

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TO ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY (Foundation Year) - Children born between 01/09/2018 and 31/08/2019 The deadline for submitting your application for a school place is **15th January 2023**. Application forms are available on the [Leices-tershire Local Authority Admissions](https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leices-tershire-local-authority-admissions) website. When applying to a Catholic school, if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you *must also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to St Joseph's by the deadline, (Please contact the School Office on 01858 465359 to obtain a form).* You **MUST** also include the supporting evidence as required eg baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked is a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place. If you do not have the required evidence please contact the parish where your child was baptised for a copy certificate in good time.

		Sat. 6.00 pm	Sunday, 9.00 am	11.00 a.m.
Readers	26/27 November	N. Williamson	P. Green	J. Bland
	3/4 December	M. Atkins	T. Snell	Johnston family

JUBILEE FOOD BANK: You are asked to leave food bank items in the trolleys at various supermarkets when you shop. Refill Revolution at the Eco Village, Sainsbury's, Waitrose, Both Coop supermarkets, B&M, Nationwide, Coop, Great Glen of <https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk/> **Shopping List: MOST NEEDED--:** Pasta sauce, Tinned chicken in sauce, Tinned red meat (bolognaise, mince, stewed, chilli, corned, ham...), Other beans (red kidney beans, chick-peas...), Custard, Jam or marmalade, Snacks (snack bars, small bags of nuts, dried fruit...), Porridge oats, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Shower gel, Feminine products--sanitary towels and tampons,, Used, clean, strong 'bags for life', strong carrier bags, Jars of sandwich paste, Jars or pouches of baby food, Crackers (cream crackers or similar), Sugar (small bags if possible, 500g), Packets of Rice (500g if possible),,, Tinned hot dogs,, Powdered mashed potato (like Smash), Fruit (tinned) ,, Rice pudding (tinned), Crackers, Cereal, Tinned peas, Bottles of squash, Jars of curry sauce to go with rice, UHT Semi-Skimmed milk, UHT Whole milk, UHT juice, Biscuits, Tinned potatoes, , Tinned meat-balls,, Jars of coffee, Hot chocolate, Mild curry sauces . Please leave in trolley at Supermarket.
We don't currently need: ~~Soup, Baked beans, Baked beans with sausage, Carrots, Sweetcorn,, Tinned tomatoes~~

CALLING YOUNG ADULTS OF THE DIOCESE (those aged 18-35), The diocese will also be bringing a group of young adults to World Youth in Lisbon next August: if you would like to be part of this exciting pilgrimage there are 20 spaces available, please visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/wyd23 for more information and how to book.



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

27th November 2022
First Week of Advent
Psalter Week 3

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Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board

Times of Services

Sunday: 1st of Advent

Sat. 6.00pm: Norman Phillips RIP
9.00am Mass: People of the Parish
11.00am Mass: November Dead List
Rosary 3.30pm (if inclement in Church)

Monday: Advent FERIA

9.30am Mass: Sister Helen Ints -
School children join us for Mass

Tuesday: Advent FERIA

9.00am Mass: Trudi Blamires RIP anniv

Wednesday: St Andrew, Apostle

9.15am: Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass: Jeanne Edwards (Phillips)

Thursday: Advent FERIA

9.45am Rosary
10.00am: Ellen Thomas anniv

Friday: Advent FERIA

6.30pm: Exposition
7.00pm Mass: Mrs Ann Cunliffe RIP (Jim)

Saturday: St Francis Xavier

6.00pm Mass: Barbara Read

Sunday: 2nd of Advent

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish
11.00am Mass: Dr. Alex Johnston 80th Birthday (Children)

PLEASE NOTE: Please sanitise as you enter the church and we encourage people to wear masks but please respect those who do not. Please to not come to Mass if you have any symptoms of a viral infection.



Stay awake
so that you
may be ready.



CONFESSIONS
11am &
5.15 -5.45pm
Saturdays

FR CHRIS WRITES: We begin Advent this weekend and indeed the Church's Year. Advent is a time of hope and expectation and above all encounter with Christ. Advent is a spiritual season to grow closer to Christ and prepare for his coming to us in a new or deeper way. The words of John the Baptist ring true for this time: *prepare away for the Lord. Can we make space and time for him in these coming weeks?*

We will have some extra devotions: Morning prayer a quarter of an hour before Mass on Wednesdays and Rosary before Mass on Thursday and Exposition on Fridays at 6.30pm so that we may encounter Our Lord in a special way as we prepare to welcome him at Christmas as the word made flesh among us.

