

**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 -**

Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	Dec	6.00pm	Holy Souls
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Dec	11.00am	Rosary at 10.30.
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<b>Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve 5.30pm</b>				<b>Carol Service</b>
Tues	24 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	6.00pm	Vigil (No morning Mass)
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Wed.	25 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	11.00am	Christmas Day Mass
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Thurs	26 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	10.30am	Adoration. Rosary 10.05. Patsy Whitmore & Family
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Sat	28 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	6.00pm	Holy Souls
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Sun	29 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	11.00am	Rosary at 10.30.
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**St. Pius X, Narborough**

Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	Dec	4.00pm
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Dec.	9.30am
Mon	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Dec.	9.30am
Tues.	24 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil
Christmas	Eve	Midnight	Mass
Wed.	Christmas	Day	9.30am
Sat	28 <sup>th</sup>	Dec.	4.00pm
Sun	29 <sup>th</sup>	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.

**Fr. Joel's contribution**

**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](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer)**

**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.

**BRING & SHARE:**

The event last Sunday was enjoyed by all those who attended and the sum of £473 was raised for Parish Funds. Sincere thanks to the Social Group for organising and to all those who provided help and such lovely food and generous Raffle Prizes (there is a list on the Noticeboard for unclaimed prizes. Please check to see if you have won! The response to the Foodbank Appeal was overwhelming and the 'overflowing' baskets were collected by the local Foodbank on Tuesday for distribution throughout Lutterworth and Villages. God bless all who contributed.

**FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH:** Our Flower Arrangers are most grateful for your very generous offerings towards the flowers, to adorn the Church throughout the Christmas & New Year period.

**Amalgamation of Parishes:** A joint meeting of the newly formed Parish Council and Finance Committees was held at Narborough last Monday. A general discussion took place in relation to the intention to bring the church of St. Pius X, Narborough, and the church of Our Lady of Victories & St. Alphonsus, Lutterworth, under one Parish. Fr. Joel provided a document that explains "How do parishes merge?" Many questions were raised about how **we** might be able to do this, and further information will be provided by the Parish Priest to inform Parishioners on how the process will be conducted going forward. Initially the request will be submitted to the Nottingham Diocese Council of Priests for consideration, and ultimately sanctioned by the Bishop. The timeline is expected to be February 2025. Further information will be provided in early January to all our Parishioners.

**Fr. Joel Nwalozie, Fr John Joe Maloney, Fr. Jim Cahill, Deacon Kevin & Parishioners extend a warm welcome to new Parishioners and all visitors. Deadline for items for the Newsletter – noon on Wednesdays: [johnston.nora@gmail.com](mailto:johnston.nora@gmail.com)**

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