and young people are also especially encouraged to take part by helping with the readings. We would also love to hear from any parishioners who enjoy singing or making music and would like to join in with the carols. Rehearsal details will be announced shortly, but for now please keep Sunday 13 December free and encourage children and young people from across our three churches to take part.

Advent Carol Service – Saturday 5 December, 3pm, St. Edward's

Everyone is warmly invited to St. Edward's for our Advent Carol Service on Saturday 5 December at 3pm, a wonderful opportunity to come together as a parish, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas. The service will be followed by a festive celebration in aid of Toys on the Table, helping to bring some Christmas joy to children and families in need. We would also be grateful for anyone willing to help with readings or on the day itself. If you can lend a hand, please speak to Fran, Alan, Julie or Marysia.

Rainbows & Brownies – Christmas Fayre

Our Rainbows and Brownies are looking forward to supporting this year's Christmas Fayre! We will be running a chocolate tombola and would be very grateful for any donations of chocolates. Boxes, tubs, bags or individual chocolates would all be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support!

London Marathon 2027 – Pink Ribbon Foundation

In April 2027, Danielle, one of our Rainbow and Brownie leaders, will be running the London Marathon for the Pink Ribbon Foundation, a cause close to her heart following her mum's experience with breast cancer. She will have a small fundraising stall at the Christmas Fayre, including a raffle with some lovely prizes. Any support would be greatly appreciated!

Parish Christmas Fayre — Saturday 21st November

Please support the fayre if you can by donating an item, taking some raffle tickets, volunteering to help, or simply coming along on the day. It will be a lovely opportunity for parishioners, families and friends from St Mary's, St John Bosco's and St Edward's to come together and support parish life as we prepare for Christmas.

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Saturday 14th November
5:30pm Confession **St. John Bosco's**
6pm Sunday Mass **St. John Bosco's,** Bridget McNamara RIP

Sunday 15th November - 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
9am Holy Mass **St. Edward's,** Philip Vaz RIP
10:30am Rosary **St. Mary's**
11am Holy Mass **St. Mary's,** Geraldine Christy RIP
2pm Prayers at Graves **Blaby Cemetery**
3pm Prayers at Graves **Countesthorpe Cemetery**
5:30pm Confession **St. Mary's**
6pm Holy Mass **St. Mary's,** All Parishioners

Wednesday 18th November
10am Holy Mass **St. Edward's,** Slawek's Intentions

Thursday 19th November
7pm Parish Evening **St. Mary's, Wreaths and Christingles**

Saturday 21st November - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10am-2pm Christmas Fayre **St. John Fisher School,** All Welcome
5:30pm Confession **St. John Bosco's**
6pm Sunday Mass **St. John Bosco's,** Private Intention

Sunday 22nd November - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
9am Holy Mass **St. Edward's,** Shanysa Faleiro - Birthday Intentions
10:30am Rosary **St. Mary's**
11am Holy Mass **St. Mary's,** Bernard Shryane RIP
2pm Prayers at Graves **Gilroes Cemetery**
3pm Big Sing **St. Mary's**
5:30pm Confession **St. Mary's**
6pm Holy Mass **St. Mary's,** All Parishioners

Wednesday 25th November
10am Holy Mass **St. Edward's,** Mary & George Weston

Thursday 26th November

7pm Parish Evening **St. Mary's, Mass of the Dead,** November List
7:30pm PPC Meeting **St. Mary's Hall**

Friday 27th November (No Meat Today)
10am Holy Mass **St. John Bosco's,** Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday 28th November
5:30pm Confession **St. John Bosco's**
6pm Sunday Mass **St. John Bosco's,** All Parishioners

Sunday 29th November - 1st Sunday of Advent, Start of Year B
9am Holy Mass **St. Edward's,** Mary-Ellen Coleman RIP
10:30am Rosary **St. Mary's**
11am Holy Mass **St. Mary's,** Marion Peutrill RIP
5:30pm Confession **St. Mary's**
6pm Holy Mass **St. Mary's,** Laurence Toner RIP

Fr. John will be on retreat 16-21 of November

Our Parish Website - Start Here

Our website at cathparishmje.co.uk is now much simpler to use. At the top you will find just four main links: Home, Mass Times, Latest Newsletter and Sacraments. The Home page is the main hub. From there you can quickly reach parish news and events, homilies, intercessions, Children's Liturgy, pastoral care, funeral information, safeguarding, ways to support the parish, and resources for learning and living the Catholic faith. If you are new to the parish, returning to the Church, preparing for a Sacrament, looking for help, or simply wanting to grow in faith, start on the Home page and follow the links from there.

Schools' Words of the Week - Youth and Kingdom

Our words for these two weeks are Youth and Kingdom. Young people are an important part of the Church today, not simply the Church of the future. Jesus welcomed children and young people, listened to them, and called everyone to follow Him with trust and courage. The Kingdom of God is not a place on a map. It is God's rule of love, truth, justice and peace growing in our hearts and in the world. Jesus is our King, and we help build His Kingdom whenever we choose kindness instead of selfishness, forgiveness instead of anger, truth instead of dishonesty, and service instead of putting ourselves first. At home, at school and in our parish, young people can help God's Kingdom grow through prayer, friendship, generosity, courage and by using their gifts for the good of others. This week, we can ask:
How can I use my gifts to serve God and others?
What choice can I make today that helps God's Kingdom grow?
How can I show that Jesus is King in the way I live?

Wreaths and Christingles - Thursday 19th 7pm, St. Mary's

On Thursday evening, 19th November, we will be looking at two closely linked traditions used over centuries to help people to prepare for Advent. The first is the Advent candle wreath. Although there is always one in each of the churches to mark each Sunday of Advent, you can also make one of your own to have at home. Do you know what each of the candles represents, or the various decorations around the candles? We will also look at the Christingle, which uses light and other symbols to point us towards Christ, the Light of the World. You will have the opportunity, during the evening, to make your own Christingle. This will be followed by a reflection.
Do come and join us.

Scout Group Raffle and Cake Sale

A Heartfelt Thankyou to everyone that purchased hamper raffle tickets and supported the Remembrance Sunday cake sale, arranged by our parish Scout group. Your support and efforts are hugely appreciated. The hamper was won by ticket number 183 and has been delivered. We have made an amazing £460 to donate to the church. Thank you again everyone.

LACY Big Sing 2026

The LACY Big Sing returns to St Mary's on Sunday 22 November at 3pm, celebrating Christ the King, St Cecilia and National Youth Sunday. Young people, families, parishioners, choirs, musicians and instrumentalists are all warmly invited to come along and join in an afternoon of faith, music and singing. If you play an instrument, you are very welcome to bring it along. For more information, or if you would like to take part as a choir or musician, contact Pauline Payne: 07885 187374 or paulinepayne@hotmail.com.
Everyone is very welcome.

Parish Nativity - Children and Young People Needed

Our whole-parish Nativity will form part of the Nine Lessons and Carols at St John Bosco's on Sunday 13 December at 4pm. All primary-school-age children are warmly invited to take part. There are no speaking roles, so children can join in without having to learn lines. Secondary-school pupils