



St Winefride's Catholic Church, Shepshed

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First Sunday of Advent | Sat 29th Nov – Sun 7th December

Date	Mass & Service Details	Timings	Intentions & Notes	Other Events
Sat 29th Nov	Rosary Mass – First Sun of Advent	5:30pm 6pm	<i>Roman Batog (RIP)</i> <i>Stanislaw Sieracki (RIP)</i>	<i>Christmas Fayre at St Winefride's School Hall – 10am -2pm</i>
Sun 30th Nov	Rosary Mass – First Sun of Advent	9:30am 10am	<i>Bernard Wale (RIP)</i>	<i>(No choir at Mass)</i> <i>(No coffee after mass)</i>
Mon 1st Dec	No Mass			<i>No yoga this week.</i>
Tues 2nd	Mass (Note change)	7pm	<i>Freddie Cassar (RIP)</i>	<i>RCIA Group (6pm)</i>
Wed 3rd	Adoration & Mass (Both in hall)	12pm	<i>Rachel Williams (RIP)</i>	<i>Toddler Church 9:30am (No choir practise)</i> <i>Alpha Faith Grp - 6pm</i>
Thurs 4th	No Mass (Note change)	-----	-----	
Fri 5th	Exposition Mass (Both in Hall)	12pm 12:30pm	<i>Paul & David Bird (RIP)</i>	
Sat 6th Dec	Rosary Mass – First Sunday of Advent	5:30pm 6pm	<i>Theresa.M (Private Intention)</i>	<i>Liturgical Group Meeting - 10am</i>
Sun 7th Dec	Rosary Mass – First Sunday of Advent	9:30am 10am	<i>Celicia, Henry & Bernard Wale (RIP)</i>	<i>Children's Liturgy Grp</i> <i>Carols by Candlelight – 3pm (followed by refreshments in hall)</i> <i>(No coffee after mass)</i>

Please pray for our sick & housebound: Ben S, John & Jean B, Colin B, Marie R, Biddy M, Barbara R, Margaret W, Aileen R, Deacon Bill, Janet W, David W, Kathleen L, Sharon, Cathy L, Christine H, Mary W, Hilary O, Ira R, Terry H, Danny B. and Tara, D.

Upcoming Parish and Community Events

Date	Timings	Events	Notes
Sat 6th Dec	All Day	Day trip to Stratford Upon Avon Christmas Market	(Tickets now on sale!)
Sun 7th Dec	3pm	Annual parish Carols by Candlelight Service	Seasonal refreshments in the hall after the service
Sun 14th Dec	10am	Enrolment mass for first holy communion candidates	This will take place during the 10am mass – all candidates required to attend.
Wed.17th Dec	7pm	Advent retreat	Moderated by Fr. Jonathan Cotton- all are welcome

Changes to Mass Times – Please note weekday mass times have changed as of this week. For the time being this will be the regular weekday mass times.

Parish Admin Office Hours – Your parish administrator is changing his office-based days to Wednesday and Fridays between 10am-2pm

Mass Intentions – Due to changes in **weekday** mass times, *some* mass intentions will be rescheduled. If you planned to attend your mass and wish to confirm the date, please email the parish administrator.

Christmas Fayre - Many thanks to everyone who came to the Fayre, if you were unable to attend, but would like to donate, please pop it in an envelope with *Christmas Fayre* donation on the front.

Carols by Candlelight - If anyone would like to do a reading at this year's *Carols by Candlelight*, please let Nathan know. There are only scripture readings to do this year. Many thanks.

Missio Red Box Holders - It's time to empty your red box! If you have a *Missio* Red box at home, please empty it into a *Missio* brown envelope, add your name to the envelope and hand it into Father or one of the Welcomers at Mass before 8 Dec. Thank you from Jo and Marion

Music to Counter Dark Days – You are invited to a warm evening of traditional folk music with mulled wine and mince pies, is being held in Cathedral Hall, Nottingham NG1 5AW, on Fri 5 Dec at 7pm. All are welcome to this free event, with arts and crafts, and Christmas gifts on sale too.

Thank You! - Fr Michael O'Kane OFM, of the *Commissariat of the Holy Land*, has written to thank Bishop Patrick for the generosity of parishioners earlier this year when the *Collection for the Holy Places in the Holy Land* was taken on Good Friday. Across the Diocese more than £20k was given to support Christian communities in this war-torn land, where Jesus himself lived and ministered. The Franciscans keep all parishioners, in their thankful prayers.

Confirmation Candidates – If your child wishes to be put forward for Confirmation in 2026, please speak to Fr Patrick after mass or drop him an email (contact details at top of newsletter) with yours and your child's name.

First Holy Communion 2025–26 | Communion classes for children begin in the Annexe on Tues 9 Dec (*note this was previously advertised as 2 Dec*) from 3:45 to 4:45pm; and the Enrolment Mass for children and parents will be celebrated in the Church on Sun 14 Dec at 10am.

Catholic Primary School Admissions - Children born 1 Sept 2021–31 Aug 2022 can apply for Reception places by **15 Jan 26** via your home Local Authority website. To be considered under the Catholic faith criterion, complete the school's **supplementary information form** and return it with supporting evidence, such as a baptism certificate. Missing evidence may affect your child's ranking and chance of a place.

Support Our Schools - St Winefride's School are looking to recruit a Foundation Governor to join their governing body. It is a very rewarding role, with a comprehensive training programme available to support new and existing governors. You are not required to have a background in education, so if you are interested in finding out more about the role, please contact the Chair of Governors Rebecca Patman rebecca.patman@winefrides-rc.leics.sch.uk

Job Opportunity - The Parish of All Saints, West Nottingham seeks to appoint a P/T Parish Admin to support the parish day to day activities. The role will be for 10hrs p/w (preferably Fri and one other day) at £14.17 p/h. The parish seeks a candidate with proven experience in admin and finance, ideally within parish, school, or charity settings. For an informal chat about the role, contact Canon Stanley Ofoegbu stanley.ofoegbu@dioceseofnottingham.uk and to request an application form email office@dioceseofnottingham.uk The closing date is Mon 29 Dec.

Date	Upcoming Second Collections
Sat 7 th / Sun 8 th Dec	<i>Parish Development</i>
Sat 13 th / Sun 14 th Dec	<i>Church Christmas Flowers Donations</i>
Sat 27 th / Sun 28 th Dec	<i>Poor & Needy Parishes</i>

Date	Welcoming	Readings & Bidding Prayers	Offertory Procession	Eucharistic Min'
Sat 6th	Diane W	Teresa M	Bridget T	Alicia P
Sun 7 th	Clare T	Tom V	Danny B	Peter L

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" - (Psalm 27)