



Corpus Christi Presbytery
Nottingham Diocese

Synod
2021
2024

| Date | Holy Mass/ Services | Other Events |
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| Saturday 30th November 1st Sunday of Advent | 5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Private Intention | 2nd Collection: Christmas Flowers |
| Sunday 1st December 1st Sunday of Advent | 10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish | 2nd Collection: Christmas Flowers |
| Monday 2nd December Advent Feria | 9.00 am Mass: 41st Death Anniversary of Devasia Nedumparaekal | |
| Tuesday 3rd December Saint Francis Xavier, priest (memorial) | NO MASS Day of Special Prayer for Migrants | |
| Wednesday 4th December Advent Feria | 7.00 pm Advent Prayer Service with Br John | 7.00 pm PFC in Presbytery |
| Thursday 5th December Advent Feria | 9.00 am Mass: Holy Souls: Deceased Members of the Angell Family | 7.00 pm RCIA : Discussion: Advent & Christmas |
| Friday 6th December Advent Feria | 9.00 am Mass: Private Intention | If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code for CC Church |
| Saturday 7th December 2nd Sunday of Advent | 5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: People of the Parish | 2nd Collection: Poor & Needy Parishes |
| Sunday 8th December 2nd Sunday of Advent | 10.30 am Mass: The Holland Family | 2nd Collection: Poor & Needy Parishes |



Our Lady & St Patricks, Meadows, Mass/Service Times 1st - 8th December 2024

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| Sunday 1st December 1st Sunday of Advent | 9.00 am Mass: Bridie McNally - 1st Anniversary | 2nd Collection: Christmas Flowers Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass. |
| Wednesday 4th December Advent Feria | 9.30 am Adoration 10.00 am Mass: Holy Souls: Deceased Members of Conlan, Thompson, Farrell & Murray Families | Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass. |
| Saturday 7th December Saint Ambrose, bishop & doctor (memorial) | 9.30 am Confessions 10.00 am Mass: Thanksgiving (MC) | If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code for OLSP Church |
| Sunday 8th December 2nd Sunday of Advent | 9.00 am Mass: Marion England RIP | 2nd Collection: Poor & Needy Parishes Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass. |

Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent and today we start to use the new Lectionary. This will be blessed at the 6.00 pm Mass on Saturday at Corpus Christi and at the 9.00 am Mass at Our Lady & St Patrick's. We thank all those parishioners who donated towards the cost of the new Lectionary and we extend our sincere thanks to them. The Advent Wreath will also be blessed and the first candle lit for the 1st Sunday of Advent.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, for the First Sunday of Advent: The world is divided in two: those people who do not give thanks and those who do; those who take everything as if it is owed them, and those who welcome everything as a gift, as grace. The prayer of thanksgiving always begins from here: from the recognition that grace precedes us.

To read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer Sunday Missals for Year C from the Catholic Truth Society are now available to buy at the back of both Churches, price £9

The Priests and Brothers will be away this Monday & Tuesday on retreat.

The 2nd Collection last weekend for the SCJ Formation Fund raised from OLSP: £88.31. CC collection still to be counted. Thank you for your generosity.

Corpus Christi Christmas Fayre : Thank You to everyone who helped in any way and to everyone who attended. The total raised will be announced shortly and there is a list of raffle winners displayed in Corpus Christi Church. Special thanks to the organisers for all their hard work.

PLEASE NOTE that Brother John's Prayer for Advent to the music of Taizé will be ON WEDNESDAY EVENING THIS WEEK in the Lady Chapel at CC at 7 pm. The next 3 sessions will be on Tuesdays. The Parish Finance Council will meet this Wednesday, 4th December at 7 pm in the Presbytery at CC.

The Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope Companion Booklets are available free of charge in both Churches.

Christmas Repository stall at the back of Corpus Christi Church is now open after weekend Masses. OLSP Christmas Cards to the housebound and other absent parishioners: we shall soon be sending these out so please give the addresses of those you think would like a card to the parish secretary (secretaryccolsp@gmail.com or by phone 0115 921 2964).

