

Parish of The Holy Family, East Nottingham

Churches of St Augustine's, Our Lady & St Edward's, Sacred Heart

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Welcome

Christmas Day 25th December 2021

Divine Office Week 1 Sunday Readings C (weekdays cycle 2)

Date	Time	Service (Bold = live stream)	Intention
Friday 24 th	5.30	Mass; SA	Holy Souls RIP
The Nativity of the Lord.	6.00	Mass; OLSE	Anna Tran Thi Then RIP
	6.30	Mass; SH	Trevor Williams RIP
Christmas Eve	8.00	Mass; OLSE	Holy Souls RIP
Masses	9.00	Mass; SH	Jamie Garrity RIP
Saturday 25 th	8.45	Mass; St Christopher's	In thanksgiving; OD's recovery
	9.30	Mass; OLSE	Maria Le Thi Nguyen & Anthony Hung Huynh RIP
	10.00	Mass; SH	People of the parish
	11.00	Mass; SA	Patricia Charman RIP
	12.00	Italian Mass; SH	
Sunday 26 th	10.00	Mass; SH	People of the parish
Feast of The Holy Family	12.00	Italian Mass; SH	
Monday 27 th			No Mass or service
St John			
Tuesday 28 th			No Mass or service
The Holy Innocents			
Wednesday 29 th			No Mass or service
St Thomas a Becket			
Thursday 30 th	10.00	Mass; SA	Holy Souls RIP
	10.30	Funeral; SH	Funeral service for Bernard Slater RIP
Friday 31 st	9.00	Mass; SH	Ireen Reddish RIP
Saturday 1 st January 2022	6.30	Mass; SH	Dec mem of Howard & Dwyer families RIP
Sunday 2 nd	8.45	Mass; St Christopher's	Mace & Trueman families RIP
Second Sunday of Christmastide	9.30	Mass; OLSE	James Mills RIP (anniv)
	10.00	Mass; SH	Lucy & Patrick Queally RIP
	11.00	Mass; SA	People of the parish
	11.30	Mass; OLSE	Kath Selby RIP
	1.00	Italian Mass; SH	

Sacraments

Baptism: please contact the parish
Adults seeking Baptism or to find out about the Catholic Faith: please contact one of the priests or Pauline Baptist
Marriage: six months' notice required. Speak to one of the priests.
Communion to the Sick and Housebound: Speak to one of the priests or a Eucharistic Minister.
Funerals: organised with local funeral directors
Sacrament of Reconciliation: see times on newsletter

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

If you know of anyone in hospital who would like a visit from the chaplain, please call:
QMC: 0115 9249924 (Chaplaincy ext. 63799)
The City Hospital: 0115 9691169 (Chaplaincy ext. 56187)
Fr Slavic: RC Chaplain 07773 366120

- ❖ **Parish Community Office** Sacred Heart Community Centre. 91 Carlton Hill. NG4 1FP
- ❖ **OUR CHURCHES** St Augustine's. Woodborough Road. NG3 4QF. Our Lady & St Edward's, Gordon Road, NG3 2LG. Sacred Heart, Carlton Hill. NG4 1FP. St Christopher's, Colwick Road, NG2 4AL

"I bring you news of great joy: today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord"
 - Lk 2:10-11

MAY THE PEACE AND HOPE OF CHRIST'S BIRTH BE WITH YOU NOW
 AND IN THE DAYS AHEAD.....

Happy Christmas! Fr Joe and all the Pastoral Leadership Team wish you and your loved ones a very happy and holy Christmas. We wish to thank everyone who has worked so hard to help the parish celebrate Advent and Christmas, and everyone who contributes to parish life throughout the year. Nothing has been simple over the past two years and so many people have given their time, energy and dedication to keep us safe and make sure that our parish can function. Thank you from your clergy in particular for your cards, gifts and best wishes – they are all very much appreciated.

