



The Parish of Our Lady of the Angels, Mercia

With the churches of St Joseph the Worker, Winshill &
Ss. Peter & Paul's, Swadlincote,
including Repton the ancient capital of Mercia.

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*4th Sunday
of Advent/Christmas*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vocation Intention</u>	<u>Feast</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Intention/Service</u>
Sunday 24th December	<i>Staff at Allen Hall, London</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	9.00am 11.00am	STJ SSPP	People of the Parish Carol Summerhayes RIP
Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve	<i>Staff at Allen Hall, London</i>	<i>Vigil Masses Midnight Mass</i>	5.00pm 7.00pm 10.00pm 11.30pm	SSPP SJT SJT SSPP	Peter Corless RIP Stephen Bubb RIP Mass in Polish Bob Isitt RIP
Monday 25th December Christmas Day	<i>Priests in Lincolnshire</i>	<i>Christmas Day</i>	9am 11am 12noon	STJ SSPP STJ	People of the Parish People of the Parish Mass in Polish
Thursday 28th December	<i>School Chaplains</i>	<i>Feast of the Holy Innocents</i>	6.00pm	STJ	James Williamson
Friday 29th December	<i>University Chaplains</i>	<i>Feast of St Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr</i>	5.30pm 6.30pm	SSPP SSPP	Adoration, Rosary & DM Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 30th December	<i>NDCYS and Young People</i>	<i>Vigil Mass for The Holy Family</i>	11.00am 5.00pm 6.00pm	SSPP SSPP STJ	CONFESSIONS Martin Collins Snr & Martin Collins Jnr RIP Mass in Polish
Sunday 31st December	<i>The Diocesan Vocations Team</i>	<i>The Holy Family</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	STJ SSPP STJ	Kathleen Thornhill Paddy Scanlon RIP Rita Hedge
Monday 1^s January	<i>Vocations to Priesthood</i>	<i>Mary, Mother of God</i>	10am	SSPP	Peoples of the Parish

St Vincent De Paul (SVP) Conference Group within the Parish area

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Wishing you all a Blessed and Holy Christmas and New Year !

Thank you to everyone who has helped
to prepare our Churches for the
Christmas Celebrations

Christmas Collection

The Collection taken at the Masses of
Christmas, is your offering to Fr Neil.
Envelopes are available at the back of the
Church

Happy Christmas Holidays

Wish all the staff and pupils of our three schools, a happy and restful Christmas
and New Year

Miss O'Leary

On Thursday morning, a whole school Mass was celebrated at Blessed Robert Sutton for Miss O'Leary. It was a joyous occasion to gather together but also a sad one, as we said farewell to Laura. During her time as Headteacher the School has progressed from requiring improvements to Outstanding, with Covid in between!

This Year she has also helped to organise rooms for St Edwards School due to the RAAC and I know how much St Edwards have appreciated all that has been done for them.

We assure Miss O'Leary of our prayers as she moves on to new challenges and thank her for all she has done for Blessed Robert Sutton School.

New Acting Headteacher at BRS

Mr Heath has been appointed as acting headteacher as of the start of January.
We assure him of our prayers and support as he takes on this new role.

Fiducia supplicans

Many of you will have seen news reports regarding a new instruction from the DDF regarding blessings for those in irregular or same sex relationships. This document has caused much upset, confusion and anger in the past few days. Especially at a time when we should be solely focused on the Birth of Our Lord at Bethlehem. At the writing of this bulletin, the Bishops of England and Wales had not yet issued their interpretation/clarification on the document.

I would encourage you all to pray for the Church and especially for the Holy Father, Pope Francis. That a sense of unity and peace may return to the Church and that she may remain faithful to the truths that she has been intrusted to pass on to each generation.

A good reflection on the new letter has been written by Bishop Erik Varden (formerly Abbott of Mount Saint Bernard) please follow the link to read his words of wisdom on the matter;

www.coramfratribus.com/archive/on-fiducia-supplicans/

You can read the original declaration from the DDF at
www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_dof_20231218_fiducia-supplicans_en.html