



## THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH

South Leicestershire

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**NEWSLETTER – 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2025 – 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) (Gaudete)**

**ONE PARISH:** One Newsletter for two churches. May we be united in supporting each other whenever we can, in the years that lie ahead and receive many blessings in uniting together in prayer and good works.

**FOR THE DECEASED:** Please pray for all those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time and for all Holy Souls who have no one to pray for them. May they rest in eternal peace. Please keep Tess Lissaman RIP and her son and family in your prayers at this sad time. Funeral arrangements to be announced in due course.

**ON THIS THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT,** the Liturgy presents to us a passage from the Letter of St James, which opens with this exhortation: “Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord” (Jas 5:7). It seems to me especially important, in our day, to underline the value of constancy and persistence, virtues which belonged to the normal baggage of our ancestors but today are less popular, in a world which exalts, rather, the change and capacity to adapt oneself to ever new and diverse situations. Taking nothing from these features, which are also human qualities, Advent calls us to develop inner tenacity, resistance of the spirit, which enables us not to despair while waiting for a good that is slow in coming, but on the contrary to prepare for its coming with active trust. - **Pope Benedict VI**

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:** For poor & Needy Parishes.

**BRING & SHARE:** A 'Bring & Share Event will take place after 11am Mass on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at Lutterworth. Raffle tickets will be on sale Sat evening and at the event which will finish in time to allow travel to the Carol Service in the afternoon at Narborough (see details elsewhere in this Newsletter) Following their Bazaar, Narborough have very kindly sent a number of lovely items to be used for our Raffle for which we thank them so there will be lots of prizes to be won. There will also be a Tombola with lots of items suitable for children, so roll up and buy your lucky dip number.

**LUTTERWORTH SOCIAL GROUP:** Met recently to finalize their arrangements for the Bring & Share and to discuss the Calendar of Events for 2026. The intention is to work closely with the Social Group at St. Pius X to avoid any clash of dates for next year so that each Church benefits fully from Parishioners being able to attend in both venues.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT AT ST. PIUS X, Narborough:** The event is on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> of December at 3.30pm in the Hall. See Poster on the Noticeboard for full details. “Volunteers required to help at the Candlelight Carols event on the day. People to help set up the hall, and to serve refreshments etc. Please get in touch with Karen directly or via Father Joel if you can help. If you are attending the Bring & Share after 11.15 Mass at Lutterworth, remember to leave yourself time to get to Narborough for the Carol Service!

**NARBOROUGH** - The children's nativity will take place during the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December. We will be making Christingles in the church hall after Mass.

**LECTIO DIVINA:** Study of St. John's Gospel. The next meeting will be at Lutterworth at 7pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026, preceded by Mass at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join the Group.



## JUBILEE YEAR – PILGRIMS OF HOPE



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025/2026:** By now Parents should have informed Fr. Joel of the intention for their children to receive instruction on receiving First Holy Communion next year.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY DOOR:** A visit to Holy Cross, Leicester, on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. has been confirmed. We will arrive by 12 noon for Rosary at 12.05 followed by Mass at 12.30. We have been invited by their Parish Priest, Fr. Richard, OP, for tea and coffee in their Hall after Mass. If you wish to bring a packed lunch that can be taken in the Hall.

**TRANSPORT:** As there is limited parking around Holy Cross Church, Fr. Joel has very kindly offered to provide a **FREE** coach, if there are enough people to warrant hiring one! There is a Poster in the Porch for you to put your name on it if you wish to be picked up either at Lutterworth circa 10.00am, or Narborough circa 11.00am. **Names needed by Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec.** You can also indicate on the Poster (clearly) if you are transporting yourself there so that we can give the Priest numbers for teas and coffees.

**HOW TO GAIN AN INDULGENCE:** There are some sheets on the table in the Porch at Lutterworth, especially for those who are attending on the 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. and for others who may wish to read about gaining indulgences.

**THE NEW PARISH WEBSITE OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS:** Is now active. Please visit the website from time to time to know about any updates.

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASSES – All are welcome** Served in the Hall at Lutterworth on Sundays and Thursdays and after Mass on Sundays at Narborough.

