

THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH

South Leicestershire

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NEWSLETTER – 28th Dec. 2025 – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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 will be announced at a later date.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



On this first Sunday after Christmas, the Liturgy invites us to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Indeed, every nativity scene shows us Jesus together with Our Lady and St Joseph in the grotto of Bethlehem. God wanted to be born into a human family, he wanted to have a mother and father like us. And today the Gospel presents the Holy Family to us on the sorrowful road of exile, seeking refuge in Egypt. Joseph, Mary and Jesus experienced the tragic fate of refugees, which is marked by fear, uncertainty and unease (cf. Mt 2:13-15;

19-23). Unfortunately, in our own time, millions of families can identify with this sad reality. Almost every day the television and papers carry news of refugees fleeing from hunger, war and other grave dangers, in search of security and a dignified life for themselves and for their families.

In distant lands, even when they find work, refugees and immigrants do not always find a true welcome, respect and appreciation for the values they bring. Their legitimate expectations collide with complex and difficult situations which at times seem insurmountable. Therefore, as we fix our gaze on the Holy Family of Nazareth as they were forced to become refugees, let us think of the tragedy of those migrants and refugees who are victims of rejection and exploitation, who are victims of human trafficking and of slave labour. But let us also think of the other “exiles”: I would call them “hidden exiles”, those exiles who can be found within their own families: the elderly for example who are sometimes treated as a burdensome presence. I often think that a good indicator for knowing how a family is doing is seeing how their children and elderly are treated. - **POPE FRANCIS**

GRATITUDE:

1. **Thanks to all who volunteered in one way or another to ensure that our Christmas liturgical celebrations went very well. May God bless you all.**
2. **Fr Joel appreciates your Christmas donations to support his charitable work in Nigeria. Wishing you God's abundant blessings.**
3. **Frs. Joel and Jim are grateful for all your Christmas cards and presents. Remain blessed by God.**



JUBILEE YEAR – PILGRIMS OF HOPE



PARISH FEAST DAY: Next weekend we mark the first celebration of our parish name "The Holy Name of Jesus." Masses will be celebrated for the parish intentions. More information about the Holy Name of Jesus will be published next weekend.

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.

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.

DECORATION OF OUR CHURCHES

A very big 'thank you' to all those Parishioners who gave their time to erecting the lights in our two churches. They certainly shone a warm welcome to the Christ Child. Thanks also for the erection of our Cribs, so beautifully simply and yet so poignant for the occasion. The Flower Arrangers surpassed their ever-wonderful displays, and we can't thank them enough for all the time and effort they put into making our churches truly welcoming places of worship for Christmas and beyond. God bless you all.

Message of the Holy Father Leo XIV for the 59th World Day of Peace

1st January 2026 **Peace be with you all: Towards an “unarmed and disarming” peace**

There are several copies available in the Porch to take home and read.

As we enter 2026 may the Lord bless us with Peace on Earth and goodwill to all humanity. Wishing all our Parishioners and your families a very Happy, Safe and Healthy New Year.

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@holynameofjesusouthleics.uk or: 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.

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WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASSES:

Our Lady of Victories & St. Alphonsus, Lutterworth

				Mass Intentions
Sat.	27 th Dec	6.00pm	Rosary 5.30	
Sun.	28 th Dec	11.15am	Rosary 10.45	
Tues	30 th Dec	10.30am	Adoration 09.30	Rosary 10.05
Thurs	1 st Jan	10.30am	New Year's Day	Rosary 10.45
Sat.	3 rd Jan	6.00pm	Rosary 5.30	
Sun.	4 th Jan	11.15am	Rosary 10.45	

Lutterworth: Tues. 10.00am – EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & Rosary

WEEKLY CONFESSIONS - Sat. 5.30pm – 5.55pm before evening Mass

St. Pius X, Narborough

				Mass Intentions
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)
Mon.	29 th Dec	10.00am	Adoration 9.00	Rosary 09.30
Thurs	1 st Jan	10.00am	New Year's Day	Rosary 09.30
Sat.	3 rd Jan	4.00pm	Rosary 3.30pm	
Sun.	4 th Jan	9.30am	Rosary 9.00am	Deceased relatives of the Haywood and Williams Families

Narborough: Mon. 9.00 – 10.00am EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & Rosary

WEEKLY CONFESSIONS Sat. 3.30pm – 3.55pm and before and after Masses