WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. JOHN PAUL II, NOTTINGHAM

***THE GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH** (Woodthorpe, Arnold & Sherwood) **& ST. ANTHONY** (Calverton)*

PARISH PRIEST: **Rev. Canon Philipp H. Ziomek BA., BD., VF**

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Parish Mission Statement: In essentials – unity; in non-essentials – liberty; in all things – Charity.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2026 **28th / 29th November ad 2026. Vol:3 No 01**

Liturgy Schedules in Our Churches **29th November - 5th December**

At St. Anthony's Church, Mansfield Lane, Calverton, Nottinghamshire.	***Lector (Feasts see below)***	
This Sunday 11:30 a.m. Int: Dec. Mem. Madame Francois' family	**Chinelo Abaekobe**	**Purple**
Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Int: Service W & C / Mass		**Purple**
Next Sunday 11:30 a.m. Int: Dec Members of the Family of Martin Foulds	**Nicky Gudgeon**	**Purple**

At The Good Shepherd Church, Thackeray's Lane, Woodthorpe. ***Lector & Feasts.***

1962 Rite Vigil 4:30 p.m. The next celebration of the 1962 Rite of the Mass (Latin) 12th December at 4:30 pm		
Saturday Vigil 6:00 p.m. Int: Tracey & Collins Families RIP	**Polly Jarvis**	
Sunday 8.00 a.m. Int: Jack Dwan RIP	**Sheeba D'Almeia**	
Sunday 9.45 a.m. Int: Fr. Kapuchinski RIP	**The Good Shepherd Academy**	
Sunday 5.30 p.m. Int: For the People of the Parish	**Mrs. Faulconbridge**	
WEEKDAYS: 30th November/5th December ad 2026	**First Week of Advent**	
Monday: 9:15 a.m. Int: Service of W & S / Mass	**St. Andrew**	**White**
Tuesday: 9:15 a.m. Celebration of Word & Holy Communion	**Advent Feria**	**Purple**
Wednesday 9:15 a.m. Celebration of Word & Communion	**Advent Feria**	**Purple**
Thursday 9:15 a.m. Int: Stephen Toynbee RIP	**St. Francis Xaviour**	**White**
Friday 12:00 p.m. Int: Service of Word & Communion / Mass	**Advent Feria**	**Purple**
Saturday 10:00 a.m. Int: Service of Word & Communion / Mass	**Advent Feria**	**Purple**
12:00 p.m. Baptisms:		
NEXT WEEKEND 5th / 6th December	**Second Sunday of Advent**	**Purple**
Saturday Vigil 6:00 p.m. Int: John & Winnie Gardiner RIP	**Christine McGrath**	
Sunday 8.00 a.m. Int: Georgina Bezzina RIP	**Vivian Okuyuni**	
Sunday 9.45 a.m. Int: Rose Anne Kilcline RIP	**Fiona George**	
Sunday 5.30 p.m. Int: For the People of the Parish	**Carlo Thomas**	

Sacrament of Confession: (†.With Adoration) Friday 11:30 am - 11:50 am†.: Saturday 10:45 am - 11.30 am & 5.00 pm -5.50 pm.†.
1st Saturday of the Month - A Holy Hour Adoration: † 11.00 am - 12 noon. (With Confession available)
Friday Adoration from 11:00 am for the dying. Parish Prayer Group meets every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 2:00 pm - Lady Chapel

Admin Office - Mon & Thursday- 9 –1 pm. Wed & Friday 9 - 4 pm.
Admin Officer: Mrs. Rosemary Mahoney. 0115 926 8288
Premises Officer & Facilities Manager: Mr. Ray Steeples.
Communications Administration - Mrs. Julie Rawding
Parishioner Forum Chair: Mr. Reginald Carter.
Safeguarding Office: Dr. Julian Caesar 07513 725471
& Mr Christopher Forbes (Good Shepherd)
For St. Anthony's, Calverton:
Mrs Christine Thomas Tel: 07513 725233.
Baptism: Coordinator - Maggie Tempest.
Marriage: Coordinator - Fr. Philipp. Bookings should be made at least six months in advance. Couples please contact Fr. Philipp.
Parish Retail Outlet Manager (Shop): Mrs. Maria Godfrey.
Parish Stewards Manager: Mr. Reginald Carter.
Parish Lectors Co-Ordinator's:
For Good Shepherd - Mrs. Caroline Smith.
For St. Anthony - Mrs. Christine Thomas.
Music & Choirs:
The Good Shepherd Community. Precentor & Choir Master:
Mr. Robert O'Farrell.
Folk Group Leader: Mrs. Rachael Boyce-Steele.
Sacrists - The Good Shepherd. -Me dames. Maria Randle, Janet Myers, Jenny Steeples,Lorraine Staiano, Jadwiga Blazewicz-Bell & Vivienne.
Ecclesiastical Haberdasher: Mrs. Janet Myers

Sacrist - St. Anthony's : Mrs. Nicky Gudgeon.
Music:
St. Anthony's (Calverton) Community. Precentor: - Mrs. Elizabeth Ellis.

Altar Ministrants:
Parish Master of the Guild of St. Stephen - Mr. Adrian Staiano. *(Both Communities)*
Parish Guild of St. Stephen Secretary: Mrs. Julia Blazewicz-Bell

Parish Finance Committee: Chair - Canon Philipp.
Secretary: Mr. Philip Martin.

