

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM
Our Lady of Victories & St. Alphonsus, 28, Bitteswell Road, Lutterworth LE17 4EY

3rd Sunday of Advent 21 - 22 Dec. 2024

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WEEKEND & WEEKDAY & CHRISTMAS MASSES

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

St. Pius X, Narborough

Sat	21 st	Dec	6.00pm	Holy Souls
Sun	22 nd	Dec	11.00am	Rosary at 10.30.
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Tues 24 th Christmas Eve 5.30pm				Carol Service
Tues	24 th	Dec	6.00pm	Vigil (No morning Mass)
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Wed.	25 th	Dec	11.00am	Christmas Day Mass
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Thurs	26 th	Dec	10.30am	Adoration. Rosary 10.05. Patsy Whitmore & Family
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Sat	28 th	Dec	6.00pm	Holy Souls
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Sun	29 th	Dec	11.00am	Rosary at 10.30.
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Sat	21 st	Dec	4.00pm
Sun	22 nd	Dec.	9.30am
Mon	23 rd	Dec.	9.30am
Tues.	24 th	6.00pm	Vigil
Christmas	Eve	Midnight Mass	
Wed.	Christmas	Day	9.30am
Sat	28 th	Dec.	4.00pm
Sun	29 th	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.

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, 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.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, for 4th Sunday of Advent:

There is no better way to pray than to place oneself like Mary in an attitude of openness, with a heart open to God: "Lord, what you want, when you want, and how you want". That is, a heart open to God's will. And God always responds. **For full reflection please visit:**
dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

Dear Parishioners,

PROPOSED AMALGAMATION OF ST PIUS X NARBOROUGH & OUR LADY OF VICTORIES & ST. ALPHONSUS, LUTTERWORTH:

Before I assumed office as your parish priest, my predecessor, Msgr John Hardley, had brought to the knowledge of many parishioners that both St Pius X Narborough and Our Lady of Victories & St Alphonsus Lutterworth would likely be amalgamated in future.

As part of the amalgamation process, I convened a joint meeting of the parish teams/finance committees/special invitees. It was held on the 16th of December 2024, in the Narborough Church building at 6.00 pm.

Following that meeting, the attendees identified and unanimously agreed that the proposed amalgamation is mainly due to the dwindling number of active priests in our diocese and to manage available resources most sensibly to ensure that we can be as missionary and outward-looking as possible. After that meeting, I decided to communicate with all our parishioners on how amalgamation may impact us collectively and individually.

For clarity, the amalgamation will not alter the administration of the sacraments. Our Masses will continue as usual, ensuring our spiritual connection remains strong. Neither of our two churches is likely to be closed because of the amalgamation. Instead, as noted earlier, the amalgamation will provide opportunities for a more missionary and outward-looking church in our communities. It will mean one parish with one boundary, one parish team, one finance committee, one administrative office, and one bank account. A new parish name will be given, and each church retains its original name. Please see the notice board on how to name a new parish. The naming of the parish is for the Bishop to decide, and as you can see tends to be in two parts: a 'holy' name and a 'geographical' name. The Bishop is also keen to try to have a single name which unites the new parish, rather than a name which is 'Saint X and Saint Y in place A and place B' where X and Y are the saints of the churches, and A and B are the places the churches are located.

Therefore, up until the third week of January, please send me your written views or opinions on the matter. Your feedback is important. The aim of the consultation isn't to get parishioners to agree to the amalgamation but rather to hear all your thoughts about how things will change, what the difficulties might be, and what might need to be altered. Furthermore, I will reach out to the Ecumenical and Interfaith groups, civil leaders, and any other local groups/charities that may have something to do with us directly or indirectly. Finally, I will consult with the priests in Leicester Deanery. If the responses are favourable, I will petition Bishop Patrick McKinney to ask him to consider amalgamating the two parishes. He can do so by a canonical decree, in writing, after due consultation with the presbyteral council (council of priests).

United in Faith

Fr Joel Nwalozie

Parish Priest.

Fr. Joel Nwalozie, Fr John Joe Maloney, Fr. Jim Cahill, Deacon Kevin & Parishioners extend a warm welcome to new Parishioners and all visitors.

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