

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM
Our Lady of Victories & St. Alphonsus, 28, Bitteswell Road, Lutterworth LE17 4EY
3rd Sunday of Advent 14 - 15 Dec. 2024 (Gaudete Sunday)

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WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASSES

Our Lady of Victories & St Alphonsus, Lutterworth – Mass Times -

Sat	14 th	Dec.	6.00pm	Holy Souls
Sun	15 th	Dec.	11.00am	Rosary at 10.30. Douglas K Lissaman (3 rd Anniversary)
Tues	17 th	Dec.	10.30am	Holy Souls
Thurs	19 th	Dec.	10.30am	Adoration 9.30. Rosary 10.05. Patsy Whitmore & Family
Sat	21 st	Dec.	6.00pm	Holy Souls
Sun	22 nd	Dec.	11.00am	Rosary at 10.30.

St. Pius X, Narborough

Sat	14 th	Dec	4.00pm
Sun	15 th	Dec.	9.30am
Mon	16 th	Dec.	9.30am
Sat	21 st	Dec.	4.00pm
Sun	22 nd	Dec.	9.30am

Lutterworth: Thurs. 9.30 – 10.30 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & ROSARY Narborough: Mon. 9.00 – 10.00

Sat. 5.30pm before evening Mass. **WEEKLY CONFESSIONS** **Sat: 3.30pm** and before and after Masses.

THE EUCHARIST - Pledge of the Glory to Come:

There is no surer pledge or clearer sign of this great hope in the new heavens and the new earth 'in which righteousness dwells' than the Eucharist. Every time this mystery is celebrated, 'the work of our redemption is carried on' and we 'break the one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death and the food that makes us live for ever in Jesus Christ (CCC1405).

Please pray for those who are sick and those who are housebound: Sarah Sykes, Edward Taylor, Tara Viljoen, Hayley Dunnill, Kaci Dunnill, Cathy Mansell, Eileen Fox, Fr. John Joe Maloney, Anne Spurrier, Kit Boneham, John Southern, Mary Cremins and Richard Gabrin.

For the deceased: Please pray for those who have died recently and whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in eternal peace.

CHRISTMAS MASSES & EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES

Please see Notices displayed in the Porch and in the Hall

Lutterworth Christmas Eve **Vigil 6.00pm.**
Christmas Day Mass 11.00am.
Extra confessions Sat. 14th Dec. 5.00 – 6.00pm.

Narborough Christmas Eve **Vigil 6.00pm.**
Midnight Mass 12.00am.
Christmas Day Mass 9.30am.
Extra confessions Sat 14th Dec. 3.00 – 4.00pm.

Carol Service: Brian and the Choir are putting on a Carol Service on Sat. evening 21st December at 5.30pm before the evening Mass at 6.00pm. Come and sing along with them as a nice preparation for the coming of the baby Jesus

FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS:
There will be a collection for your donations on Sat 14th & Sun 15th Dec. The Flower Arrangers always make a supreme effort at Christmas, so please support them as generously as you are able.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, for 3rd Sunday of Advent:

Very often it happens that we do not pray, we don't feel like praying, or many times we pray like parrots, with the mouth, but our heart is not in it. This is the moment to say to the Spirit: "Come, come Holy Spirit, warm my heart. Come and teach me to pray, teach me to look to the Father, to look to the Son. Teach what the path of faith is like. Teach me how to love and, above all, teach me to have an attitude of hope."

For full reflection please visit:
dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

BRING & SHARE EVENT: Will take place In the Hall after Mass on Sun the 15th Dec. It will be greatly appreciated if food can be brought into the Hall by 10.30am to enable the volunteers to set everything up before Mass commences at 11.00am. You will be able to "Guess the weight of the Christmas Cake" and Raffle tickets will be on sale during the event. The Social Group would like to express their sincere thanks to all those who have provided such lovely Raffle prizes and the promise of food. Kitchen will be closed after the event until into the New Year. **The Foodbank baskets are available in the Porch for you to place your donations into. Their last collection before Christmas will be on 17th Dec. Come along Sunday morning, support your Parish and have an enjoyable pre-Christmas 'chat and snack'!**

Church Christmas Postbox: An alphabetical box has been provided in the Porch for you to leave your Christmas cards in. Please don't leave them anywhere else in the church!

New Sunday Missals: Only a few left at £18. Please see Nora. Any remaining ones will be sent to Narborough this weekend as they have been unable to source ANY, and they are now out of print until mid-Jan.

JOINT PARISH PASTORAL TEAM/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: There will be a joint parish crucial meeting of the pastoral team/finance committee/special invitees on Monday 16 December 2024 at the Church Hall in Narborough. Time is 6pm.

Scrabble Group: Meet in the Hall on Tuesdays 2 – 5pm
ALL ARE WELCOME **Early Warning There won't be any Scrabble on 24th & 31st Dec.**