Knights of St. Columba: Mr. Ronald Lynch.
Society of St. Vincent de Paul: Mr. Kenneth Steele CDM.
Parish Friendship Club: Me dames Patricia Falconbridge & Jarvis.
Social Committee Chair: awaiting appointment.
Estates Management & Architect Liaison : Fr. Philipp & Sarah Benedeck
Flower Guild Coordinator: Mrs. Rebecca Newell.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: Secretary - Mr Philip Martin. **Thank you for your generous & responsible giving. Ddonations can be received *BY SMARTPHONE OR BY CARD:*** The code for you to scan with a smartphone camera is shown to the right. By scanning this code the smartphone will immediately open the parish's dedicated on-line donations page. .
Legacies: Thank you for remembering the work of the Good Shepherd & St. Anthony's in Your Will.

Suggested donation for Newsletter 20p

OUR CATHOLIC ACADEMIES IN THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN PAUL II, NOTTINGHAM.
Christ the King Senior Academy (11-18 years) Principal: Miss Jo Love. Telephone: 0115 955 6262.
St. Margaret Clitherow Primary Academy (3-11 years) Principal: Mrs S. Sweeney Tel: 0115 915 0296.
The Good Shepherd Primary Academy (3 - 11 years) Principal: Mrs C. Toner. Tel: 0115 926 2983.

HOSPITALS: If you know of anyone in hospital who would like a visit from a Chaplain please use one of the following telephone numbers to arrange it.***Please*** **telephone /ask the *Ward staff to contact the Chaplain Direct on*** City Campus: 0115 969 1169 ext. 76187 QMC Campus: 0115 924 9924 ext. 83799.

BISHOPS VISITATION TO NOTTINGHAM DEANERY PARISHES: Our thanks to our Parish Pastoral Leadership Team for all of their hard work in preparing us for Bishop's Pastoral visitation and their presentation at all of the Masses last weekend. We hope all parishioners will take the opportunity of meeting with our Bishop, sharing with him and find his encouragement enriches our thinking as have entered a new year in the life of the Church.



As a Deanery we shall celebrate with all the parishes, here at the Good Shepherd with Bishop Patrick Presiding at a Mass of Thanksgiving with con celebrating Priests and Deacons of the Deanery on the 17th December at 7:00 pm.

PARISH SHOP: Our ever popular parish shop in the Marian Cloister is well stocked with all you will need for Christmas festivities. We have "Cleopatra's Needle" Advent Candles, Cards, wrapping paper, gift tags etc… as well as all necesities for family and individual spiritual development. We encourage all parishioners to have a Sunday Missal rather than rely on the parish Newsletter. Sunday (and Daily) missals are available through the Parish Shop or why not subscribe to "Magnificat". This is a monthly publication containing all the Mass texts for each day, morning and evening prayer, as well as some articles of interest regarding the Saints and spirituality. For details of subscription speak with Mrs Godfrey in the Parish Shop.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD ANNUAL FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY: This has proved a great opener for Christmas Festivity and this year's should be no different. Entertainment by KPOP heroes as well as Spiderman and with a sumptuous party meal & games, this is an event for all not to be missed. The Box Office is open from this weekend and tickets are on sale. Please ensure you obtain a ticket in advance to assist catering for this event. Thank you.

APPRECIATION: "Jim Squire RIP - Christine and Helen would like to thank Fr Philipp, Fr John Martin and all parishioners and friends who have been so kind and supportive over the last few weeks during this sad time. We are very grateful."

FROM PHILIP MARTIN & PARISH FINANCE: SECOND COLLECTION- POOR & NEEDY PARISHES: Please note there will be a second collection at all our Masses on 5th/6th December by order of the Bishop. This collection provides support for those parishes in the diocese which have only limited financial resources and need assistance to help them continue to function. Thanks as always for your generous support. Parish Finance Committee.

ST. ANTHONY'S GRAND RAFFLE: Thank you for all your gifts of prizes to make this a success. The basket remains open to receive further Gifts until the Raffle at Christmas.

LECTORS – CHRISTMAS MASSES: We invite Lectors to sign up to read at one of our Christmas Masses. Your help in proclaiming the Word of God during this special celebration is greatly appreciated. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity and support!

PARISH CHRISTMAS GREETING: Once again we hope to greet as many in your neighbourhoods as possible with the joy of Christmas. Our card is in production with times of Christmas Mass and welcome in our Churches, but we rely on your generosity of half an hour of your time to take twenty cards for random delivery along your road. This greeting has always been much appreciated over the years, so do please look out for them when available and once again bring Christ into peoples homes with a cheery greeting and welcome.

BISHOP PATRICK has received a letter from the Secretariat for the Economy in Rome, signed by Maximino Caballero Ledo, thanking our Diocese for the contributions to the 2026 Peter's Pence collection, which amounted to £5,936.26. The Holy Father very much appreciates the generosity of parishioners throughout the Diocese of Nottingham, whose donations will help to fund and support the charitable activities of the Holy See.

CONDOLENCE: To the family of the Late Anne Raynor RIP, of Larwood Grove, Sherwood, who died peacefully after long illness, patiently bourne. Her funeral rites are currently being arranged. Full detail will be released on Confirmation of dates and time.



General Donations to parish funds, Parish Shop payments,Ticket sales etc….. can be made using a debit /credit card in the Good Shepherd Church Porch.
Cheques can be made payable to "St. John Paul II, Nottingham Parish Account.