Advanced notice: Our Parish Carol Service organised by the Catenians is scheduled for Sunday 11 December at 3.00PM. We will be joined by children from our School.

FIRST COMMUNION: Our dear Catechists Kate Crawford and Rose Williams have decided to retire as our First Communion Catechists after many years of service to the Parish. We thank them. **We are now looking for new people and some from a younger generation who would like to be part of a team to prepare our children for next June or July.** This is a very great ministry and full of great blessings. Please speak or ring Fr Chris. A DBS clearance would need to be done.



ALTAR SERVERS: congratulations to all our altar servers who received medals on **Saturday last.** David Percival who received his Gold Medal for 50 years of Service. Heinrich, Richelle and Angela their Silver for 10 years and James and Matthew their bronze. A big thank you to all our Servers who are so faithful.

NEW CATECHIST FORMATION COURSE: There is a new formation course for catechists which begins in January. It is designed to build confidence and knowledge to live this wonderful ministry. If you are starting out as a Catechist or have been one for a number of years there will be something here for you. It looks rather good and can be attended in person or online. It is less burdensome than the previous one. It involves three shorter courses that feed into each other. Pick up a leaflet from the table in the cloister to find out more. The parish will pay any cost for the course.

WELCOMERS NEEDED: We're very short of welcomers at the 11am Mass, so if you mostly go to that Mass and think that you could spare a half hour or so, once a month (or less often if that's what you can manage) to welcome your fellow parishioners we'd love to hear from you. New volunteers to welcome at other Masses would be very helpful too. Please contact Theresa Kendrick on 07748 591398 or Beatrice Stewart on 01858 465492, or just have a word with Fr Chris.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS for adults and also children's calendars are available at church. They have a meditation for each day based on the readings for Mass each day including the Christmas period. They are a great resource to help us pray in this special season.

SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER Join **LACY (Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth) and IN-TERCARE!** Afternoon at **St. Thomas More Church Leicester** for a time of activities, learning about charity work and how to support children in Africa. A special invitation to our young people and young adults, as well as open to all. Come along at 4.00 p.m. and enjoy the fun and activities! Light refreshments will be available. The afternoon will finish with a short liturgy. More contact information from claudiacoxon@googlemail.com or [paul-inepayne@hotmail.com](mailto:inepayne@hotmail.com). We're looking forward to seeing YOU!

For sale: Royal Dalton Tea Set: 6 cups, 6 saucers, six plates, teapot, Milk jug & sugar basin. It is called Tumbling Leaves. In perfect Condition. Ring 463 574 .In aid of Bazaar/

PRISON FELLOWSHIP ANGEL TREE PROJECT: The local Prison Fellowship group will be running the Angel Tree Project this year at HMP Gartree and would like your help. The purpose of this project is to purchase Christmas presents for children of some of the prisoners. The gifts will be sent to the children as from their dad's. The value of each gift will be **approx £15.** If you would like to help with this project, either with a **monetary donation or a suitable gift** you will be given a gift tag with the first name, age and gender of the child. **The gift can be wrapped by yourself in Christmas paper** if you wish, but we do need to have a photo of the gift for security reasons otherwise a member of Prison Fellowship will wrap the gift. A hand written gift tag from their dad will be attached to make it extra special. **All presents will be posted so please keep them light.** Local bank account details: Prison Fellowship (Gartree Angel Tree) Sort code: 40 32 04 Account: 91564005. For your donation to be **Gift Aided** contact info@prisonfellowship.org.uk Maureen Douglas, Angel Tree Co-ordinator 43 Gardiner St, Market Harborough, LE16 9QN Tel 07966 515115

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS IN CHURCH: During COVID we have been taking the Collections as we leave Church. However the time has come, I think to take them once again in Church which is the norm. we tried it last week at the 11.00am Mass. So I am asking for volunteers or indeed families who would like to be responsible the collection and Offertory procession at a given Sunday mass. Hopefully we can produce a rota. The person on duty could ask someone to help them that day. There is a list in the Cloister for you to sign up with name Mass and contact details. Many thanks.



THIRD WORLD GROUP: Due to the ongoing limitations on social events for fund-raising, our main source of income at the moment is selling items on eBay, but our stock is dwindling. If we are to keep our promises to our beneficiaries we must maintain this activity. Please look through your cupboards, drawers, lofts, even sheds and garages, for good quality items that you no longer need. Clothing is the most popular but anything as long as it is in good condition and still has some value. Our box is under the table opposite the noticeboard in the cloister.