


Date	Holy Mass/ Services	Other Events
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	
Monday 1st January 2024 Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Solemnity)	6.30 pm Adoration 7.00 pm Mass: McDermott and Walsh and Eileen Knowles RIP	If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code for CC Church
Tuesday 2nd January Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors (memorial)	9.00 am Mass: Departed Souls of Viegas, Pereira, Menezes, Fernandes & D'Costa families	
Thursday 4th January Christmas (Before Epiphany) Feria	9.00 am Mass: RIP of Thekkepurathiemalayil, Kizhivelithadathil 7 Ilanjikkuzhiyil families	
Friday 5th January Christmas (Before Epiphany) Feria	9.00 am Mass: Marykutty Joseph RIP	
Saturday 6th January Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)	5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Departed Souls of Dickens family	
Sunday 7th January Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)	10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish	

Our Lady & St Patricks, Meadows, Mass/Service Times 31st Dec 2023 - 7th Jan 2024

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Sunday 31st December The Holy Family (Feast)	9.00 am Mass: Marion England RIP 	Coffee & Tea in the Hall after the morning Mass.
Wednesday 3rd January 2024 Christmas (Before Epiphany) Feria	10.00 am Mass: Angela, Louis & John Pinto RIP	Coffee & Tea in the Hall after the morning Mass.
Saturday 6th January Christmas (Before Epiphany) Feria	9:25 am The Fatima Five First Saturdays Devotion 9.30 am Confessions 10.00 am Mass: Brady, Morris & Roger families RIP	If you would like to make a donation, to the Church please scan the QR code above
Sunday 7th January Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)	9.00 am Mass: John & Annie Davey RIP	Coffee and Tea after the morning Mass.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
Today's celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family highlights the importance of family in our life. We know that Mary and Joseph's faithfulness to God enabled them to cooperate in God's plan for our salvation by accepting the responsibility to raise God's Son, Jesus. During this time of the year, we focus on family, visiting each other, and exchanging cards and gifts. The Holy Family trusted in God and followed His will. This feast encourages us to think about the Holy Family and our own Christian families, promoting friendship and peace at home if needed. Pope Francis suggested that using words like 'please,' 'thank you,' and 'I am sorry' can improve family life. Let's pray for Jesus to strengthen Church families with grace and peace. Amen.  
As we welcome the New Year on Monday, let's say goodbye to 2023. We don't know what the year holds, but we can be sure that God will be with us. We wish everyone God's blessings.  
A big thank you to our musicians, singers, readers, welcomers, altar servers, communion ministers (both at Mass and for the sick), collectors, flower and sacristy helpers, church cleaners, counters, gardeners, social team, and all those who work behind the scenes. Your voluntary efforts during Christmas and throughout the year do not go unnoticed. Your time and service are truly valued, making our celebrations special and beautiful. Thank You.  
Wishing all Parishioners, Visitors and Friends a Very Happy New Year in 2024 Filled With God's Abundant Blessings

God Bless. *Fr. Wilfred Pereppadan SCJ*

2023-2024 Year of Prayer Pope Francis' Catechesis on Prayer, arranged for each liturgical week Christmas and the Feast of the Holy Family 30th December 2023 Copies Available in the parish website under newsletter section.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Feast of the Holy Family: One does not only pray with the mind; the entire person prays, the person in his or her entirety, just as one does not pray only with one's feelings. The ancients used to say that the organ of prayer is the heart, and thus they explained that the whole person, starting from the centre — the heart — enters into a relationship with God. To read the full reflection and find more resources at [dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer).

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, followed by the 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 you 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 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.

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. [websitepaxchristi.org.uk/peace-Sunday/](http://websitepaxchristi.org.uk/peace-Sunday/)

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).

Parish Finances: Gift aiding your offertory donations to the parish greatly helps 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. New envelopes will be issued in time for the start of the new Financial Year at the beginning of April 2024.

World Day of Peace: On January 1st, we celebrate World Day of Peace. Back on April 11, 1963, after Vatican II had been open for six months and just before his death, Pope John XXIII spoke to everyone in his important letter, "Peace on Earth." Four years after that, Pope Paul VI decided that January 1st, the feast of Mary, Mother of God, should be a day dedicated to observing World Day of Peace.

**SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: Synod Synthesis: PART I – THE FACE OF THE SYNODAL CHURCH, Experience and Understanding, Convergences h)** In its broadest sense, synodality can be understood as Christians walking in communion with Christ toward the Kingdom along with the whole of humanity. Its orientation is towards mission, and its practice involves gathering in assembly at each level of ecclesial life. It involves reciprocal listening, dialogue, community discernment, and creation of consensus as an expression that renders Christ present in the Holy Spirit, each taking decisions in accordance with their responsibilities

**Epiphany House Blessings:** There is a custom of blessing homes on the Feast of the Epiphany (7th January) when the family gather to ask God's blessing on their home and family life. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our homes. The prayer of Blessings and Chalk for the blessings shall be given after the Mass next weekend.

**Gift Aid:** If you are already a Gift Aid Declaration Holder, please advise your parish office, or the Diocesan Gift Aid Department ([parish.giftaid@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto: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.

