



THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH

South Leicestershire

Incorporating the churches of: *Our Lady of Victories & St. Alphonsus, 28 Bitteswell Road, Lutterworth LE17 4EY*
& *St. Pius X, 52 Leicester Road, Narborough LE19 2DF*

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NEWSLETTER – 21st Dec. 2025 – 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES & CONFESSION TIMES: Please refer to Notices on the individual Church Noticeboards and in the 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](#)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

Brothers and sisters, what does Joseph say to us today? We too have our dreams, and perhaps we think of them more, we talk about them together at Christmas. Perhaps we long for some dreams that were shattered, and we see that our best expectations have to face with the unexpected, disconcerting situations. And when this happens, Joseph shows us the way. We should not give in to negative feelings, like anger or isolation — this is the wrong way! Instead, we have to attentively welcome surprises, life's surprises, even the crises. When we find ourselves in crisis, we should not make decisions quickly and instinctively, but rather sift through them like Joseph did, who “considered everything” (cf. v. 20), and base ourselves on the underlying criterium: God's mercy. When one experiences a crisis without giving in to isolation, anger, and fear, but keeping the door open to God, He can intervene. He is an expert in transforming crises into dreams — yes, *God opens crises into new horizons* we never would have imagined before, perhaps not as we would expect, but in the way he knows how. And these, brothers and sisters, are God's horizons — surprising — but infinitely broader and more beautiful than ours!
- POPE FRANCIS

BRING & SHARE: The 'Bring & Share Event at Lutterworth was well attended last Sunday and delicious food enjoyed by all. The Raffle & Tombola raised £152 towards church funds. Thanks to all who attended and to those who bought tickets. A big thank you to the Kitchen helpers, those who came to set up on Saturday, the Social Group, the Raffle helpers, and all those who helped to clear and clean up afterwards – we couldn't have done it without you! The Foodbank baskets were overflowing so thank you to all who brought items to make someone else's Christmas a Happy one – a great Community effort! The next collection will take place on 6th January 2026. Some Raffle Prizes were not claimed on the day but there is a list on the Noticeboard for you to check your tickets.

LUTTERWORTH SOCIAL GROUP: The next event being planned at Lutterworth will be our ever popular Quiz Night in March. Full details will be announced nearer the time.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT AT ST. PIUS X, Narborough: This was a splendid event and was well attended. A big thank you to Karen for organising it and to those who participated in the Readings, Poems and Songs. It was rewarding to see the young people playing their parts in the proceedings – and the refreshments were delicious too, thank you to the Kitchen helpers.

NARBOROUGH - The children's nativity will take place during the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday 21st 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 28th January 2026, preceded by Mass at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join the Group.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY DOOR: A wonderful experience was enjoyed by all those who went on Friday. It was a most spiritually uplifting time at Holy Cross, Leicester starting with confessions with the Priory Priests, a talk by Fr. Richard OP, followed by Rosary before Mass. Refreshments were taken in the Hall and the afternoon rounded off with the Stations of the Cross. A most uplifting time spent preparing us for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Thank you to Fr. Joel for organising it for us.

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 – This facility is now suspended at Lutterworth until into January 2026 to allow Kitchen helpers a break over the festive season. The new opening date will be announced in due course.

SCRABBLE AT LUTTERWORTH -. The Scrabble Group are now taking a break and will return again on Tuesday 6th January.

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

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.

JUBILEE SOUVENIRS: There is a lovely souvenir dedicated to the Jubilee Year of Hope, produced by a Parishioner at Narborough available in the Porch at Lutterworth. Cost is £3 each, with all funds going to the Parish.

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.

Wishing
Everyone
A Very
Happy
Christmas



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

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WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASSES:

Our Lady of Victories & St. Alphonsus, Lutterworth

				Mass Intentions
Sat.	20 th Dec	6.00pm	Rosary 5.30	
Sun.	21 st Dec	11.15am	Rosary 10.45	
Tues	23 rd Dec	10.30am	Adoration 09.30	Rosary 10.05
Wed	24 th Dec	6.00pm	Christmas Eve	Vigil
	25 th Dec	12.00am	Christmas Eve	Midnight Mass
Thurs	25 th Dec	11.15am	Christmas Day	Rosary 10.45
Sat.	27 th Dec	6.00pm	Rosary 5.30	
Sun.	28 th Dec	11.15am	Rosary 10.45	

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

WEEKLY CONFESSIONS - Sat. 5.00pm – 5.55pm before evening Mass

St. Pius X, Narborough

				Mass Intentions
Sat.	20 th Dec	4.00pm	Rosary 3.30pm	Lawrence Lester (RIP)
Sun.	21 st Dec	9.30am	Rosary 9.00am	Neville Wilson de Rose (RIP)
Mon.	22 nd Dec	10.00am	Adoration 9.00	Rosary 09.30 Dec'd Rel. & Frs of Coates Family
Wed.	24 th Dec	6.00pm	Christmas Eve	Vigil
Thurs	25 th Dec	9.30am	Christmas Day	Rosary 09.00
Fri.	26 th Dec	10.00am	Altar Servers Feast	St. Stephen
Sat.	27 th Dec	4.00pm	Rosary 3.30pm	Dec'd. Rel. & Frs of Michael & Christine Newton (RIP)
Sun.	28 th Dec	9.30am	Rosary 9.00am	Adelaide & Emmanuel Amneni (RIP)

Narborough: Mon. 9.00 – 10.00am **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & Rosary**
WEEKLY CONFESSIONS Sat. 3.00pm – 3.55pm and before and after Masses