



Corpus Christi Church, Clifton Mass/Service Times 24th - 31st December 2023



Date	Holy Mass/ Services	Other Events
Saturday 23rd December 4th Sunday of Advent Day of Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers	12 noon Baptism of Mariel Joy Encallado 5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Tracy & Alan Gheen - Good Health	
Sunday 24th December 4th Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day (Solemnity)	10.30 am Mass: Special Intention - Wedding Day of Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers 6.00 pm First Mass of Christmas :Private Intention 8.00 pm Christmas Eve Mass - People of the Parish	Decoration of CC Church 
Monday 25th December The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day (Solemnity)	10.30 am Christmas Day Mass	If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code for CC Church
Tuesday 26th December Saint Stephen (Feast)	7.00 pm Mass: Departed Souls of Matthew, Pappachan & Leelamma Families	
Thursday 28th December The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)	9.00 am Mass: Pam Rowan RIP	
Friday 29th December Saint Thomas of Canterbury (Becket), Bishop & Martyr (Feast)	9.00 am Mass: Luiz Nobor Camara Takahashi - 8th Month of Death	
Saturday 30th December The Holy Family (Feast)	5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Repose of the Soul of Isobel George	
Sunday 31st December The Holy Family (Feast)	10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish 9.00 pm New Year Prayer service 10.00 pm Holy Mass	

Our Lady & St Patricks, Meadows, Mass/Service Times 24th -31st December 2023



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Sunday 24th December 4th Sunday of Advent - Christmas Eve The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day (Solemnity)	9.00 am Mass: People of the Parish 4.00 pm First Mass of Christmas -- Barbara, John & Michael Hickey RIP	Coffee & Tea in the Hall after the morning Mass. 
Wednesday 27th December Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist (Feast)	10.00 am Mass: Departed Souls of Buckley & Rammond Families	Coffee & Tea in the Hall after the morning Mass.
Saturday 30th December 6th Day within the Octave of Christmas	9.30 am Confessions 10.00 am Mass: Arthur Piper RIP	If you would like to make a donation, to the Church please scan the QR code above
Sunday 31st December The Holy Family Feast	9.00 am Mass: Marion England RIP	Coffee and Tea after the morning Mass.

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Parish Newsletter 4th Week of Advent

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Sacrae Theologiae
Sacramenti Catechesis

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we approach the much-anticipated celebration of Christmas, we reflect on our prayerful advent journey, culminating in the joyous occasion of the fourth Sunday of Advent this weekend and the upcoming Christmas Eve on Sunday. It is a special time in our lives as we eagerly anticipate the birth of our Saviour.

The essence of Christmas is truly a blessing, the grace and joy bestowed upon us by God. Just as we exchange gifts to express our feelings, God bestowed upon us the ultimate gift – His Son, Jesus. Jesus is the embodiment of God's love for every person in the world. The choice of God to enter our world as a vulnerable baby shows the precious nature of this gift, inviting us to contemplate the mysterious and gentle, unconditionally loving nature of God.

Christmas, however, can be a time of solitude, loneliness, and the keen sense of loss for some who are missing loved ones. In acknowledging this, let us stand together in solidarity with those who find the season challenging, extending our support and compassion.

A heartfelt thank you to each one of you for being an integral part of our Christmas celebration and for your dedicated efforts in preparing for the festivities in our parishes. When we gather, we symbolize the unity of the Body of Christ. Jesus is our leader, and together, we represent the diverse parts that make up this special Body. Wishing you all the many blessings of Christmas from

Br. John, Br. Andrew, and Fr. Pitak,

God Bless. Merry Christmas !

Fr. Wilfred Pereppadan SCJ

Blessing of the Bambinelli this WEEKEND, 23/24th December 2023, after all weekend Masses. Following in the Papal tradition in Saint Peter's Square, you are invited to bring the Baby Jesus from your Nativity or Crib to be blessed next week on the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Fourth 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. To read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

2023 -2024 Year of Prayer Pope Francis' Catechesis on Prayer, arranged for each liturgical week **FOURTH** Week of Advent – Sunday 24th December 2023 .Copies Available in the parish website under newsletter section.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Joseph Omae Mosei of CC who died recently and for his family. Joseph's Funeral will take place on Thursday, 28th December 2023 at 2.00 pm at the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell, May he rest in peace. Amen. The Celebrant will be Fr Wilfred SCJ.

Praying out the Old : Welcoming the New on Sunday night 31st December 2023 in the Corpus Christi Church from 9.00 pm to 10.00 pm. And followed Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. at 10.00 pm, An opportunity to pray together in the company of the Blessed Sacrament. We extend a warm welcome to join with us for this special service when we give thanks for the many graces and blessings which have been given to us as we travel along the road of life. We know that many will enjoy the usual festivities but if you could spare some time to come to Church for this 60 minutes it would be the best way possible to start the New Year and to give thanks to God for all the blessings he has heaped on us. And you will still have plenty of time to enjoy the celebrations.