The Fatima Five First Saturdays Devotion will take place again at Our Lady and St Patrick's church on Saturday 7th December, from 9:25 am promptly, when the Rosary plus meditation will begin. The devotion involves Holy Communion, Confession, and the Rosary, plus a 15 minute meditation. Our Lady asked for this devotion in 1925 as a means of making reparation to her Immaculate Heart and for bringing about peace in the world. She also promised that those who carry out this devotion will be assisted by her at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for salvation, a promise of heaven. For more information, please email: donalf@waf-ew.org.uk

An Advent Reconciliation Service will be held on Wednesday, 18th December 2024 at 6.30 pm at Corpus Christi Church. Priests will be available to hear Confessions face-to-face or in the confessional box.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass times:

Corpus Christi, Clifton:

24th December 2024 Christmas Eve:
6.00 pm First Mass of Christmas
8.00 pm Christmas Eve Mass
25th December 2024

Christmas Day Mass at 10.30 am

Our Lady and St. Patrick's, Meadows:

24th December 2024 Christmas Eve:
4.00 pm First Mass of Christmas
25th December 2024
Christmas Day Mass at 9.00 am.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December 2024: For Pilgrims of Hope. We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Bishop Patrick will be coming to confirm our young people in both parishes on Friday, 6th June 2025. Details of the Confirmation Programme will be issued shortly. If you have already given your name to the Parish Office, then you will automatically be sent information.

If anyone has lost a piece of jewellery in the Church grounds at CC, please contact the parish secretary. SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: Synod Synthesis: PART I – THE FACE OF THE SYNODAL CHURCH, 5. Matters for Consideration g) We need to cultivate a greater sensitivity towards the riches of our diverse expressions of being Church. This requires a search for a dynamic balance between the dimension of the Church as a whole and its local rootedness, between respect for the bond of Church unity and the risk of homogenization that stifles variety. Meanings and priorities vary among different contexts, and this requires identifying and fostering forms of decentralization.

h) The Church too is affected by polarization and distrust in vital matters such as liturgical life and moral, social and theological reflection. We need to recognize the causes of each through dialogue and undertake courageous processes of revitalizing communion and processes of reconciliation to overcome them.

School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies (Reception class) - children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021. The deadline for submitting applications for a school place is 15th January 2025. Application forms are available on 'home' Local Authority websites. For every Catholic school application where a child is to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion there should also be a supplementary information form, completed and returned to the school by the deadline; these forms are available from the LA and the school. Applicants must also include the supporting evidence as required with this form, eg baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable; contact the parish of baptism for a copy if needed, in good time). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean the child is ranked in a lower criterion, which may affect chances of a place .

Take time in Advent, an afternoon of prayer and reflection for Advent on Sunday 8th December between 2.00pm and 4.30pm in the Presentation Convent, Matlock DE4 3FT. The afternoon will be led by Sister Angela Murphy and Friends of Nano. The suggested donation is £5; please contact Sister Susan religious@dioceseofnottingham.uk for more information, or to book a place.

Men's Spiritual Exercises, Monday 31st March – Saturday 5th April. A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men (whether lay or ordained), this retreat will be preached at the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire, by the Benedictine Monks of Saint Joseph's Abbey, France. Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>

Memory Lane Café - next session on Thursday, 5th December 2024. At the Irish Centre, 2 Wilford Street, Nottingham NG2 1AA between 12 pm & 2.00 pm. £2 entry fee to cover cost of tea/coffee & cake but feel free to bring your own lunch if required. Family member, support worker or carer are welcome to join you. For more information, please contact Sheila on 07915 037447 or welfare@nottinghamirishcentre.org

Christmas Gifts that make a world of difference: CAFOD World Gifts Catalogue 2024-25 is now available in the foyers at both Churches. With new gifts and products inside, each World Gift is a real example of CAFOD's work. Find your perfect, waste-free Christmas gifts inside.

The Christian Heritage Centre offers a weekend course for couples preparing for marriage, most suited to couples who are engaged and practicing their faith, and who wish for a deeper, theological and spiritual reflection on the Sacrament of Matrimony. Structured around scriptural texts, the weekend explores the Church's understanding of human love in the Divine plan using Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body. The weekend is held between Friday 3rd and Sunday 5th January, and for more information and to book, visit: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation-2025/>

The UK's largest Catholic youth event, Flame's Unstoppable, is happening on Saturday 15th March at London's Wembley Stadium. The Diocesan Youth Service, NDCYS, is offering young people a wonderful opportunity to be involved, with tickets and return coach travel packages. For more information please visit ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities/ or email michelle.thomas@ndcys.com



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

COLLECT

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.
'I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David.' 33:14-16
Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely.
And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 25(24)

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
O LORD, make me know your ways.
Teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth, and teach me;
for you are the God of my salvation. R.

Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgement;
to the humble he teaches his way. R.

All the LORD's paths are mercy and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and commands.
The LORD's secret is for those who fear him;
to them he reveals his covenant. R.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians.
3:12-4:2
'May the Lord establish your hearts for the coming of Christ.'
Brothers and sisters:

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. Finally, then, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia.
Show us, O LORD, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.
'Your redemption is drawing near.' 21:25-28, 34-36
At that time:
Jesus said to his disciples:
'There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity - because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world.
For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.
'But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.