sunday of Advent** Live-streamed	9am Mass 10.15am Mass 11.30am Mass	St Joseph's Our Lady's Sacred Heart	**RIP** Passy Cardinale, Mary Read, Harvey-Lee Hulls, Juie Hollahan, Asha Kushal, Augustine Miranda. **RIP** Relative & Friends of J D'Souza. **GH** John Monis. **RIP** Jimmie Mannix, Francis, Simao & Natelin Penha, Martiniano, Francisca & Dorothy Guedes, Edgar Cabral, Joaquim Mariano Fernandes & Maria Aurola Fernandes. **GH** Heitor Guedes. **B'day** (80th) Ray Lewis.

Sacred Heart Christmas Market after 11.30am Mass THIS Sunday. Please come along and join us!

Mon 30th **St Andrew**	10am Mass 2pm Mass	SMM SJ'S School	**RIP** Andrew Lipinski, Paddy McCarron, Sr Anni Tresa. **GH** John & Mary. Armadale Drive LE5 1HF.
Tues 1st **Feria**	9am Holy Hour 10am Mass 11am Confessions 11.30am Mass	*Parish Int.* Sacred Heart St Joseph's St Joseph's	*For Peace in this Advent Season.* The People of the Parish. **RIP** Diogo Rodrigues.
Thurs 3rd **St Francis Xavier**	10am Mass 10am Service in Club Room	St Patrick's School Sacred Heart	Harrison Road LE4 6QN *Service of Word & Communion.*
Friday 4th **1st Friday** **Parish Feast Mass for St Francis Xavier**	9am Holy Hour 10am Mass 11am Confessions 11.30am Mass 5.30pm Confessions 6pm Feast Mass	*Parish Int.* **In Our Lady's Chapel** St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	*For Peace in this Advent Season.* **GH** Pearson Miranda & Fam, Lucy Lobo. The People of the Parish. **Int.** Leicester Goan Community. **RIP** Gracina, Jose, Raimundo & Tereza.

Join us for our special St Francis Xavier Feast Mass on Friday 4th at Sacred Heart.

Saturday 5th	6.30pm Mass	Sacred Heart	**RIP** Carmelo & Delizia Noronha, William Monteiro.
Sunday 6th **2nd Sunday of Advent** Live-streamed	9am Mass 10.15am Mass 11.30am Mass	St Joseph's Our Lady's Sacred Heart	**RIP** Dec'd Fernandez Fam, Je & Maria Luis Sousa, Souls in Purgatory.**GH** Raja. **RIP** Celda Miranda, Anthony Castanha.

St Joseph's Christmas Market after the 9am Mass Sunday 6th Dec. Please come along and support us.

Please pray for our recently deceased and their families.
Reg Jones Funeral TBC.
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.

Rosary Rally 1.30pm on 1st Sunday of the month. Next meeting 6th December 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 24th November at 10.15am led by Sarah & Monique in St Joseph's Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Followed by Mass at 11.30 & lunch at The Olive Branch.

St Joseph's Blessed Sacrament Chapel Open daily 9am to 5pm.

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

Christmas Readers at Sacred Heart
The list for Sacred Heart Christmas readers is now available at the back of the church. Please sign up for only one Mass – there's probably about 40 people wanting a chance to read and only 18 places!

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 **Parish Deacon:** Rev Séamus O'Looskan
Retired Priest in the Parish: Fr John Tavares **Safeguarding Coordinator**: Mrs Mary Hirst
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SMM St Margaret Mary Community Mass at St Paul's Polish Church, Wakerley Rd, LE5 4WE

Lectionary Cycle: B1

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

Please take this newsletter home with you.

Advent, Christmas and New Year in the Holy Family Parish

Advent Confessions



9am Tuesdays at Sacred Heart
11am Tuesdays at St Joseph's
9am Fridays at Our Lady's
5.30pm Fridays at Sacred Heart

All Churches Altar Servers Practice *& Buffet Lunch at St Joseph's at 11am on Mon 21st Dec.*

Tuesday 22nd December, Confessions

9am at Sacred Heart, 11am at St Joseph's
1.30pm – 2.30pm at Our Lady's



Christmas Mass Times

24th December, Christmas Eve

4pm Carols, 4.30pm Family Mass at St Joseph's
9.30pm Carols, 10pm Night Mass at Our Lady's
11.30pm Carols & Midnight Mass at Sacred Heart