That's the 7 o'clock edition of the news. Goodnight – Fr Joe's Message

This will date me, but one of my favourite Christmas songs, that isn't a carol, is Simon and Garfunkel's version of Silent Night. Released in 1966, they sang the carol over a newscaster reading the 7 o'clock early evening news bulletin. The news that day included the death of comedian Lenny Bruce from a drugs overdose, a planned civil rights march led by Dr Martin Luther King, the progress of the Vietnam War and news of the trial of a Chicago serial killer – cheerful stuff! As the song goes on, the volume of the news being read begins to dominate the beautiful words of Silent Night. The contrast between the dark headlines in the news and the beautiful carol speaking of peace and holiness is very marked and captivating.

This Christmas, and probably every Christmas, is not without its bad news. I don't need to provide a list of what is wrong in the world – just listen to or watch the news this evening.

However, the birth of Jesus and his faithful presence with us breaks through the darkness of the night – the light of God's presence shines on all aspects of life, the good and the bad, and the darkness can never overcome the light.

This sense of light overcoming darkness is shown in the faith and trust of Mary when she said 'Yes' to being the mother of Jesus; it is seen in the quiet dedication and honour of Joseph, it is seen in the joy of the shepherds as they praise and glorify God and it is seen in the wise men in the gifts they brought to Jesus.

So can we bring that light into the darkness?

Can we listen to the voice of God and be as open and generous as Mary?

Can we be as honourable and dedicated to our family and friends as Joseph was?

Like the shepherds, can we count our blessings and give glory and praise to God?

What gifts do we offer God and other people?

We know that today's news is tomorrow's fish and chip paper but today's news of the birth of Jesus and the light of his presence outlasts anything the word can throw at us.

God gives us the gift of his Son today, tomorrow and always.

Always welcome: if Christmas is the only time you come along to church, why not think about coming more often? All three of our Churches are welcoming and friendly places and you are very much part of that community.

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to make our Advent and Christmas services go so well; musicians, sacristans, altar servers, welcomers, flower arrangers, tree decorators, tea and coffee makers, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, cleaners, crib builders, carol singers in Sneinton and St Anns the list goes on. Our Parish will stand or fall on people getting involved and making things happen.

KEEPING SAFE

- Mask wearing is required in all our churches and spaces
- Do not remove your mask to sing.
- Continue to use the hand sanitiser as you enter.
- **If you are not vaccinated and/or won't wear a mask, please do not come to Mass.**

Parish office: will be closed from 24th Dec – 31st December. Any urgent hospital calls must be requested through the hospital, so that the on-call priest can be made aware.

During Christmas week, Fr Joe is available only for urgent, end of life calls on his mobile, the number of which is given on the office answering machine.

We pray for

- Fr Liam as he isolates over Christmas because of a positive Covid test
- All those who will be working over the Christmas period

Fr Joe is on call for both the City and QMC hospitals this week.

A big 'Thank you' to Fr Simon Gillespie who has stepped in at the last minute to cover some of our Christmas Masses due to Fr Liam needing to isolate. He will also be with us on the 9th January to cover for Fr Liam being away.

Carol Singing: Last week, a merry band gathered first in Sneinton, then a few days later in St Ann's to walk the streets singing carols, giving out chocolates and handing out flyers with our Christmas service times. We joined forces with the Anglican congregation at St Christopher's and then Rev. Maureen and members of St Ann with Emmanuel on Robin Hood Chase. It was a great and simple way of witnessing to the message of Christmas and spreading a bit of joy in our area.

Christmas poster; take one and display in your front window for all to see.

Diocesan Safeguarding Contact: Rachel Campion
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HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWS: we're not too sure what's going to happen in the coming weeks concerning further restrictions.

Are we prepared? Do you want to be kept up to date with news from our parish if you cannot attend?

Email: ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk if you would like a newsletter sending by email. This will begin in the New Year.

Not on email? Drop us a line or phone call to say that you would like a newsletter hand delivered or posting.