**SCRABBLE AT LUTTERWORTH - All are welcome** If you would like to join in playing, between 2pm and 4pm every Tuesday, please contact Jo for details on 07471 032396. Scrabble will take a break on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> December. Returning on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

**SVP/FOOD BANK:** Please leave the donated food at the back of the Church at St. Pius. Thank you for your support.

**LUTTERWORTH FOODBANK:** Thank you email received for 41kilos donated in Nov. Next collection is 16<sup>th</sup> December which is the last before Christmas. Place your contributions in the baskets.

**LIFE CHARITY, NARBOROUGH:** Please donate articles of clothing, bric-a-brac, toys, electrical goods and household items at the back of the church. Thank you for your support.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS:** are on sale at the back of church £3.50 a box. There is also a lovely souvenir dedicated to the Jubilee Year of Hope, produced by a Parishioner at Narborough. They can even be hung on your Christmas Tree! Cost is £3 each with all funds going to the Parish.

**CHRISTMAS MASS & CONFESSION TIMES:** Please refer to Notices on the individual Church Noticeboards and in Kitchen area at Lutterworth. They are also shown on the Parish Website [Parish of the Holy Name of Jesus | Catholic Church South Leicestershire | Narborough & Lutterworth](#)

**THE COMMUNITY FRIDGE:** An initiative working in Lutterworth, set up by Lidl, where surplus food with short dates on them, from any of the local Supermarkets, can be obtained by anyone **FREE** so that it does not go to landfill. Please see the Poster on the exit door at Lutterworth explaining how it works, It is based at the back of the Family Hub, opposite The Leisure Centre. Open Mon & Wed 10.30 –11.30 and Thurs 1 – 2pm.

Fr Joel Nwalozie, Fr. Jim Cahill & Parishioners extend a warm welcome to new Parishioners & all visitors. Deadline for items for the Newsletter to Fr. Joel: [info@holynameofjesussouthleics.uk](mailto:info@holynameofjesussouthleics.uk) or: [johnston.nora@gmail.com](mailto:johnston.nora@gmail.com) (Company Number 7151646. Charity No. 1124449) Diocese of Nottingham: St. Hugh's House, 1, Castle Quay, Nottingham NG7 1FW



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Should you have concerns at any time regarding vulnerable adults or children, please contact the relevant Safeguarding Representative.

### 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025 - 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) – (Gaudete)

#### WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASSES:

#### Our Lady of Victories & St. Alphonsus, Lutterworth

|       |                      |         |                                   | Mass Intentions                |
|-------|----------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sat.  | 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec | 6.00pm  | Rosary 5.30                       | John Sheehy (RIP) +Pious Lists |
| Sun.  | 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec | 11.15am | Rosary 10.45                      | Pious Lists                    |
| Tues  | 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec | 10.30am | Adoration 09.30      Rosary 10.05 | Pious Lists                    |
| Thurs | 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec | 10.30am |                                   | Pious Lists                    |
| Sat.  | 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec | 6.00pm  | Rosary 5.30                       | Pious Lists                    |
| Sun.  | 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec | 11.15am | Rosary 10.45                      | Pious Lists                    |

Lutterworth: Tues. 10.00am – **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & Rosary**

**WEEKLY CONFESSIONS** - Sat. 5.30pm before evening Mass

#### St. Pius X, Narborough

|      |                      |         |                                  | Mass Intentions                              |
|------|----------------------|---------|----------------------------------|--|
| Sat. | 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec | 4.00pm  | Rosary 3.30pm                    |  |
| Sun. | 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec | 9.30am  | Rosary 9.00am                    |  |
| Mon. | 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec | 10.00am | Adoration 9.00      Rosary 09.30 | Dean, Lilian & Mr/Mrs William McMillan (RIP) |
| Sat. | 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec | 4.00pm  | Rosary 3.30pm                    | Lawrence Lester (RIP)                        |
| Sun. | 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec | 9.30am  | Rosary 9.00am                    | Neville Wilson de Rose (RIP)                 |

Narborough: Mon. 9.00 – 10.00am **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & Rosary**

**WEEKLY CONFESSIONS** Sat. 3.30pm and before and after Masses