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Third Sunday of Ordinary Time | Sat 24th Jan 2026 – Sun 1st Feb

Date	Mass & Service Details	Timing s	Intentions & Notes	Other Events
Sat 24th Jan 2026	Reconciliation Rosary Mass	3:30pm 5:30pm 6pm	<i>Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>	
Sun 25th Jan	Rosary Mass – Feast of The Conversion of St Paul	9:30am 10am	<i>Rebecca White (RIP)</i>	<i>(No Choir at Mass) (Tea and coffee after mass – All are welcome!)</i>
Mon 26th	Mass – Ss Timothy & Titus	10am	Shirley Griffin (RIP)	<i>Yoga in hall (5pm)</i>
Tues 27th	Adoration Mass	12noon 12:30pm	<i>For the sick of the parish</i>	<i>First Holy Communion Class – 3:30pm RCIA - 6pm</i>
Wed 28th	Adoration Mass (both in hall) - Feast of St Thomas Aquinas	12:00pm 12:30pm	<i>Hilary Sullivan (RIP)</i>	<i>Toddler Church – 9:30am Choir practise – 1:45pm Marriage prep.-4pm</i>
Thurs 29th	No Mass			
Fri 30th	Mass	7pm	K.Vellacott(RIP)	
Sat 31st Jan	Reconciliation Rosary Mass – St John Bosco	3:30pm 5:30pm 6pm	<i>Mr Holmes (RIP)</i>	
Sun 1st Feb	Rosary Mass	9:30am 10am	<i>Margaret F M Bazen (RIP)</i>	<i>Children's Liturgy Group Liturgical Group Meeting – 1pm (Note date changed) (Tea and coffee after mass – All are welcome!)</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, Terry H, Joan B., Beryll W., Danny B and Tara, D - (Please be reminded that anyone can be added to the sick and housebound list by emailing the parish administrator (email at top of page)).

Funeral: The vigil service and funeral mass for Mrs Maggi Warner will be on Monday 2nd (4:30pm), Tuesday 3rd February 2026 (12:30pm), respectively. Please pray for her happy repose, and for God's consolation on the family.

Death: It is with heavy hearts but total resignation to God that we announce of passing of Mrs. Shirley Griffin. The funeral service will hold Friday 6th February at 1pm, here in St. Winefride. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Death is also announced of Hilary Sulivan (*nee O'Shea*). Her aunt asked to pass on the thanks of her family for the parish's continued prayers whilst Hilary was on our sick and housebound list. May she rest in peace.

A Thank You Message - Teresa and Amanda would like to say a Big "Thank you" to all who attended Christopher's funeral and helped in any way with the Service and the refreshments. "*Your words of support, prayers and cards were greatly appreciated. Thank you*" - **Teresa & Amanda.**

Hire Our Church Hall – We just want to remind our parishioners (and beyond) that our parish hall is available for private hire. So, if you have a birthday party or anniversary coming up or need a meeting room for business, speak to Teresa who can make the arrangements.

An Appeal for Palm(s) - In preparation for Ash Wednesday, we ask if all parishioners can bring in old palms from last year (or before). These will be burnt to make the ashes for distribution in this year's Ash Wednesday services.

Liturgical Group Meeting - The next meeting will now be on Sun 1 Feb at 12pm – Please note this replaces the original date of 31 Jan.

Alpha Youth program: **The parish is running an** Alpha youth program scheduled for the first and third Wednesdays of every month from 6-7:30pm. It is open for those between 11-17yrs old where they will have time together to interact, play and deepen their relationship with God and with one another.

Bishop Patrick's Pastoral Letter on the Launch of the of the Diocesan Mission Plan 2026-2030 can be found [here](#)

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026: It is important that we start early to consider joining the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026 slated for July 13-18th and anyone interested in being involved is encouraged to come forward. – Fr Patrick

The annual **Rite of Election** for all those to be Received or Baptised into the Catholic Church at Easter or thereabouts will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick on the First Sunday of Lent, **22nd February**.

200 CLUB - Over the next few weeks, Erica & Brenda, will be giving out envelopes for you to renew your subscription, £12 per number, for 2026. The first draw will be at the end of Feb 26, with the last draw in Jan 27. If you wish to join there are a few spare numbers available, just ask Erica or Brenda. The **200 CLUB** is a great way to raise funds for the Church. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thank You.

Missio Seminarian Sponsorship - You are all warmly invited to our first fundraising event for this cause on Sat 7 Feb at 7.30pm in the hall. It will be an evening with Father Patrick, with cheese and wine. Tickets will be £10 and will be on sale from this weekend. **You can pay for your ticket on our contactless donation machine at the back of church** – Please select “Sponsor a Seminarian” and donate £10 (tell Jo Broster or Tony Bullimore you have made your payment and they can put you down for a ticket)

Donations for 7 Feb Event - Donations of wine, soft drinks or raffle prizes would be much appreciated. A box is located in the porch. Thank you for your kind support.

Faith & Footprint: Caring for Creation - On Weds 28 Jan at 7pm you can join the next online diocesan workshop to help you turn your faith into environmental action in the home and parish. We'll explore opportunities to help your church become carbon neutral and connect with other faith initiatives to Care for Creation. Email caritas@dioceseofnottingham.uk for the Zoom link.

Holy Family Parish, Leicester is seeking to appoint a friendly and organised part-time Parish Administrator to support day-to-day running of the parish. The role is for 10hrs p/w at Band £13.09 per hour. The successful applicant will undertake duties including parish administration, answering enquiries, keeping records, and organising rotas and newsletters. To request an application form, email office@dioceseofnottingham.uk The closing date is Fri 6 Feb.

Leicester 40 Days for Life - Launch Evening is being held at Saint Edward's Parish Hall, 633 Aylestone Road, Leicester LE2 6TF, on Mon 2 Feb at 7.30pm. Refreshments included. This evening is especially for those who would like to find out more about the *40 days for Life Prayer Vigil* from 18 Feb - 29 Mar. For more info contact Maureen at leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com or visit www.40daysforlife.com/en/leicester

Parish Trivia – Purely as a bit of light relief we have added a short quiz this week about our beloved namesake, the one and only St Winefride - (*Answers will be included in next week's newsletter - no Googling!*)

Where was St Winefride from? **A: Scotland. B: Wales. C: Ireland**

What miracle is she known for? **A: Foretelling the future. B: Surviving beheading. C: Turning stones to bread.**

How was St Winefride's name originally spelt*? **A: Gwenfrewi. B: Gwenwynwyn. C: Gweneira**
(* Based on the earliest known reference to her in text)

Date	Welcoming	Readings & Bidding Prayers	Offertory Procession	Eucharistic Min'
Sat 31 st Jan	Tony B	Luis V	Bridget T	Luis V
Sun 1 st Feb	Nora L	Brian B	Danny B	Nora L

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.” — *Isaiah 9:1*