



St. Theresa's Birstall and Sacred Heart Rothley  
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Diocese of Nottingham  
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## Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year B

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### Parish Office:

Mon, Tue & Fri (9.00 AM-12.30 PM)

## Christmas Services- St. Theresa's

### Christmas Eve:

Masses 6 PM & 8.30 PM

### Christmas Day:

9.15 AM

## Sacred Heart

### Christmas Eve:

6 PM & 8.30 PM

### Christmas Day

11.15 AM

If you have booked more than one person in your bubble, will you please all come together. If anyone would like to help in stewarding or cleaning the church after the Mass please speak to me. If you have any suggestions let me know. Many Thanks. Fr. Tom

**Confessions- please make appointments by calling presbytery telephone.**

**Prayer to St. Joseph:** Hail, Guardian of the redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

**Dear All- Christmas collection is for the Rosminian Fathers. It is a help to look after our elderly priests and to help our young students in formation. If you are a tax payer then you can use our gift-aid envelope for the offering. You may find them as you leave the church. Many thanks.**

Sat 19th Dec 2020	<b>Advent Feria</b>	09.00AM 06.00PM	All Parishioners David LeggettRIP
Sun 20th Dec 2020	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Baptism</b>	09.15AM 11.15AM 11.30AM	Tony Dinsley RIP Ida Bastiampillai RIP (S.H.) <b>Bella Anna Pickett</b>
Mon 21st Dec 2020	<b>Advent Feria</b>	09.00AM	Wences and Annie de Lima RIP
Tue 22nd Dec 2020	<b>Advent Feria</b>	09.15AM	John and Diane O'Brien G.E. (S.H.)
Wed 23rd Dec 2020	<b>Advent Feria</b>	09.00AM	Eamon Cluskey RIP
Thu 24th Dec 2020	<b>The Nativity of the Lord</b>	09.00AM 06.00PM 06.00PM 08.30PM 08.30PM	All Parishioners Janet Jasper RIP Val Wormely G.E. (S.H.) John McStay RIP All Parishioners (S.H.)
Fri 25th Dec 2020	<b>The Nativity of the Lord</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>	09.15AM 11.15AM	All Parishioners All Parishioners (S.H.)
Sat 26th Dec 2020	<b>Advent Feria</b>	09.00AM 06.00PM	All Parishioners All Parishioners

## Next Week's Gospel Reading

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: *Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord* – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation, which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

**Dear All, I would like to Wish you all a very blessed Christmas. At this difficult time let us support one another and pray for each other. I hope the arrangement of the Mass times have given many of us the opportunity to be part of this year's Christmas Celebration. I would like to thank our Rosminian Fathers who agreed to celebrate Mass for us, our Stewards, Cleaners, choir members, flower ladies and Crib in-charge. Thank you all very much. I would like to thank all those who have left gifts and cards for me at the presbytery. Thank you all, wishing you once again a blessed Christmas.**

### November Charity Winners

£60- 78 Sabina Murphy

£25- 20 Len Noyce

£20- 67 Leo McSwiney

£10- 87 Fran Hickey

Next draw will take place on Sunday 27th December. Good Luck

**Pope Francis declare This Year 2020- 2021, the Year of St. Joseph. Pray for us**

### **Christmas Flowers-**

If anyone would like to make a donation towards the Christmas Flowers we will have a basket on the table in the hall for you. Many thanks.



**Christmas Raffle- LAST DAY, We will commence selling squares for the above from Saturday the 5th of December. This fundraising is for parish funds. 1st Prize will be a Hamper kindly donated by the Co-op funeral parlour, will also include, a bottle of whiskey, Garden centre voucher, Christmas cake, Wine, Chocolates etc...**

### **Gift-aid envelopes-**

If you are not able to attend Church, during these difficult times and you are the holder of an envelope, could you please put them through the presbytery door, to help keep our parish funds healthy. Many thanks. Many thanks for all your support.

Today in the town of David  
a Saviour has been born to you;  
he is  
Christ the Lord.



Luke 2:11

### **Offertory Collection**

Envelopes: £

Loose Plate: £

Total:£

November D/D: £

Many Thanks

The Fourth Sunday of  
Advent



### **FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME**

John Griffin, Maureen Chambers, Jan Ludwig, Joan Bradbury, John Doyle and James Brennan

### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

Yvonne Wagemaker

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK**

Matty Hatton, Paul Lallo, Sally Knight, Carolyn Hanley, Christina Prioretti, Oliver Vanderfejt,  
June McNeelance, Lorraine Pugh and Doreen Conannon

**We welcome to our parish community Bella Anna Pickett who is baptised this Sunday and pray for her family (Livestreaming of the Mass is on everyday [except Tuesday], YouTube: St Theresa Sacred Heart)**