**The Fatima Five First Saturdays Devotion** will take place again at Our Lady and St Patrick's church on Saturday 6th January 2024, from 9:25 am promptly, when the Rosary plus meditation will begin. Our Lady asked for this devotion in 1925 as a means of making reparation to her Immaculate Heart and for bringing about peace in the world. For more information, please email: [donalf@waf-ew.org.uk](mailto:donalf@waf-ew.org.uk)

Please remember Emmanuel House ([donations@emmanuelhouse.org.uk](mailto:donations@emmanuelhouse.org.uk)), the Clifton Foodbank & the Meadows Foodbank ([hope-Nottingham.org.uk](http://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](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer).

**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.

**Safe Spaces** is a free and independent support service that provides a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused through their relationship with either the Church of England, Church in Wales or the Catholic Church in England and Wales. •Phone: 0300 303 1056 (answerphone available outside of opening times) •Email:-

[safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk) •LiveChat & Website:-[www.SafeSpacesEnglandandWales.org.uk](http://www.SafeSpacesEnglandandWales.org.uk)

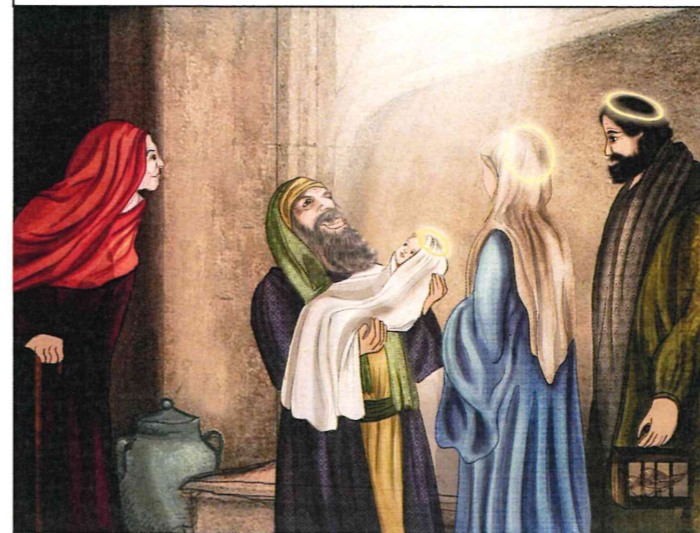
**Communion to the Sick and Housebound, For House Blessing, For Marriage:** (six months' notice required). please contact the Parish office (Monday, Wednesday and Friday Office Hours). **Funerals:** are organised with local funeral directors, but do contact the Parish office to arrange an appointment with the Priest. please contact the Parish office.

**Hospitals:** If you have a relative or friend who goes into the Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust (Queen's Medical Centre or City Hospital), please inform the Chaplaincy Department, the ward or your priest and request a visit. Do not assume that your priest or the chaplaincy team know that you/they are in hospital. Central Switchboard: 0115 924 9924 ext 63799.

**Development and Communications Co-ordinator** A dynamic and evolving role 'Development and Communications Co-ordinator' serving the young people of the diocese of Nottingham is pivotal to supporting the development and growth of NDCYS. This is an exciting and challenging opportunity for an aspiring leader. This is initially a one year fixed term contract. Details can be found at: <https://www.ndcys.com>

**New Year's Resolution** The Church relies on people getting involved. Our Church, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our Church?

**The Pope's Monthly Intention, January 2024: For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church:** Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**  
The shepherds went in haste,  
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant  
lying in a manger.

**COLLECT**  
O God, who were pleased to give us  
the shining example of the Holy Family,  
graciously grant that we may imitate them  
in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity,  
and so, in the joy of your house,  
delight one day in eternal rewards.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
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 book of Ecclesiasticus.  
*He who fears the Lord respects his parents.* **3:2-6.12-14**  
The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a  
mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins. he  
who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever  
respects his father will be happy with children of his own. he shall be heard  
on the day when he prays.

Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at  
ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his  
old age, do not grieve him during his life.

Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in  
your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but  
will serve as reparation for your sins.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!**  
1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. **R.**

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
all the days of your life. **R.**

**SECOND READING**  
A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians.  
*Family life in the Lord.* **3:12-21**  
You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be  
clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and  
patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel  
begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all

these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And  
may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you  
were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach  
each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your  
hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or  
do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the  
Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands,  
love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to  
your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents,  
never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel  
frustrated.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;  
let the message of Christ find a home with you.  
**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.**

*The child grew, filled with wisdom.* **2:22-40**

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of  
Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the  
Lord — observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-  
born male must be consecrated to the Lord — and also to offer in sacrifice,  
in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves  
or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon.  
He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's  
comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him  
by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the  
Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when  
the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required,  
he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now Master, you can let your servant go in peace,  
just as you promised;  
because my eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared for all the nations to see,  
a light to enlighten the pagans  
and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that  
were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his  
mother, 'You see this child; he is destined for the fall and for the rising of  
many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected — and a sword will  
pierce your own soul too — so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid  
bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of  
Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been  
married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four  
years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting  
and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and  
she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of  
Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went  
back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to  
maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation,  
humbly asking that,  
through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph,  
you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament,  
most merciful Father,  
to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family,  
so that, after the trials of this world,  
we may share their company for ever.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**