25th December, Christmas Day

9am Mass at St Joseph's
10.15am Mass at Our Lady's
11.30am Mass at Sacred Heart

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th December

Usual weekend Mass times

Mary The Holy Mother of God - New Year's Eve

11pm Holy Hour & Midnight Mass at Our Lady's

Mary The Holy Mother of God – New Year's Day

11am Mass at Sacred Heart



Wed 6th Jan, Epiphany of The Lord

10am Mass at St Joseph's
6.30pm Mass at Our Lady's

There will be changes to our normal Mass schedule from Monday 21st December to Friday 8th January. Some Masses will be cancelled, and some will be changed to Services of Word and Communion. Please check the newsletter or our website where the full schedules will be in the news section: ***https://holyfamily-Leicester.rcdon.uk/news***

PARISH CHRISTMAS MARKETS 2026

Come along to our Parish Christmas Markets or request a table to sell excellent quality items, food or sweets or run a fun activity for people to get involved with. If you are giving the proceeds of your stall to the Parish, the table is free of charge. If you are a business and will be keeping your proceeds, each table costs £25. The Markets are immediately after Mass on the following dates; **THIS SUNDAY** 29th Nov at Sacred Heart, 6th December at St Joseph's & 13th December at Our Lady of Good Council. Father David will be running his now famous bottle stall, so please do bring along a bottle or two to donate to the stall. Boxes for your bottles are at the back of the churches.





Parishioners of the 11.30am Mass at SH see Olvan after Mass 'Name the Snowman'. Just £1 per name. The lucky winner will be picked at the SH Market. Pick one or two names and try your luck!

Decoration of Our Lady's

This week, beginning Monday 30th November, Our Lady's Church is being decorated & the walls repaired. The holy items on the walls & statues have therefore been taken down but will need cleaning & dusting before going back up. There will also be lots of dust created. If you're free to help Fr David with cleaning & putting items back, on Saturday 5th December from 1pm that would be much appreciated. With the projectors hopefully going up in 2027 to project onto the wall behind the sanctuary, the proposal is to put the 'Alleluia' & 'Love & Peace' texts (with the dove) in the porch so that we come in & go out to beautiful messages. Also, the picture of the Divine Mercy would offer wonderful spiritual solace in the confessional. What do you think?

St Paul's School Christmas Market & Carol Service

16th December Market
4.15pm Carol Service
5.45pm. See posters in church or on our social media pages. Contact cmoss@st-pauls.Leicester.sch.uk for more info.

Sacred Heart Sanctuary Consultation

To make Sacred Heart Church's sanctuary area, around the altar, more easily accessible and safer for ministers and servers; we are proposing to return it to a single step level, as the original church, with the addition of a ramp access. Have a look at the possible design of a new sanctuary which is at the back of Sacred Heart Church or on the Parish website and let us know what you think?

Christmas Repository items now available Cards, calendars, diaries and candles available at all churches. You can pay in cash or using the card machines by selecting 'Repository Purchases'. We would ask that you don't take items home without paying for them first. Stewards will be happy to reserve items for you to collect the next week if you don't have money with you.

Praying for our Parish & Diocese from Home If you are an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or if you are someone who visits a person who is sick or housebound, please collect an Advent Prayer Card from the back of the church to take to the people that you visit. The prayer cards set out an intention for each day from December 1st to 25th and focus on Encounter, Discipleship and Mission, culminating with The Holy Spirit and Christmas. It also includes an Advent prayer to say every day. *"And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith" Matthew 21:22.*

Upcoming Collections

28th/29th Nov. Christmas Flowers.
(Retiring Collection.)
Our Crib Collection this year will be for Sharp, the Leicester Homeless Charity.

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.

OLGC Collection 22nd Nov	
Loose & Envelopes	£396.12
Standing Orders	£81.11
Contactless	£45.00
Total	£522.23

SH Collection 21st / 22nd Nov	
Loose & Envelopes	£655.41
Standing Orders	£480.39
Contactless	£45.00
Total	£1180.80

SJ Collections 22nd Nov	
Loose & Envelopes	£370.30
Standing Orders	£431.11
Contactless	£47.00
Total	£848.41

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!

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