



Corpus Christi, Southchurch Drive, Clifton and Our Lady & St Patrick's, Launder Street, The Meadows

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Date	Holy Mass/ Services	Other Events
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
Monday 9th December The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pa- tron of Our Diocese (Solemnity)	6.30 pm Adoration 7.00 pm Mass: Tom McDermott RIP	4.00 pm FHC Session 3
Tuesday 10th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Mass: Holy Souls: Deceased Members of the Dore, Gilbertson, Cowdrey & Moloney Families	LC 7.00 pm Prayer for Advent to the music of Taizé
Thursday 12th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Mass: Holy Souls: Deceased Members of the Groves & Connor Families	7.00 pm RCIA : Discussion: Finding True Freedom
Friday 13th December Saint Lucy, virgin & martyr (memorial)	9.00 am Mass: Holy Souls: Deceased Members of the Higgins & McMahon Families	If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code for CC Church
Saturday 14th December 3rd Sunday of Advent	5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Bill Wigley	
Sunday 15th December 3rd Sunday of Advent	10.30 am Mass: Eileen T O'Sullivan	

Our Lady & St Patricks, Meadows, Mass/Service Times 8th - 15th December 2024



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Sunday 8th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	9.00 am Mass: Marion England RIP After Mass: FHC Session 3 2-5 pm Syro-Malankara Church	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass. 2nd Collection: Poor & Needy Parishes
Monday 9th December The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	2.00 pm St Patrick's School Years 3 & 4 Carol Concert in the Church	
Wednesday 11th December Advent Feria	9.30 am Adoration 10.00 am Mass: Holy Souls: Deceased Members of Divine, Devenny & Collins Families	
Saturday 14th December Saint John of the Cross, priest & doctor (memorial)	9.30 am Confessions 10.00 am Mass: Holy Souls: Deceased Members of Mulhern, Oates, Cullinane & McHugh Families	12.30 - 5 pm Eritrean Church If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code for OLSP Church
Sunday 15th December 3rd Sunday of Advent	9.00 am Mass: People of the Parish 3.00 pm Latin Mass	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass.

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A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, for the Second Sunday of Advent: To God who blesses, we too respond by blessing - God has taught us how to bless and we must bless - through the prayer of praise, of adoration, of thanksgiving. The Catechism writes: "The prayer of blessing is our response to God's gifts: because God blesses, the human heart can in return bless the One who is the source of every blessing" (n. 2626).

To read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

Please remember in your prayers, Tom McDermott, a long-standing parishioner of CC who died on Friday. Please pray for his daughter, Sharon. His funeral details will be announced shortly. May he rest in peace. Amen.

1st Holy Communion Sessions take place this week at OLSP after the 9.00 am Mass and on Monday, 9th December at CC at 4.00 pm.

St Patrick's School Years 3 & 4 are holding a Carol Concert in OLSP Church on Monday, 9th December at 2.00 pm. All parents and parishioners are welcome to attend.

Sunday Missals for Year C from the Catholic Truth Society are now available to buy at the back of both Churches, price £9

The 2nd Collection last weekend for Christmas Flowers raised from OLSP: £96.95 & from CC £207.14. Thank you for your generosity.

Corpus Christi Christmas Fayre : The total raised was a spectacular £1,470.10. A list of raffle winners is displayed in Corpus Christi Church and there are still some prizes to be collected. Thank You to everyone who helped in any way and to everyone who attended. Special thanks to the organisers for all their hard work.

Prayer for Advent to the music of Taizé led by Br John will be at 7 pm on Tuesday, 10th December in the Lady Chapel at CC. The following 2 sessions will be on Tuesdays.

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

Emmanuel House Little Things Campaign Please donate from the following list and bring to both Churches next Saturday, 14th & Sunday, 15th December so they can be delivered to Emmanuel House before Wednesday, 18th December. Thank you for your generosity.

Packet of biscuits	Notebook & pen	New boxer shorts or knickers
Puzzle books	Jogging bottoms	Winter coats
Shower gel & deodorant	Body lotion & handcream	Chocolates (no alcohol)
Gregg's vouchers		

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.

CC CHURCH CLEANING FOR CHRISTMAS will take place on Monday, 23rd December 2024 at 10.00 am. Please come and help. Many hands make light work.

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).

Young Adults from across the diocese are invited to Vespers, Carols, and Festive Nibbles at Sacred Heart church, Leicester, on Friday 13th December with Mass at 6.00pm, and then Vespers and Carols celebrated with Bishop Patrick, followed up with some festive nibbles afterwards! For more information or to log a dietary requirement please contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk 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.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: Synod Synthesis: PART I – THE FACE OF THE SYNODAL CHURCH, 5. Matters for Consideration i) In our local churches, we sometimes experience tensions between different ways of understanding evangelisation: emphasis on a witness of life, commitment to human advancement, dialogue with faiths and cultures, and explicit proclamation of the Gospel. Equally, a tension emerges between the explicit proclamation of Jesus Christ and valuing the characteristics of each culture in search of the Gospel traits (semina Verbi) it already contains. j) Possible confusion between the Gospel's message and the culture of those engaged in evangelisation was mentioned as one of the issues to be explored.

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.

CAFOD is organising a Christmas Fun Run on Friday 27th December in Bollington (SK10 5JR). For more information see the poster at the back of church, or visit www.cafod.org.uk/bollington Saint Barnabas Cathedral Choir is singing Bach's Saint John Passion on Saturday 29th March at 7.45pm. A QR code is available on the poster at the back of church, together with a 20% discount for bookings before Christmas.

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. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>

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

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.
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 Baruch.
'God will show your splendour.'
Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O
Jerusalem,
and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.
Put on the robe of the righteousness from God;
put on your head the crown of the glory of the Everlasting.
For God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.
For your name will for ever be called by God:
'Peace of righteousness and glory of godliness'.
Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height
and look towards the east
and see your children gathered from west and east,
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.
For they went forth from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.
For God has ordered that every high mountain
and the everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.
The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.
For God will lead Israel with joy
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

What great deeds the LORD worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.

When the LORD brought back the exiles of Sion,
we thought we were dreaming.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter;
on our tongues, songs of joy. R.

Then they said among the nations,
'What great deeds the LORD worked for them!'
What great deeds the LORD worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad. R.

Bring back our exiles, O LORD,
as streams in the Negeb.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. R.

Psalm 126(125)

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
bearing seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back with a song,
bearing their sheaves. R.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.
'Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.' 1:3-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters:
I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,
always in every prayer of mine for you all,
making my prayer with joy,
because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.
And I am sure of this,
that he who began a good work in you
will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

For God is my witness,
how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.
And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more,
with knowledge and all discernment,
so that you may approve what is excellent,
and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,
filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ,
to the glory and praise of God.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia.
Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.
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.
'All flesh shall see the salvation of God.' 3:1-6
In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar,
Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea,
and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee,
and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis,
and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene,
during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas,
the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

And he went into all the region around the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,
'The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings,
and, since we have no merits to plead our cause,
come, we pray, to our rescue
with the protection of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, through our partaking in this mystery,
you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth
and hold firm to the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.