

THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH

South Leicestershire

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NEWSLETTER 23 - 24 May 2026 – PENTECOST

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 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 and rise in glory.

MARY'S MONTH: May is a month dedicated to Our Lady and in all her Apparitions she pleaded with us to say the Rosary daily. There is an opportunity for us all to join in this wonderful prayer before Masses. Could **you** make the effort to arrive 30 minutes before Mass to join in?



COUNTERS WANTED AT NARBOROUGH AND AT LUTTERWORTH: There is an urgent need for counters to count the collections from the Masses on Saturday and Sunday after Mass on Sunday mornings (between 10.30 to 11am at Narborough) and (12.15 to 13.00 at Lutterworth). Please give this some serious thought as to whether you could spare some of your time. If we can get enough volunteers to go onto the counting rotas, you will only be needed every five or six weeks. Please speak to Fr. Joel, or Alison at Narborough, or Nora at Lutterworth. Thank you to those who have recently volunteered – we need many more please!

PASTORAL PLAN: A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Team (PPT), Finance Group, Safeguarding Personnel, and Children's Liturgy took place recently to discuss how we as the Parish of The Holy Name of Jesus might take forward and explore Encounter, Discipleship, Mission, The Holy Spirit & the Eucharist. A report is to be submitted to the Bishop half way through June setting out what we are already doing (a list of 11 items was produced of what is currently in place in our two churches). The report will show our future goals and ambitions and a discussion took place on how we will achieve them. Fr. Joel pointed out that each Parishioner has a role to play in the Plan of God.

After much discussion the following ideas were proposed for us to work on.

1. To reconnect with Catholic Primary & Secondary Schools in nearby parishes as our catchment areas, where our children can go to. Ways of communicating with Parents to be considered and the Website is to be used detailing a list of Catholic Schools in nearby parishes we share border with. Fr Joel will be making contacts with them soon.
2. A Special Mass for the Sick and Housebound Parishioners (where the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is administered), to be organised periodically.
3. Reaching out as Disciples to the villages in our parish especially the new housing estates, with the aim to celebrating the Holy Mass and reuniting with parishioners living there.
4. Use of Technology in our Liturgy such as IT Projectors and Screens which could accommodate Order of Mass and Hymns etc. This will need further investigation as to cost and feasibility.
5. Social Events: (a) A Youth Club is about to be introduced where children and their parents will participate. The aim of the Club is considered to be both a Spiritual (Holy Mass organized by and for Young people) and Social Endeavour. We are not yet prepared to expand it to an outside wider audience, but this may be considered in the future.
(b) The Two Churches should work together to enhancing and supporting social events. Parishioners are to be encouraged to provide more support to Events when they are taking place in either of the churches, both

of which aim to forge good community relations, and, to financially support our Parish of The Holy Name of Jesus.

REGINA CAELI: The Reader for the day's Mass will lead the Regina Caeli during Eastertide (from their place in the benches), when the bell is rung for the Priest to come to the altar, and before the first hymn is sung. The Angelus will resume after Eastertide. **Cards are available on all benches for your use. As Eastertide ends: From Saturday 30th May the Angelus will be re-introduced.**

LECTIO DIVINA: Study of St. John's Gospel. The next meeting will be at Narborough, on Wednesday 17th June, commencing with Mass at 6.30pm, followed by Bible study at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome to join.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASSES, LUTTERWORTH: on Thursdays and Sundays Everyone is welcome to join.

SCRABBLE AT LUTTERWORTH: The Scrabble Group meet on Tuesdays. All enquiries to Jo on 07471 032396. All are welcome.

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 Foodbank collection will take place on **16th June 2026**.

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**.

The Harmony of Diversity and Unity

A new people. On the day of Pentecost, the Spirit came down from heaven, in the form of "divided tongues, as of fire... [that] rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other languages" (Acts, 2: 3-4). This is how the word of God describes the working of the Spirit: first he rests on each and then brings all of them together in fellowship. To each he gives a gift, and then gathers them all into unity. In other words, the same Spirit creates diversity and unity, and in this way forms a new, diverse and unified people: the universal Church. First, in a way both creative and unexpected, he generates diversity, for in every age he causes new and varied charisms to blossom. Then he brings about unity: he joins together, gathers and restores harmony: "By his presence and his activity, the Spirit draws into unity spirits that are distinct and separate among themselves" (Cyril of Alexandria, *Commentary on the Gospel of John*, XI, 11). He does so in a way that effects true union, according to God's will, a union that is not uniformity, but unity in difference. So the prayer we make to the Holy Spirit is for the grace to receive his unity, a glance that, leaving personal preferences aside, embraces and loves his Church, our Church. It is to accept responsibility for unity among all, to wipe out the gossip that sows the dandelion of discord and the poison of envy, since to be men and women of the Church means being men and women of communion. It is also to ask for a heart that feels that the Church is our Mother and our home, an open and welcoming home where the manifold joy of the Holy Spirit is shared. - **Pope Francis**.

FIRST COMMUNION DRESS – Last publication for this item: There is a brand-new, never worn, 1st Communion dress, suitable for a 7-year-old, available at Lutterworth. If you know of a child who would benefit from using it for their 1st Communion Day, please contact johnston.nora@gmail.com to discuss.

MICROWAVE: Replacement for St Pius X Hall kitchen: The current microwave in the St Pius X Hall kitchen has been broken for a little while now. A replacement is needed, but before spending a lot of money on a brand new one, does anyone have a spare microwave (in good condition) they no longer need and are happy to donate to the Church Hall? If you do - please contact Fr Joel or Rosemarie Baxter. Collection can be arranged if required. Thank you.

CURRY NIGHT AT ST. PIUS X: Everyone is invited to a Fundraising Curry Night at 6.30pm on Saturday 20th June Proceeds to Lourdes Hosanna House & Children's Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT) and Parish funds.

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@holynamofjesussouthleics.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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Regina Caeli is recited before Masses during Eastertide

WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASSES

Our Lady of Victories & St. Alphonsus, Lutterworth				Mass Intentions
Sat.	23 rd May	6.00pm	Rosary	5.30
Sun.	24 th May	11.15am	Rosary	10.45
Tues	26 th May	10.30am	Adoration 9.30	Rosary 10.05
Thurs	28 th May	10.30am		
Sat.	30 th May	6.00pm	Rosary	5.30 Catherine May Burns-Sweeney (Anniv)
Sun.	31 st May	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.	23 rd May	4.00pm	Rosary	3.30pm
Sun	24 th May	9.30am	Rosary	9.00am
Mon.	25 th May	10.00am	Adoration 9.00	Rosary 9.30am
Sat	30 th May	4.00pm	Rosary	3.30pm Roger Willers (RIP)
Sun	31 st May	9.30am	Rosary	9.00am

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

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