St Paul's Sunday Missal 2024 Cycle B: Copies for the new Liturgical year are available to buy at the back of both Churches, price £7.00 (price held from last year).

Please come and help decorate CC Church after 10.30 am Mass this Sunday, 4th Sunday of Advent, Parish Finances Gift aiding your offertory donations to the parish greatly help us balance our parish finances. To Gift Aid your donations you need to make your offerings either by Standing Order or by Gift Aid envelopes. Forms for Gift-Aid Standing Orders are available in the Narthex; for envelopes, please call the parish office.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: Synod Synthesis: PART I – THE FACE OF THE SYNODAL CHURCH, Experience and Understanding, Convergences g) Without being dismissive of the importance of representative democracy, Pope Francis responds to the concern expressed by some that the Synod may become a body of majority deliberation denuded of its ecclesial and spiritual character, so jeopardising the hierarchical nature of the Church. It is clear that some people are afraid that they will be forced to change; others fear that nothing at all will change or that there will be too little courage to move at the pace of the living Tradition. Also, perplexity and opposition can sometimes conceal a fear of losing power and the privileges that derive from it. In all cultural contexts, however, the terms "synodal" and "synodality" speak of a mode of being Church that integrates communion, mission, and participation. An example is the Ecclesial Conference of the Amazon (CEAMA), a fruit of the synodal missionary process in the region.

The ongoing reorganisation of the diocese, enabling us all to become more missionary in a way which recognises that we now have fewer clergy and fewer parishioners, continues to make steady progress. To date the 108 parishes we had in 2017 have been reduced to 88, with 32 parishes having been amalgamated to form 12 new larger parishes. Parishioners in all our parishes are on a journey of working more closely together, in a more missionary fashion, in our united effort to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ, and to put that love into practice across the East Midlands.

Pope Francis announces first World Day of Children: A World Day of Children, in the wake of World Youth Day, will be held in Rome on 25-26 May 2024. Pope Francis made the announcement, "with joy", at the Angelus on the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The initiative responds to the question: What kind of world do we want to leave to the children who are growing up now? Please remember Emmanuel House (donations@emmanuelhouse.org.uk), the Clifton Foodbank & the Meadows Foodbank (hope-Nottingham.org.uk) as the weather gets colder.

Encounter Prayer : The diocese is producing a monthly podcast for the Year of Prayer called Encounter Prayer. Each month a different type of prayer will be showcased; this first episode is given by Bishop Patrick who introduces the Year of Prayer, his hopes for it, and shares insights from his own prayer life. The Podcasts can be found on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music and Audible by searching Diocese of Nottingham; they are also on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer.

Peace Sunday 2024: Peace Sunday 2024 is Sunday 14 January and the theme chosen by Pope Francis is 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. Pax Christi have produced a series of resources to mark the day. website paxchristi.org.uk/peace-Sunday/

Thank you letter to both Parishes from Will Cruddace - Community Participation Co-ordinator of CAFOD Nottingham : I hope this email finds you well and your Advent has been blessed so far. I wanted to get in touch to say thank you for the recent combined donation of £528 from Corpus Christi and Our Lady & St Patrick's Parishes. I know our central offices will have said thank you already, but as your local CAFOD worker I wanted to reach out and let you know how much your support means, especially in such a financially challenging time here in the UK.

Thank you once again for your support and I hope you have a happy and Holy Christmas, **Would you like to be a Reading Volunteer at Blessed Robert Widmerpool?:** If you have an hour a week spare, we are looking for volunteers to come in to school to listen to some of the children read. Tea and coffee will be provided. If you are interested, please contact the school office on 0115 915 2392. We would really appreciate your time. Thank You.

Gift Aid: If you are a Gift Aid Declaration Holder please advise your parish office, or the Diocesan Gift Aid Department (parish.giftaid@dioceseofnottingham.uk) of any change in your circumstances, such as name change/address change/no longer a taxpayer. If your spouse has died and the GA Declaration was in his/her name, and you wish to continue to contribute because you are a taxpayer, then a new GA Declaration Form will need to be completed. Please also advise of the date of your spouse's death.

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The Pope's Monthly Intention, December 2023: Let us pray that volunteer, non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international co-operation.



3 He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.' I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans. *The mystery, which was kept secret for endless ages, is now made clear.*

16:25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

COLLECT

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. 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 second book of Samuel. *The kingdom of David will always stand secure before the Lord.*

7:1-5,8-11,16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David,' "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 88

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

- I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**
- 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.' **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. 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.**

1:26-38

Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son. The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered, 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord, sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar, just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**