



The Catholic Church of
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Times of Masses and other Services: The First Sunday of Advent: C.

First Week of Advent: 1st – 7th December 2024 (Weekday Cycle Year I / Psalter Week I)

PARISH FINANCES	
23 rd / 24 th November 2024	
Envelopes: £ 272. 00	
Loose Plate: £ 244. 48	
S / Orders: £ 418. 00	
TOTAL: £ 934. 48	
Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.	
Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:	
Kathleen Anderson,	
Isobel Alana Barnes,	
Marica Borsos,	
Ann Harrison,	
Andrea Hoffman,	
Breeda Keaney,	
Brenda Lowe, Jim Lowe,	
Michael Morrissey,	
Julie Mortimer,	
Pauline O'Connor	
Anne – Marie Reid,	
Simpson Family,	
Eileen Thompson	
Kay Twomey,	
Evelyn Venning	

V	<u>Saturday 30th November:</u> <i>First Sunday of Advent Year: C</i>
NO CONFESSIONS TODAY	
3:00pm: Vigil Mass; Holy Souls	
V	<u>Sunday 1st December:</u> <i>First Sunday of Advent Year: C</i>
9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	
11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Intentions of Kiera Morgan Harvey	
8:30 pm: Adoration & Ales; The Assumption Adoration Chapel	
V	<u>Monday 2nd December:</u> <i>Advent Feria</i>
10:00 am: Mass; Intentions of Pauline O'Connor (SVP)	
W	<u>Tuesday 3rd December:</u> <i>St Francis Xavier, Priest (mem)</i>
10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Special Intention	
V	<u>Wednesday 4th December:</u> <i>Advent Feria</i>
10:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls	
V	<u>Thursday 5th December:</u> <i>Advent Feria</i>
NO MORNING MASS	
V	<u>Friday 6th December:</u> <i>Advent Feria</i>
10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	
V	<u>Saturday 7th December:</u> <i>Second Sunday of Advent Year</i>
5:00 pm: Confessions	
5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Des Burrows RIP (Gildea Family)	
V	<u>Sunday 8th December:</u> <i>Second Sunday of Advent Year</i>
9:00 am: Mass; Ernest Strickland RIP (Marie)	
11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Jim Willis RIP (1 st Anniversary) (Kathleen)	

Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to frcathomas@outlook.com by WEDNESDAY of each week for inclusion in the next issue

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS TO BE USED FROM THIS SUNDAY

(Proper Prayers & Readings pages 63ff / Order of the Mass pages 522ff).

RCIA PROGRAMME: Our Parishes RCIA Course will continue next *Monday, 9th December 2024* at *7:30 pm* in the Assumption Church Hall. The subject for this Session will be *The Life of Christ*. All welcome. If you have any questions or would like any further information please speak to me. – *Fr Christopher*.

CATHOLIC MEN OF THE PARISH: Join us at The Assumption, Beeston *THIS Sunday, 1st December 2024* at 8:30 pm for an hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a drink at one of our local pubs. Hope to see you there! Any questions ask David Aldred or Fr Christopher. (In association with Catholic Man UK. For more information see: <https://catholicman.uk/>).



2025 THE JUBILEE: The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a Year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. Tradition dictates that each Jubilee is proclaimed through the publication of a Papal (or Pontifical) 'Bull of Indiction.' (*Spes non Confundit; Hope Does Not Disappoint*, is the Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025 see:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-confundit_bolla-giubileo2025.html). By 'Bull' is meant an official document, generally

written in Latin, bearing the seal of the Pope, the shape of which gives its name to the document itself. The theme of the Jubilee Year is "Pilgrims of Hope," and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID – 19 pandemic and other moral and spiritual crises in the world today. Preparations for the 2025 Year of Jubilee began in Advent 2023, which marked the start of a Year of Prayer. Alive Publishing have produced a Companion Booklet with prayers and reflections based around the theme of hope and Jubilee themes found in the Scriptures. Copies are available at the back of Church priced £1.50.

ENGLISH MARTYRS CHRISTMAS FAIR (SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2024 12 NOON TO 3.00 PM):

A great opportunity to start or finish your shopping and get into the Christmas spirit. Lots of stalls – some organized by the pupils from English Martyrs. Food and face painting and a magical Santa experience which will be pre-bookable online (there may be some spaces available on the day, but we suggest booking ahead of time to ensure you have a set time and no disappointed little ones). There will be stalls from local businesses and a raffle. There will also be a stall run by members of St Francis parish raising funds equally for MND and parish funds – all hand knitted items suitable for gifts. At 2.00 pm the English Martyrs School Choir will sing carols. Please support this event – English Martyrs is **our local Catholic School**. For any further information contact Frances- Email: FEM-parents@outlook.com

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER, ON 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. Full reflection at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025: We will begin our Parish preparations for the 2025 First Holy Communion with an Enrolment Mass early in the New Year. Could I ask that the parents of any children in the Parish who are in School Year 3 and above and who have not made their First Holy Communion please see me soon as possible about to collect an Enrolment Form for their child (ren) and return the completed Form (s) to me before *31st December 2024*.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2025: We are hoping to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in Autumn 2025, this would be a joint celebration for both parishes. Applications will be open to young people currently in year 7 or above who haven't yet been Confirmed and are interested in exploring their faith. We will need catechists to be able to run this programme too – training and support will be given to willing volunteers who want to see teenagers grow in faith. If you are interested in being confirmed, your child/children being confirmed or being a catechist please speak to Fr Christopher (*Enrolment Forms are available from today*). or email: Joe.hopkins@dioceseofnottingham.uk

MISSIO: It's time to hand in your Red Boxes for the end of 2024. A big thank you for all your charitable contributions throughout the year, be assured your kindness has helped to aid great works around the world. – *Kerry Garton*.