

THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH

South Leicestershire

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NEWSLETTER – 31st Jan – 1 Feb 2026 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

LECTIO DIVINA: Study of St. John's Gospel. A meeting took place at Lutterworth on Wednesday 28th January with 9 people present, preceded by Mass at 6.30pm. Participants are finding the sessions very informative and an opportunity to ask questions and to enter into conversations on Gospel topics with each other. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 3rd February at St. Pius X at 7pm, preceded by Mass at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASSES, LUTTERWORTH: Refreshments are served after Masses on Thursdays and Sundays. Everyone is welcome to join for a nice cup of tea/coffee/biscuits and sometimes cake! and to socialise with each other.

SCRABBLE AT LUTTERWORTH -. The Scrabble Group meet on Tuesdays, 2.00pm – 4.00pm in the Hall. Further information from Jo on 07471 032396. All are welcome. Their fundraising last year amounted to £500 for our Parish, for which we thank them.

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

LUTTERWORTH FOODBANK: The next collection will be on 3rd February. Please continue to bring your donations to the baskets in the Porch.

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. If you have things to donate, please let us know and arrangements can be made for collection from Lutterworth.

RETURN OF YOUR PALMS: As we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday on 18th February, we would ask please that you return your Palms from last year, over the next few weeks, to the basket in the Porch, in order for them to be burned into ashes for distribution on Ash Wednesday.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026: The Diocesan Youth Service NDCYS is taking a group of young people and young adults to Lourdes, France, as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage in July 2026. If you are aged 16+ and unable to go with your school, or a young adult who would like to be a Small Group Leader, we encourage you to download the information pack and apply at ndcys.com/lourdes Other people might like to join Aggie (Lutterworth) who is making the pilgrimage on 13th July flying from East Midlands, returning on 17th July. Tangney

Tours make all the travel arrangements and book the hotels being used etc. Fr. Simon Gillespie is the Diocesan Leader. Email: simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk

THE BEATITUDES: Jesus, the new Moses, “takes his seat on the cathedra of the mountain” proclaims “blessed” the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the merciful, those who hunger for righteousness, the pure in heart, the persecuted (*cf.* Mt 5:3-10). It is not a new ideology, but a teaching that comes from on high and touches the human condition, the condition that the Lord, in becoming flesh, wished to assume in order to save it. Therefore “the Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the entire world, the entire present and future, and yet it demands *discipleship* and can be understood and lived out only by following Jesus and accompanying him on his journey” - **POPE BENEDICT XVI.**

LAUNCH OF THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN: Took place last Monday evening at Mother of God Church, Leicester. It was introduced by Bishop Patrick McKinney to representatives of all Parishes in the Diocese. A Presentation summarizing how the Plan has been devised and guidance for Parishes to take forward their own unique Plan for their Parish. At the end of the evening representatives were encouraged to briefly look at what is already happening in their individual churches and to look at guidance of what they might **desire** to implement in their Parish in the future. A number of copies of the whole Plan and a Summary of it, was distributed to take back to Parishes to work on. Each Parish will present their own Plan to Bishop Patrick by June 2026. Alison and Suzanne will speak at Masses this weekend, in their respective churches, about the event last Monday

DECREE: ON THE EIGHTH CENTENARY OF THE DEATH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, A SPECIAL JUBILEE YEAR IS BEING ANNOUNCED WITH ATTACHED PLENARY INDULGENCES. The document announces a special Jubilee Year in 2026 to commemorate the eighth centenary of St. Francis of Assisi's death, including plenary indulgences.

Jubilee Year Announcement The Jubilee Year will run from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027, coinciding with the closing of the Ordinary Jubilee.

- It aims to inspire Christians to emulate St. Francis as a model of holiness and peace.
- The document emphasizes the relevance of St. Francis's teachings in today's world, highlighting themes of mercy, charity, and reconciliation.

Plenary Indulgence Details: The Apostolic Penitentiary grants plenary indulgences to:

- Members of Franciscan families and those inspired by St. Francis's spirituality.
- All faithful who participate in the Jubilee by visiting designated Franciscan churches or engaging in pious meditation.
- The elderly, sick, and those unable to attend in person can also receive the indulgence by spiritually joining the celebrations.

Call to Action for Clergy Priests are encouraged to facilitate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Jubilee, fostering a spirit of mercy and generosity.

This decree aims to deepen the faithful's connection to St. Francis and promote active Christian charity in contemporary society.

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@holynamenameofjesussouthleics.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.	31 st Jan	6.00pm	Rosary 5.30
Sun.	1 st Feb	11.15am	Rosary 10.45
Tues	3rd Feb	10.30am	Adoration 9.30 Rosary 10.05
Thurs	5 th Feb	10.30am	
Sat.	7 th Feb	6.00pm	Rosary 5.30
Sun.	8 th Feb	11.15am	Rosary 10.45

Lutterworth: Tues. 9.30 – 10.30 **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & Rosary**

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

St. Pius X, Narborough

			Mass Intentions
Sat.	31 st Jan	4.00pm	Rosary 3.30pm Catherine "Kate" Marriot (RIP)
Sun	1 st Feb	9.30am	Rosary 9.00am Terry Barber (RIP)
Mon.	2 nd Feb	10.00am	Adoration 9.00 Rosary 09.30 Maxwell & Nigel Corby (RIP)
Sat.	7 th Feb	4.00pm	Rosary 3.30pm Michael Mears (RIP)
Sun.	8 th Feb	9.30am	Rosary 9.00am Deceased of Mears Family

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

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