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9th - 17th December 2023

Second Week of Advent

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Saturday	<i>Vigil Mass</i>	09 Dec	5.30-5.50pm 6pm	<i>Confessions</i> Michael Smith RIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT		10 Dec	11am	Alastair & Pat Wood Golden Anniversary
Monday	<i>Advent Feria</i>	11 Dec	10am	James Kemp Intentions
Tuesday	<i>Advent Feria</i>	12 Dec	10am	Service of the Word Communion & Exposition
Wednesday	<i>St Lucy</i>	13 Dec	No Public Mass	
Thursday	<i>St John of the Cross</i>	14 Dec		
Friday	<i>Advent Feria</i>	15 Dec		
Saturday	<i>Vigil Mass</i>	16 Dec	5.30-5.50pm 6pm	<i>Confessions</i> John Fox RIP
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT		17 Dec	11am	Living & Deceased Members of the Young and Barker Families

Confessions can be heard before the Saturday evening Mass (5.30-5.50pm) or by making an appointment with Fr Michael

The Second Collection at this weekend's Masses will be in aid of the Poor and Needy parishes of our diocese.

Christingle Service All children are invited to make a Christingle on Sunday 17th Dec. Please can you take your child directly to the Meeting Room before the Mass starts so that they have enough time to make one. Thank you.

First Holy Communion If you have a child who is in Year 3 at school (or above) and is a baptised Catholic, they are eligible to make their First Holy Communion. If you have any queries, please email: ourladyofangels@dioceseofnottingham.uk as soon as possible. We hope there will be sufficient numbers for the classes to begin at the end of February 2024.

Your Parish Needs You

Please could you help with any of the following: Being Welcomers, Readers or Fire Wardens at Mass? If so, please let the parish office know. With thanks in anticipation for volunteering.



Parish Photobook The Christmas Fayre held at Our Lady's Parish Room in aid of Rainbows Hospice last Saturday 2nd December was a resounding success. Thank you very much to everyone who helped and to all who supported the event. The CAFOD cow raffle will also be drawn soon. See pictures too of the commissioning of Angela, David and Robin as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion by Bishop Patrick, plus wedding snapshots, Deacon Keith's ordination, and First Holy Communion celebrations on our website.

<https://eastleakecatholic.org/parish-photobook/>



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<https://forms.office.com/e/B8F5pUwpqV>

An **Income & Expenditure** statement for the year ended 31 March 2023 is now up on the bulletin board. As you will see, the parish's finances are healthy. Thank you very much for your generous support.

Bible Alive FREE Copies of the December issue are now available in the narthex as well as 'My Day by Day' Advent editions for infants and juniors

DIARY

Thursday	(except third week)	8pm	CAMEO Zoom Session - Talks, Quizzes and Updates
Sat/Sun	9 / 10 Dec	Second Collection	For Poor and Needy Parishes
Sunday	17 Dec	11am	Christingle Service for Children
Saturday	23 Dec	6pm	Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday	24 Dec	11am	Mass (Fourth Sunday of Advent)
		7.30pm	Christmas Eve Carols
		8pm	Vigil Mass for the Nativity of the Lord
Monday	25 Dec	10am	Christmas Day Mass
Sunday	07 Jan 2024	12noon	Our first Coffee Morning for 2024 and to celebrate Alastair & Pat's Golden Anniversary in the Parish Room
Tuesday	09 Jan	7pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (PPC)

Vacancies **Office Administrator** at St Winefride's, Shepshed and a **Cleaner** at Our Lady's, East Leake. If you wish an informal chat, you can contact Flora at the office or the parish priests.

Year of Prayer and Preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year
 From this Advent, there will be a different prayer for each month for us to consider across the Diocese. A copy of the December reflection is available on our parish website <https://eastleakecatholic.org/reflection/>

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages
 Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 8 - 11 February 2024 or a Face-to-Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

A Reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer: To God who blesses, we too respond by blessing — God has taught us how to bless and we must bless — through the prayer of praise, of adoration, of thanksgiving. The Catechism writes: "The prayer of blessing is our response to God's gifts: because God blesses, the human heart can in return bless the One who is the source of every blessing" (n. 2626).

The diocese is producing a monthly podcast for the Year of Prayer called **Encounter Prayer**. Each month a different type of prayer will be showcased; this first episode is given by Bishop Patrick who introduces the Year of Prayer, his hopes for it, and shares insights from his own prayer life. The Podcasts can be found on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music and Audible by searching Diocese of Nottingham; they are also on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer.

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