

**Saint James, son of Zebedee** (died 44 AD) was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. He was a son of Zebedee and Salome, and brother of John the Apostle. He is also called **James the Greater** to distinguish him from James, son of Alphaeus, who is also known as James the Lesser. Saint James is the Patron Saint of Spain and according to legend, his remains are held in Santiago de Compostela in Galicia (Spain) .

**Feast Day: 25th July**



**Saint Nicholas** was a historic 4th-century saint and Greek Bishop of Myra (modern-day Turkey). Because of the many miracles attributed to his intercession, he is also known as **Nikolaos the Wonderworker**. He had a reputation for secret gift-giving, such as putting coins in the shoes of those who left them out for him, and thus became the model for Santa Claus, whose modern name comes from the Dutch Sinterklaas. In 1087, his relics were furtively translated to Bari, in south eastern Italy.

**Saint Nicholas** is the patron saint of sailors, merchants, archers, thieves, children, and students.

**Feast Day: 6th December**



**Our Lady, Saint Mary, The Mother of God.**

The Anglican Communion affirms in the historic creeds that Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary, and celebrates the following feast days;

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple: **Feb 2nd.**

The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin: **Mar 25th.**

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin: **May 31st.**

The feast of the St. Mary the Virgin is observed on the traditional day of the Assumption, **Aug 15th.**

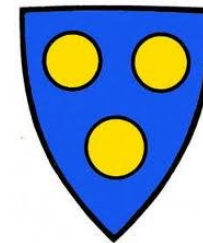
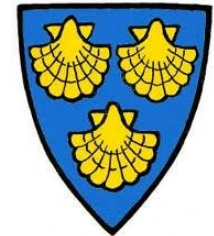
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin: **Sept 8th.**

# Birstall and Wanlip

## Parish and Village Prayer List



St James the Great  
Birstall



Our Lady & St Nicholas  
Wanlip

## Parish Prayers

1. Our work with children
2. Sunday School
3. School visits, Assemblies
4. Uniform Groups: Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Cubs, ATC.
5. Churchwardens
6. PCC Secretary
7. PCC Treasurer, Stewardship
8. Sacristan, Servers, Bell ringers
9. Vergers, Communion Assistants
10. Sides-people, Welcomers
11. Organists, Musicians, Choir
12. Intercessors, Readers, Healing Team
13. Home Groups, Prayer Chain, Healing Prayer
14. M.U., Monday Group, Walking Groups
15. Coffee, Cards, Flower Teams
16. 'Keep in Touch' Editor and delivers
17. Cleaners, Gardeners
18. Spiritual Directors and soul friends
19. Retired Clergy: Kerry, Anne, Michael, Robin & Sheila
20. Lay Readers: Lesley, Peter, Tricia & Noreen (Emer.)
21. Pastoral Assistants: Gill & Doreen
22. Our Lady & St Nicholas Church and congregation
23. St James the Great Church and congregation
24. P.C.C. and sub committees.
25. Baptism, Confirmation, Marriages
26. Bereaved, Funerals, Memorial Services
27. Community Area Meetings
28. Housebound, carers
29. Church visitors
30. Church architect, Maintenance Team
31. All links: Local and Overseas

## Village Prayers

1. Riverside, Highcliffe & Hallam Fields schools
2. The Cedars Academy
3. Playgroups, Nurseries, Childminders
4. Pupils, Teachers, Governors
5. Police, P.C.S.O's, Wardens
6. Office and Administrative workers
7. Finance and legal Workers
8. Cafes, Restaurants and Pubs
9. Vets, Watermead Wardens
10. Voluntary Workers
11. Music and Drama Groups
12. Addicts: their families and carers
13. Our Homes and Neighbours
14. Shop Workers and Owners
15. Birstall and Leicester Media
16. Street Cleaners, Waste Collectors
17. Hospital Workers, Paramedics
18. Doctors, Nurses, Dentists
19. Opticians, Chiropodists, Therapists
20. Carers: Sick, Dying, LOROS
21. St Theresa's, Birstall Methodist Church
22. Councillors: Parish, Charnwood, County
23. Homeless, Unemployed
24. Old People's Homes, St James' Day Centre
25. Funeral Directors, Social Workers
26. Recreational Clubs & Areas
27. People with special needs, The Food Hub, City of Sanctuary
28. Commuters In and Out of the village
29. Library, Rixensart, Local M.P.
30. Asian, Caribbean, Other Communities
31. Our sense of Community